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Learning Disability Member Meet Up

24th June 2020

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Introduction

The Learning Disability Meet-Up brings together Forum Central members with an interest in Learning Disabilities. Before Covid-19 the Meet Up would offer the opportunity to network as well as news and updates from the 3rd Sector, city-wide strategic updates and keeping members informed about the work of Forum Central.

Meet ups are now being held virtually via Zoom. The intention is to provide an opportunity during the government restrictions and social distancing guidance for learning disability member organisations to connect and share updates, challenges and learning on the impact of Covid-19 on their services and members.

In addition, the sessions are being used to share the creative adjustments that member organisations have made and what solutions have worked in overcoming the issues faced. The sessions are now taking place monthly and are left informal so that the topic of future meetings can be decided upon collectively and dependent upon member organisations' priorities.

Participants

- Jez Coram – Forum Central
- Andy Rawnsley - Aspire
- Caroline Aylward - TCV
- Luke Aylward- Advonet / Leeds Autism AIM
- Jenna Peel – Outside the Box
- Aidan Smith - Leeds City Council – Adults and Health Commissioning
- Lana Northey - Leeds City Council – Adults and Health Commissioning
- Mandy Haigh - Leep1
- Cathy Wintersgill – Connect in the North
- John Rozenstein - Chapelton CAB
- Sue Munday - HFT
- Carol Ann Reed - Health for All
- Linda Langstaff – Specialist Autism Services
- Rachel Kingdom – Yorkshire Dance
- Bob McDougall - People in Action
- Rachel Koivunen – People in Action
- Sharon Costello – Catholic Care
- Laura Joyce – People Matters
- Kaldip Chaggar-Brown –Creative Support
- Erin Hodson – Caring For Life
- Cath Lee – Leeds Mencap

Notes from the meeting

Jez opened the meeting and gave the following updates:

- **Hospital Consultation** – Andy Catley – clinical nurse for learning disability and autism at Leeds teaching hospital is coordinating feedback from people with learning disabilities and autism on the building of the new hospital in the city centre – Andy asked that the easy read questionnaire could be pushed at the meet up.

Click [this](#) link for the easy read version or click [here](#) for the main page. (Deadline expired)

- **CCG Capital costs scoping** – request from Pip at Forum Central - The capital exp request is a tentative query at present from CCG, they would like to hear people's thoughts as to the kinds of costs incurred during Covid 19. Trusts have spent on these common project themes:
 - Flexible/remote working (IT) -
 - Flexible working/touchdown office space -
 - Reconfiguration/refurbishment for additional treatment space -
 - Infection control (PPE storage, IC software) -
 - Hydration stations, changing and hand wash facilities -

Email jez.coram@forumcentral.org.uk and then I will pass on to Pip.

- Guidance from our website on Routes to support for people that are shielding, routes to local coronavirus testing, and PPE guidance for people in the third sector.

<https://forumcentral.org.uk/>

Building Based Recovery Group Update

- Andy Rawnsley updated on the Building Based Services Recovery Group and subsequent offshoot groups for cafes, digital online offer, young people's services and community activities that have been set up.
- Andy and Lana Northey updated on the letter to Day Service providers with reassurance on financial security from the commissioning team and no pressure to reopen services.
- If anyone would like to join the recover group please contact Andy:
Andrew.Rawnsley@aspirecbs.org.uk

Adults and Health Integrated Commissioning Update

Aidan updated on:

- The financial landscape (were looking at £90M deficit pre-covid) and uncertainty on economic impact on the council and the implications for the sector
- The work on the 3 learning disability reviews had been halted due to Covid-19.
- The work on the development of a provider framework had been halted due to Covid-19.

- Aidan confirmed that he would look at third sector involvement in the service review and provider framework process.
- Aidan offered to attend future meetings and give further updates.

Topics for discussion and frequency of meetings

Jez closed the meeting with a question on the topics of discussion for the next meeting and how when the next meeting should be held:

Suggested topics:

- Digital inclusion and support for support workers
- Digest of information from the Day Opportunities Recovery Groups
- Shielding Cohort

Frequency:

It was felt that a monthly meeting would be a good frequency to move to as there are lots of recovery meetings happening and everyone is very busy.