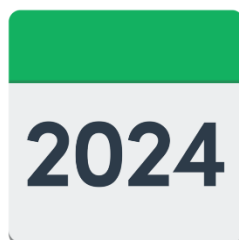
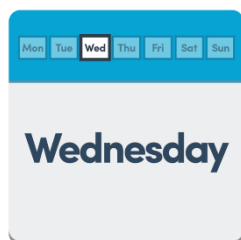





Meeting Minutes – what was said at the meeting



County Hall, Preston,
Ribble Suite



Item	Subject
1.  Welcome	Welcome The following people were at the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Blacklock – People First – Co-Chair• Linda Stewart – People First – Co-Chair• Mark Howard – People First• Charlotte Hammond – Lancashire County Council• Lata Parmar - DWP• Sue Sharples – FAR subgroup Co-Chair• Jean Grey – FAR subgroup Co-Chair• Tracey Hartley-Smith – Health subgroup Co-Chair• Julie Madden - Integrate



Welcome

- Maria Lord – People First
- Mark O'Farrell – People First – Health subgroup Co-Chair
- Sam Drude – People First

Apologies – people who couldn't come to the meeting.

- Katie Horn – Linkability
- Chris Knowles – People First
- Richard Woods – People First
- Stephen Haywood – FAR subgroup Co-Chair
- James Hughes – People First
- Lucy Irid – People First

2.



Declarations of interest

(people must say if they do other work that might stop them making good decisions for the partnership board)

- There were no Declarations of Interest.

3.



Minutes from the last meeting

- The minutes were agreed.

4.



Actions from the last meeting

- **Action 77:** Sue to complete and send current work/work needed table to David and Linda. This is for the All Age Strategy. It is in progress.



- **Action 76:** Sue has started the work on a training course on consent. This is for the Safe Guarding Adults Board.
- **Action 72:** Maria to arrange a focus group on employment. Will continue after the awards. The awards are focused on employment.

5.

Update from the Co-Chairs

- David and Linda have been asked to attend the Blackburn and Darwen Partnership Board and the Blackpool Partnership Board. The hope is that the 3 groups can work together.
- All Age Learning Disability and Autism Oversight group. This had not been making much impact. Mark Warren and Jane Brennan had asked David for ideas about how to make the group better. David has not heard when the next meeting is. He has sent an email to find out.
Sue said that the Integrated Care Board commissioned the All Age Strategy. They should be responsible for seeing that things are happening. David is meeting with the chair of the Integrated Care Board. He will raise the group's concern about the lack of progress on the All Age Strategy.

Lancashire and South Cumbria
**All-Age
System Strategy for
Learning Disability**



6.



Government Changes in Disability Benefits

What should the partnership be doing?

There is a presentation in the Planner. It outlines the changes the government might be making to benefits.

There was a discussion about the possible changes.

- More support to help people to get into work would be a positive thing.

Charlotte said that at the moment some people who have specialist supports and accommodation get these things because they are on benefits. If they work, that affects the benefits and they lose the specialist support. It would be good if the need for support was not linked to the ability to work.

- Lata said that the benefits system is complicated. The government doesn't always consider all the details when making decisions.
- Sue said that the government seemed to be targeting vulnerable people. People who are less likely to speak up.

We thought about what the Partnership Board might do: **Action 78**

- Discuss in peer advocacy groups. Ask people what they think.

- Create video or social media to say what self advocates think.
- Maybe write an open letter.
- Raise awareness of the consultation. Is it accessible?

7.



Update from Friendship and Relationships (FAR) subgroup

Sue and Jean talked about this. There is a presentation in the Planner.

The FAR group are working with different groups. They are helping to make information and services more accessible. Some of this work will be ongoing for some time.

People from the Lancashire and South Cumbria Foundation Trust came to the last FAR meeting. They are planning a sex and relationships pathway. This is to make sure people to have the same standard of service no matter where they live in Lancashire. Charlotte said support plans should include sex and relationships.

8.



Update from peer advocacy groups

The presentation is in the Planner.

The peer advocacy groups do not think the changes to the NoW card are fair. The council is going ahead



with the changes even though over 80% of people disagreed. The consultation was not in easy read. By the time the easy read was available, there was only 1 week left to reply.

Action 79: David would like to look at the consultation and report. The Partnership Board will write to the council about the process of the consultation and the lack of reasonable adjustments. There could be an impact assessment. Maybe the person who wrote the report could come to speak to the group.

The East Lancs group have visited the council call centre. They were told how the new phone line to contact social workers will work. There is also a QR code. The peer advocates will be making a video to help train the staff. The group is really pleased that the call centre listened and found a solution.

9.



Break

10.



Update from Health subgroup

Tracey and Mark gave the update. The presentation is in the Planner.

Sally Fray, Consultant Nurse from Lancashire Teaching Hospitals spoke to the Health group about Martha's rule. They are making Martha's rule accessible



The Lancashire Teaching Hospitals are calling this 'Call 4 Concern'.

The health sub-group gave Sally some helpful suggestions of how it could be communicated with people with learning disabilities.

The Health group looked at the Keeping My Chest Healthy work by Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust. There are lots of resources on their website. Lancashire are developing a pathway around this.

Sue told the Health group about the course they run about menopause.

Action 80: Charlotte will organise for someone to attend the Health group to explain what providers are expected to deliver. She will find the relevant parts in their contract.

Action 81: The Health Facilitation Team to visit the Provider Forum.

11.



Awards

The awards have been moved back to September. This will give us more time to hold a better event.

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Open Forums

The peer advocacy groups are planning open forums. Different groups will focus on different areas, including safety, health and benefits.

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Any Other Business

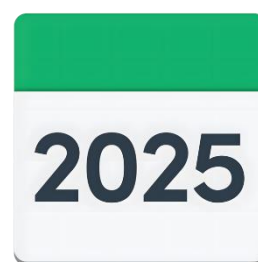
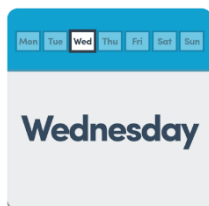
- The next Partnership Board will be Charlotte's last. She is retiring. Her replacement will be Justine Farnworth. She will attend the next meeting with Charlotte.
Everyone is sorry to see Charlotte go.
- Logos: There was a vote and the logo was agreed.
- Sue asked when someone from financial assessments was going to come speak to the Partnership Board. David said we had also tried to arrange someone from direct payments to come to speak. **Action 81**: Maria/Lucy to follow this up.

13.



Next meeting

21 May 2025



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14.



End of meeting