



HLDP MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday
25 June 2025

Teams Meeting



Previous Minutes: The minutes were approved and signed off.



ACTIONS from previous meeting: Completed



Welcome and rules were read out by RD
Introductions from everyone



Self-Advocates of the HLDP gave their presentation. After the self-advocates - presentation attached.

Self-Advocates were congratulated on their work with the transition team

AB said speaking to the SEN team was a really positive move



Break



Carers Group Update for the HLDP – there was no Carers Update today, their concerns have been raised on having more than one group for parent carers.



Complex Needs Group Update for the HLDP – AC (Chair) gave an update - presentation attached

There was a question raised on how often these meetings are and a discussion on the best way to make sure everyone has a voice.

JE liked the idea of two separate groups.

It was expressed the level of need is very different. Some felt complex needs, need to have a group as the challenges are very different and support keeping both.

LM said they had a review and the groups should stay as they are.

There are different people attending the two groups.



Stage Coach – Rob talked about Stage Coach services and answered questions

He talked about journey assistance cards, and it was raised about bus passes only in use after 9.30 in Basingstoke, someone had heard on the news this might go back to 9am.

Self-advocates requested the staff come to training, Rob said he would be keen to attend the working groups.

ML raised about buses being full of buggies sometimes and Rob said there should be conversation between people and occupying space if someone with a disability is waiting to board a bus.

KA raised she was asked to carry her niece onto the bus out of the buggy which was difficult for her to do. Rob offered to look into this and asked for the date, time and the bus to investigate and talk to the driver.

Action: Self Advocates would like to input into staff training at Stagecoach through a working group



Break



Devolution – JN from HCC gave updates on this – presentation attached

Lots of change happening. Council tax cannot keep up with speed of changes, especially in social care.

Things won't change in the services people currently receive.

There will be more centralised services to meet needs.



Safe Places – Andrew C talked about the national scheme and took questions

He said the scheme started in America when mobile phones first came out and people wanted to text for help.

Then it came to the United Kingdom to support people with a learning disability to start with.

Over time the scheme has opened up to help all who need it, to help people to feel comfortable about going out in the first place, knowing there is help and support.

Andrew gave an example in Solihull, where they worked with travel trainers to help people travel independently and this scheme expanded to include the NEET community.

They looked at SafePlace's to go near every bus stop, the scheme helped to save money and enabled people to be independent.

Discussion on whether the police and crime commissioner could help with this. Self-advocates have identified places they would like as safe places in their area.



Thanks was given to Amanda for supporting the partnership and ZB has been introduced to support the Partnership going forwards

Meeting ended 12.55pm

Next meeting: (September 2025 – on Teams)

Actions:

Action	Task	Who	Status
TH to feedback progress on New Forest Mencap feedback	Collate issues raised and share in working groups	TH/TM	
ML would like an access Card	We will pick this up in working groups	TM	
Make a plan for a video to promote Safe Places	To storyboard a video and ask Partners to take part in a promotional video about safe places	Self-Advocates	
Find Safe Places for the evening in Rushmoor	To contact Sarah Jane for evening Safe Places in Rushmoor	Cllr Withers	
Find hospital Safe Places	to contact Costa's in hospitals for open hours and joining Safe Places	Beth L	
Ask Farnham Leisure Centre to be a Safe Place	Make Contact	ML/Councillor Withers	
Find out more from Dial a Ride	Find out capacity and services/volunteers	CM	
Get an up to date route plan/network map	For bus services and HLDP website	RT/AL	
Link Rob to Trish and Zoe to progress staff training ideas in working groups	Email and link all – emailed 25.6.25	AL	Complete
Find out who own lift at Morrisons	Make contact	Cllr Withers	