

Minutes
Carers Reference Group Meeting on Zoom
12th March 2021

In attendance :

Lynn Bailey, Madeleine Fahy, Kelly Hartley, Liz Brightwell, Maire Sykes, Yvonne Ugarte, Kausa Iqbal, Suzanne Jackson Bailey & Shirley Evison

LB started the meeting with feedback from the Partnership Board, the theme was Health and how to get the Covid vaccination.

LB has sent everyone the draft minutes for the links for the [Get Checked out Leeds website](#) which has very good posters and short videos.

The telephone number to ring before you attend for a vaccine for any reasonable adjustment that maybe needed or wanted is 0742 506 1846.

Adults with Learning Disabilities using Zoom

MS asked about what is Leeds doing to help adults with learning disabilities get on zoom who haven't got access to tablets, computers or even the internet? It was discussed how it was very hard for people who couldn't read or write, especially people who are relying on staff to show them they haven't got the time.

People in Action, Leep 1 are offering devices with data for people. Connect in the North are running training courses.

A lot of people spoke about how it has very been hard for everyone to understand how zoom works. It is very difficult to teach or even learn when you cannot see people face to face.

Future Funding for The Carers Reference Group

LB said that she still hasn't heard about future funding from Leeds City Council for the Carers Reference Group. The Commissioning team said they will be in touch in February. LB will continue to invoice accordingly.

Health Task Group

SE fed back to the group about how she had attended the Health Task Group meeting last week and she had brought to everyone's attention about the poor treatment her daughter had during a recent visit at St James'. **SE** has been in contact with Alison Conyers the Lead Nurse for Adults with Learning Disabilities and Autism for Leeds Teaching Hospitals. It was noted that the flag system didn't work when **SE**'s daughter attended hospital. This was after attending both St James and LGI. Alison has recommended that everyone has a hospital passport at home and also send one directly to Alison.

The contact details for Alison Conyers are attached.

The hospital passports are attached, or you can find them [online here](#).

SJB wanted advice of how she can get help with services and respite that are appropriate to her Sons age. LB suggested getting an up-to-date Carers assessment. MF suggested that she rings the main number at Technorth as both transitions and adults are based in the same building to ask for advice. Also to speak to the college where her son attends.

Lynn rounded the meeting up and positively spoke about hopefully groups can be meeting face to face again soon. It was certainly to see everyone albeit it was on zoom.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

