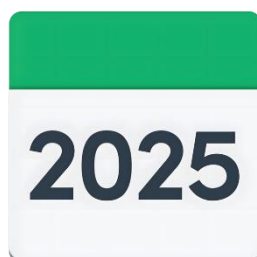
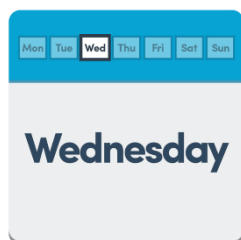




Meeting Minutes – what was said at the meeting



County Hall, Preston,
Albion Suite



Item	Subject
<p>1.</p> 	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The following people were at the meeting.</p> <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 • Sue Sharples – FAR subgroup Co-Chair • Tracey Hartley-Smith – Health subgroup Co-Chair • Julie Madden - Integrate • James Hughes – People First • Lucy Irid – People First • Maria Lord – People First • Mark O'Farrell – People First – Health subgroup Co-Chair • Chris Knowles – People First • Richard Woods – People First



Welcome

- Sarah McDermott

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

- Katie Horn – Linkability
- Lata Parmar - DWP
- Emma Clough
- Jacqui Shenton

Guest – Karen Jones

2.



Declarations of interest

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

- Sue is paid to deliver training.
- The new Declarations of Interest documents are being worked on.

3.



Minutes from the last meeting

- The minutes were agreed.

4.



Actions from the last meeting

Charlotte will send a copy of the provider contracts and ask some one from commissioning or contracts to speak the partnership board. Action 83

5.



Update from the Co-Chairs

David and Linda have been to the Blackburn and Darwen Partnership Board. Anyone can attend their partnership board. This makes it a much bigger meeting.



David and Linda will attend the next Blackpool Partnership Board meeting.

The CoChairs from both the other partnership boards will attend the Lancashire Partnership Board.

David has been talking to the Cath Walley at Westmoreland County Council. They don't have a Partnership Board at the moment.

6.



Financial Assessments

Karen Jones from Lancashire County Council spoke about this. There is a presentation in the Planner.

Karen described the process of making the financial assessments.

Living costs are set by the Department of Health. The amount depends on age and disability.

A financial assessment request is automatic when someone goes into care or is granted care in their home. There should be a response within 28 days.

The person must get a copy of the assessment and an explanation of the decisions made.

The documents for financial assessments are very long and very complicated. Karen said they have asked someone to do some of the information in easy read.



Action 84:

- Karen will share a copy of disability costs.
- Charlotte will ask Tom to do an easy read version of the disability cost and the notification letter.

Some issues with the system were raised:

- How do people save money for holiday, or gifts etc.
- People are put off applying for some benefits as they will just lose the money in the financial assessment.
- Keeping track of receipts to prove the cost can be difficult. Some people don't know they need to do this.

David asked how we raise people's awareness of the financial assessments process and what is included in disability costs. Suggestions included:

- Easy read information
- Making reasonable adjustments
- Making a video of the process
- Get as much information to the provider forum.
- Karen could give a similar presentation to the provider forum.

We will ask Karen to attend the partnership board again in a few months.

7.



Update from Health subgroup

Tracey and Mark talked about this. There is a presentation in the planner.

The Health group had a presentation about Moyamoya. This is a rare disease affecting blood vessels in the brain. Symptoms can be mistaken for more common problems.

Tracey will send out a list of disabilities and conditions which are more likely to get Moyamoya.

8.



Update from peer advocacy groups

The presentation is in the Planner.

James is meeting with a new councillor about the NoW card.

9.



Break

10.



Update from Friends and Relationship (FAR) subgroup

There is a presentation in the planner.

Charlotte is having a meeting to discuss how projects can continue after Lottery funding ends.

11.



Awards

The awards will take place on Wed 24 September at Barton Manor.

The task and finish group will be meeting soon.

There were suggestions of awards for Social Worker, Learning Disability Nurse and Support Worker. These would only be voted on by self advocates.

13.



Any Other Business

- This was Charlottes last Partnership Board meeting. Justine Farnworth will be attending instead.
- Mark may be involved in the official covid inquiry. It isn't quite confirmed yet.

Items for next agenda

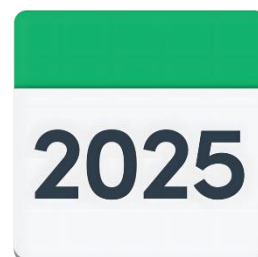
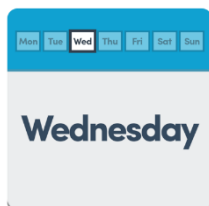
- Someone from LCC contracts
- How to share information
- Update from Provider Forum (Julie)

13.



Next meeting

30 July 2025



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14.



End of meeting