



HLDP MINUTES

**Meeting held on Wednesday
27 September 2023**

On Teams



Previous Minutes:

The minutes were approved and signed off.

ACTIONS from previous meeting:
Were all completed



Welcome and rules were read out



Introductions from everyone



Self-Advocates of the HLDP gave an update on the working groups - presentation attached

All attending thanked the self-advocates for their update. We talked about videos and self-advocates expressed they are keen to make more of these.

Dave was asked to complete his presentation before the break due to being ahead of the agenda



Dave Humphries - Chair of Carers' Working Group gave an update - presentation attached

Dave said there are 98 carers in the Facebook group now. The budget consultation had low responses from carers, a sense of apathy. Dave explained there are 3 working groups focusing on Assessments, Respite and GP Access.

Interesting presentation on trauma informed care recently.

Want to highlight to GPs where people are carers, new carers strategy needed, current one runs until 2023.

Talked about a proposed merge with the Complex Needs group from carers' who attend both.

A discussion followed about the Complex Needs group and how the carers group is 'for carers' and the Complex Needs group is carers' attending as advocates on behalf of the person who has complex needs; and has a different purpose.



Break



Changes in Direct Payments –

Reminder letters being sent out, people will receive one if they get a direct payment

Alice and Donna explained the changes in Direct Payments which mean more can be done online and the payment dates will change meaning the amount received is always the same

People asked for calendars, these have been sent out with the letters

Self-Advocates asked if the letters are in Easy Read

One Self-Advocate was interested to start having Direct Payments and were told where they can get support

Some concerns raised on sharing bank information on line

A Self-Advocate could join the Direct Payments sub group

Slides can be shared about the process



Ann Barker updated on the Complex Needs Group - presentation attached

Spoke about DOLs and the challenges with that.

Want to keep the Complex Needs group, to make sure the daily needs and difficulties people face are not left out of the planning. People living longer with improvements in medication and Complex Needs cases are increasing.

Alison is the new chair and knows a great deal about Complex Needs and what can be done.

A Self-Advocate complimented the Complex Needs group and how it must be difficult for carers' too. An opportunity to meet with someone with Complex Needs can be arranged - Action AL

10 minutes not long enough to feedback – action AL



Break

Discussion – Direct Payments

What could the support service do to help?



- Having written information in Easy Read
- Meet communication needs
- Advice on benefits system as it is difficult to understand
- Direct payments give more choice
- Two self-advocates interested in direct payments



AOB

The next meeting will be in person in Eastleigh

Self-advocates are working on surveys and will feed back to the Partnership

Self-advocates are sharing cards about the website

There will be a Christmas Newsletter

Richard and Cllr Penman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting –

the next meeting will be in person 13 December 2023

Actions:

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| B to be contacted re representative for the Partnership | Amanda to make contact | Amanda | Done |
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| Recruit more self-advocates | Feedback on new recruits at the Partnership | Steve and Amanda | Ongoing |
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| Contact Ann and daughter re meeting | Amanda to action | Amanda | Ongoing |
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| Work on Draft proposal for Partnership provider | Put a plan together | Steve and Amanda | Ongoing |
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| Confirm venue for next meeting once booked | Well Place, Eastleigh | Amanda | Done |
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| Share details with Self-Advocates of the Direct Payments Group | Amanda to share | Amanda | Done |
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| More time needed for other working groups to feedback | Feedback to planning team | Amanda | Done - 5 minutes added |
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| Link Self-Advocates to DP group to find out more | Amanda to contact Rachel | Amanda | Ongoing |
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