

The New Slough Learning Disability Partnership Board

Inaugural Meeting – 28th May 2024 **Observatory House, Slough**





Welcome and introductions.

The two co-chairs introduced themselves and welcomed all participants.

Members then introduced each other.



 A discussion among members was suggested to explore solutions for replacement care.

The chair explained that, currently, there has been a shortage of replacement care providers for residential care. All members were asked what alternative solutions can be put in place to make replacement care more personalised

 All participants contributed with ideas and the most quoted solutions have been to still consider at residential options for more complex needs but also to provide a series of activities in the community (usually known as outreach) because often residential placement don't have resources and time to provide a variety of options. Replacement care at home could also be a solution but a few participants have challenged this saying that it does not really give the carer an actual break as to take their cared for a day out or into residential care. Majority of participants agree that is beneficial to provide the support to the person cared for so that the carer can take a break.

Actions: Commissioner for LD to design new business case for replacement care that consider these feedback.



- The non-profit CIC "Active in the Community" presented their sport taster event for visible and invisible disabilities.
- The event will take place at Hershel Grammar School on 16th August at 10:00
- It is both for children aged 8 and above and adults with disabilities.
- There will be possibility to participate in wheelchair rugby, disability football, and "multi-sport" session.
- Booking is needed to attend the 2 hours slots and can be made on the day.

Actions: Commissioner for LD to share the Presentation with all members.



The New Learning Disability Partnership Board – Tea Break

Tea Break was called at noon and lasted 10 to 15 minutes.



Outreach activities through Direct Payments – Step Together

- TC from Step Together introduced their organisation to the group. They provide a variety of activities in the community
- People can access those activities via Direct Payments and can talk to their social workers to be referred or refer themselves.
- The organisation is not CQC registered and do not provide personal care but the activities are supported by the presence of support workers.
- The organisation is looking forward to collaborating with the Partnership Board to improve their offerings and include more and more activities.

Actions: GDM to share calendar of activities with all participants.