

Lancashire Learning Disability Provider Forum

Committee Room A, County Hall, Preston, PR18XJ

26th September 2018

Attendees: Jen Lowe, Diane Burrow, Nalini Patel, Barry Price, Paul Daly, Jo Adshead, Fergus Stokes, Martin Heneghan, Nicola Buczynski, Mark day, Peter Green, Melissa Coward, Saalihah Adam, Seema Desai Stuart Williams, Mark Davis, John McBeth, Sandra McBeth, Paul Dickinson, Joanne Murray, Jane Frill, Rebecca Rose Hewitt, Denise Ujvari, Danielle Brown, Chloe Gregson, Charlotte Hammond Ellen Smith, Victoria Wilson.

Apologies:

Collette Lee, Loraine Riley, Sue Pemberton, Suzanne Chapman.

1. Actions from previous meeting

Charlotte – To provide a clear definition of Supported Living which is used commonly by all relevant teams at LCC. There has been confusion about which definition was being used. – *Charlotte informed providers that it is difficult to provide a clear definition. There is an ongoing issue regarding former supporting people settings (mainly Mental Health) where care is described as supported living but isn't; the care is being delivered as Domiciliary care within a person's own home. It is unclear whether a universal definition will be agreed.*

Providers – Contact Charlotte Hammond - Charlotte.Hammond@lancashire.gov.uk and express your interest in which Transforming Care Partnership meetings you wish to attend – *Still ongoing and Victoria to resend a reminder email to all providers.*

Victoria – When the ASCOF 1E indicator on the numbers of people in paid employment with a primary support reason of Learning Disability report is published, to circulate around all providers – *Not been published yet.*

2. Agreement of the minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were review and agreed as accurate. However some members of the forum had not received them, so an action for **Victoria** – To check the sign in sheet and the email addresses on the current distribution lists. Providers were reminded that all the minutes and the agendas are uploaded to the Health and Social Care - Provider Engagement Portal which can be accessed via the link;

<http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/web/?siteid=6977&pageid=45442&e=e>

3. Adult Social Care Update / The Consultation of The Draft Housing with Care and Support Strategy

Charlotte explained to the group that the Draft Housing with Care and Support Strategy went to September Cabinet. The strategy shares proposals in relation to the development of Housing with Care and Support for older adults and younger adults with disabilities. The report outlined that the overall ambition is to develop a county-wide delivery plan working with key partners to develop a range of high quality housing to better meet people's care and support needs and promote health, well-being and independence. At cabinet there was an approval to undertake a consultation with key partners on the draft strategy.

You can access the strategy and see the approved recommendations through the following link under item 19 on the agenda <http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=122&Mid=7452>

She explained how voids in supported living continues to be a major issue. She asked for providers to be honest with her and her teams in order to try and fill these with suitable service users. She appreciates that some people are looking at new schemes and so not taking the reasonable offers which social workers are offering them. She clarified that one of her tasks is to map out the whole of Lancashire and address which areas need which types of housing. She felt this would be a better way to approach increasing housing units rather than providers building flats in unsuitable areas where they are then left empty, which creates more voids.

Following on from the May provider network meeting where Julie Dockerty presented on the LCC Draft Vision for Care and Support in Supported Housing in Lancashire. Julie and Jon Blackburn will attend the November meeting to provide a further update; this draft vision links to the overarching Housing with Care and Support Strategy.

4. Update on Homecare and Contract related issues

We are approximately 60% of the way through mobilisation for LD and A service users.

LD and A reviews are estimated to be completed by the end of January, transfers are to be completed by March.

The majority of providers with services users to be transferred onto the framework should have been sent an email to give them an approximate date for reviews; providers with later review dates scheduled to start in December will receive an email shortly. A member of the team will also contact providers after reviews have been completed prior to transfer.

One provider queried if a service user transfers to direct payments, does this mean that when there are fee uplifts will there budget alter to reflect this. Jen responded by stating that all direct payments should be enough to meet the service user's needs and that direct payments had received an inflationary uplift in 2018/19.

Another provider raised issues regarding the Care Navigation sourcing portal as they have had packages of care advertised with the incorrect support reason so they have not then registered an interest in the package. Other providers present said that they had also experienced this problem and so we agreed to have a representative from Care Navigation to be present at the next meeting.

Jen also said that if providers have any other queries relating to the Home Care Framework then to send an email to her and she will then circulate that to the appropriate team. You can contact Jen via the following email address - Jennifer.Lowe@lancashire.gov.uk

5. Group discussion: Alternative Night-time support arrangements

Ellen Smith explained to the group that as a result of the Court of Appeal ruling on the 13th July in relation to Sleep in payments LCC hosted a meeting with provider representatives on the 17th September to discuss the impact of the High Court Judgement on Sleep-in payments.

From the meeting there was a suggestion for providers to explore working more collaboratively and imaginatively in order to maximise Service User independence and in turn potentially reduce expenditure re: night-time supports, for example using technology, pooling resources, gain share, etc. A discussion followed and it was agreed that provider could form a task and finish group to explore potential proposals to then be shared with LCC.

Some key points raised included;

- Would LCC contracts terms and conditions need to be reviewed to formalise the need to incentivise providers to make saving.
- Potential to look at gain share over a defined period
- Potential to look into shared investment/ capital gain
- Look into maximising Telecare solutions (eg. Be Independent York)

6. Any Other Business

- **Update on outstanding Deprivation of Liberty applications and feedback (Cate Short)**

Cate Short introduced Wendy Carr who is the Mental Capacity Act Coordinator. Cate then went on to explain the COP Prioritisation Tool which was designed to manage COPDOL applications more effectively by organisation applications in order of urgency. Cate reminded providers that she is happy to meet with any providers already using it who want to review how it is working. She asked for providers to email her using the following email address cate.short@lancashire.gov.uk or either phone numbers 01772 536011 / 07876 84436.

She also touched on the proposed changes to the DOLS and COPDOL process, for an overview please see a chart produced by Edge Training and Consultancy <http://www.edgetraining.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/LPS-overview-chart-Sept-2018.pdf> and 20 Key Facts <http://www.edgetraining.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/LPS-20-key-facts-Sept-2018.pdf>. As the Bill is going through parliament some details may change, and regulations will be developed later.

Ellen shared two useful newsletters which she felt maybe of interest for some providers to subscribe to, which were the **Skills for Care newsletter** and the **North West Training Development Team newsletter**.

Next Meeting: Thursday 29th November 9:30am in County Mess, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ