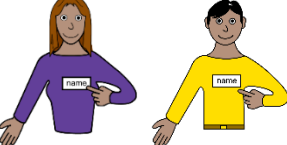
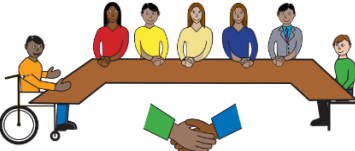


	Carers Reference Group Connect in the North Training Room The Sugarmill Friday 5th April 2024
	The people who came • Lynn Bailey • Shirley Evison • Kausar Iqbal • Maureen Lumb • Madeleine Fahy – Connect in the North/Through the Maze • Jackie Hartley • Yvonne Ugarte
	Apologies • Suzanne Jackson-Bailey • Maire Sykes
	Introductions Lynn opened the meeting.
	Minutes from last meeting Everyone agreed that the minutes from the last meeting were correct
	The next Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board – 16th April 10.15am – 12.15pm The meeting is at St Chads in Headingley. A lot of the Carers can't make the meeting. The timings are not good due to transport pick ups and the cost of taxis are too high. Madeleine to deliver the following on behalf of the carers.

Future Partnership Board Meetings

The Carers reference group ask that the times of the meeting change. Family Carers can't attend at 10.15 because transport doesn't start arriving until 10am. This doesn't leave enough time for Family Carers to catch the bus. Taxis are too expensive. Please can all meetings be Hybrid to give people choice?

Customer Transport



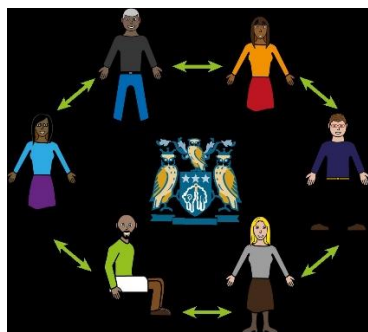
Family Carers would like to point out the problems with transport if someone is going on Respite.

Luggage is not allowed. Only one small bag to go under the seat can be carried. This isn't large enough for someone who is going on Respite for a week. Family Carers are having to take the luggage separately this incurs costs of a taxi or in one instance someone carrying it on two buses (and two buses home) and then having to do the same at the end of the respite. On one occasion an alternative was given that the person waits all day for transport to take both the person and luggage at the same time. This is not good for the person sitting and waiting in all day. A wasted day. Can this please be raised as an ongoing problem?



Madeleine also spoke about Leeds Learning Disability week and the Being Social Event on the 18th June. BAFF have decided not to have a stall this year as it was hard to attend the Council Takeover, the Pride March and the Being Social Event. BAFF will print some flyers out and bring them to the Sugarmill for Through the Maze to have them on their stall. BAFF will still be included in the directory.

Day Services



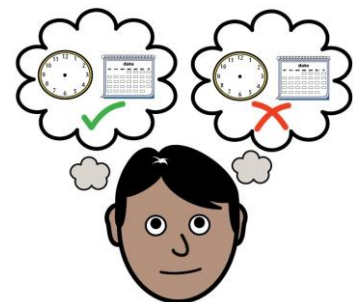
It had been raised at another meeting that Family Carers don't know how to find out about Day Services in Leeds. Madeleine showed the group the Through the Maze website and how to use the search engine to find the Day Services in Leeds. Madeleine also gave everyone a copy of the Being Social Directory which has a lot of the day services listed. This directory will be updated in June 2024.



Ribby Hall

Everyone agreed that the recent trip to Ribby Hall was a huge success and everyone really enjoyed it. The speakers Antony Chuter, Sara Challice and Kath Bromfield were good and a lot was learnt.

Action – Lynn to send out the report and handouts from the weekend

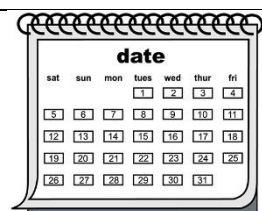


Any Other Business and Actions

Lynn to contact Ian Brooke Mawson from Leeds City Council to invite him to future meetings.

Suggested other guest speaker:

Alison Conyers to talk about the accessibility of the hospital passports.



Date and time of next meetings

10th May 2024 (Guest Speaker to attend) Lynn to confirm

5th July 2024 pre Partnership Board Meeting.

10.30am – 12.30pm

Venue – Office 45, First Floor, The Sugarmill, Beeston LS11 7HL