**Lancashire Learning Disability Provider Forum**

**Cabinet Room D, County Hall, Preston, PR18XJ**

**3rd July 2019 10am until 12:30pm**

**Attendees:** Deborah Gent (Chair), Charlotte Hammond, Victoria Wilson, Ian Crabtree, Kelly Brien, Maxine Prout, Barry Price, Vicky Haworth, Martin Layton, Andy Bellis, Mark Day, Daniel Brown, Lorraine Riley, Chloe Gregson, John McBeth, Chrishha Anmary, Hana Green, Paul Redfern, Gareth Edmonds, Jen Lowe,Katie Cringle, Ann Hudson, Ian Scothern, Yvonne Statham, Gethin Harmer, Rebecca Rose Hewitt, Peter Green, Sue Pemberton, Paul Daly, Ashley Turner, Naseerah Jogee, Helen Charters, Izabela Kargol, David Wellings, Debbie O`brien and Paul Dickinson.

**Apologies:** Ellen Smith

1. **Agreement of the minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed as accurate.

Providers were reminded of the Health and Social Care -Care Service Provider Engagement Portal which can be accessed via <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/practitioners/health-and-social-care/care-service-provider-engagement/learning-disability-provider-forum/> . The portal contains Minutes and Agendas for the forum, Dates of future meetings and new opportunities for providers.

If you have anything you would like to add to the portal or any issues with the link then please email Victoria.wilson@lancashire.gov.uk

1. **Update on Care services in Supported Housing – Approved Provider List (APL)**

An update was shared with the forum, which can be found below. Following on from this, providers had several questions, queries and recommendations.

The providers said it would be beneficial for them to know the tender process before it commences.

Providers queried if they would be able to have sight of the needs assessment first and have input as to what works well for them as well as seeing what LCC are looking for. Ian Crabtree said that he would take this feedback on board and share this with the leading officers. He reiterated how it is a lighter touch process than the Homecare Framework. One of the desired outcomes is to streamline services but there will also be lots of opportunities for providers to get on the list as it is open. He explained that the existing voids, which currently equate to £3 million a year, will be addressed to support the best use of vacant properties and tenancies.

Another provider queried if their existing business would be offered a direct payment if the provider wasn’t successful in getting onto the list. Ian explained that LCC would be reluctant to encourage this practice, especially where the service user was receiving shared background support. He encouraged all providers to apply; to enhance their opportunities to develop services and to ensure that the Council will have a sufficient supply of quality providers in the local market to meet the demand from service users.

Providers also wondered if LCC had any scope or plans to develop an APL for Residential Services. Ian advised that plans, for the County Council to develop an APL for the provision of residential care and nursing care, are a long way off. Providers will be encouraged to participate in the development of any future plans.



1. **Sleep Ins: Reminder of most recent correspondence from LCC**

A number of providers reported that they had not received the most recent correspondence from Ian, regarding the new sleep-in rates. This is attached below for reference.

 

During the discussion, providers expressed their concerns for the future workforce moving out of Lancashire as other neighbouring authorities now pay a higher sleep in rate. Ian understood this is an issue but explained that as Lancashire was the first Authority to adjust their rates, others may soon follow. Lancashire is linking in with other North West authorities through ADASS.

As there is a court ruling scheduled for February 2020, fees may change.

As Adult Social Care is currently underpinned by £19m reserves, the sector has been set savings targets which need to be achieved within set timescales. The whole forum agreed that this is a task which everyone needs to work together to achieve; delivering cost savings whilst improving outcomes for service users.

1. **Adult Social Care Update** Charlotte didn’t have any update for the forum since the last meet and she just reiterated that if there is anything providers what to discuss with her then to email- Charlotte.Hammond@lancashire.gov.uk
2. **Any Other Business**

Providers felt it would be beneficial to have a standing agenda item regarding Safeguarding for the future forums.

Providers discussed the recent Panorama documentary on the Undercover Hospital Abuse Scandal. Providers were saddened by the content of the documentary and that this type of treatment is still going on. They did although feel strongly that as providers in Lancashire they need to be promoting the great work which they all do on a day to day basis. The group all felt the forum would be a good place to start this work off, then possibly turn that into a task and finish group.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 12th September in Committee Room C, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ**