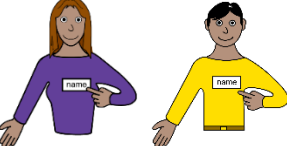
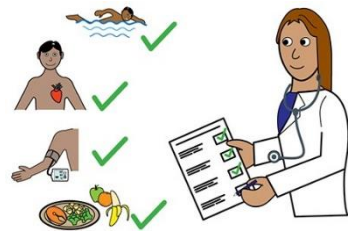


	Carers Reference Group Carers Leeds 6-8 The Headrow, Leeds, LS1 6PT Friday 29th September 2023
	The people who came • Shirley Evison • Suzanne Jackson-Bailey • Kausar Iqbal • Maureen Lumb • Maire Sykes • Sarah Wheatley – Connect in the North/Through the Maze • Yvonne Ugarte
	Apologies • Lynn Bailey • Zoe Bawn • Madeleine Fahy
	Introductions Kausar opened the meeting. Everyone knew each other so no introductions needed to be made.
	Minutes from last meeting Everyone agreed that the minutes from the last meeting were correct.
	Zoe Bawn – Chief Executive Aspire Community Benefit Society - Aspire Strategy work, being safe group & future carers sessions Unfortunately, Zoe couldn't attend as she made a mistake with the venue.



The next Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board – 17th October 10:00AM-12:00PM at Hillside, Beeston Road, LS11 8ND

The meeting is in person. The meetings are going to alternate between being on Zoom and being in person. Venues have been difficult to book so will vary.



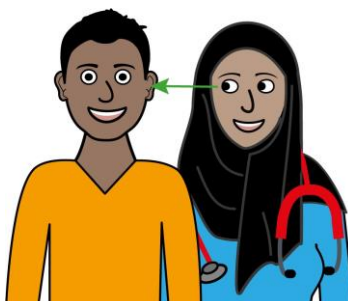
This meeting is about Being Well. Sarah shared that Annual Health Checks and Learning from Lives and Deaths, People with a Learning Disability and autistic people (LeDeR) were discussed at the People's Parliament. They might be on the Agenda at the next Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board. The Agenda hasn't been sent out yet.

Maureen shared that her son had an excellent Annual Health Check. The doctor spent a lot of time talking to him.

Action – Sarah to pass on the compliment to the Health Facilitation Team

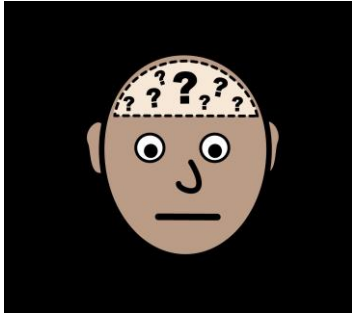
Suzanne's son is being called for 2 Annual Health Checks.

Action – Sarah to ask for him to be removed from the learning disability Register.



There was a discussion around the importance of doctors understanding about learning disabilities and related health issues. There were concerns about ear infections not being treated straight away. This is an issue for people with Down's Syndrome as many people have hearing problems.

There were concerns about being given generic tests for dementia that required the person to be



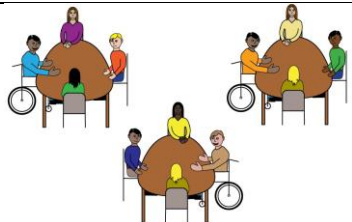
able to recall information and complete tasks. This would not work for many people.

Action – Sarah to find out information about assessing people with learning disabilities for Dementia.

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/about-dementia/types-dementia/learning-disabilities-dementia/diagnosis>

Kausar's brothers medical practice has a system where you have to visit the pharmacy first. They refer you to the Doctors. This means waiting a long time for appointments.

Maire said there was a need for a learning disability hub where medical practitioners are trained to work with people with learning disabilities and understand medical conditions.



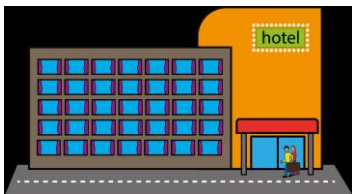
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Everyone was aware of the date. Not everyone can come.



Christmas Meal

1st Choice Honey Coffee Bicycle in Beeston. The Toby Carvery in Rothwell was also mentioned but it wouldn't suit everyone's dietary needs. It would be hard for some people to get to.



Any Other Business

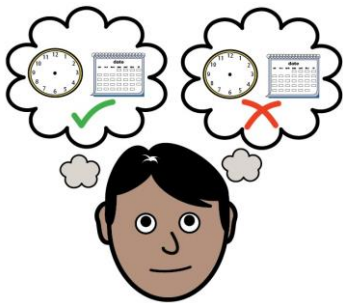
Ribby Hall – People are interested in booking it in February



Respite Transport

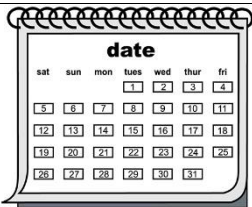
There is a new CEO for Transport called Richard Jackson.

A rule is being enforced that means that people can only travel on the bus to Respite with a bag small enough to go under their seat. The rule has always been in place but was ignored. This means that families are having to make separate journeys to drop off and pick up people's luggage. This is affecting the respite Carers get.



Maureen has to take her son herself in a taxi. He only gets 1 day of Respite.

It is also hard that people have to book Respite 12 months in advance. They don't send reminders. It would be helpful to be sent a reminder of the deadline to set dates.



Date and time of next meeting –

10am drinks for 10.30am – 12.30pm

Friday – 10th November 2023 (Please note this is a provisional booking) Lynn will confirm as soon as possible.