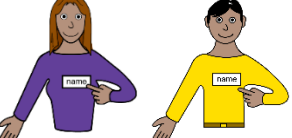
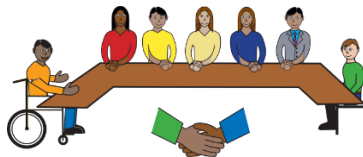


	Carers Reference Group Connect in the North Training Room The Sugarmill Friday 17th October 2025
	The people who came • Kausar Iqbal • Jackie Hartley • Madeleine Fahy – Connect in the North/Through the Maze • Yvonne Ugarte • Shirley Evison • Maureen Lumb • Maire Sykes • Liz Brightwell • Suzanne Jackson
	Apologies None
	Introductions Kausar opened the meeting.
	Minutes from last meeting Everyone agreed that the minutes from the last full meeting that took place in April. The training sessions as below took place but no minutes were taken as handouts were given on the day. 9th May 2025 – LYPFT Annual Health Checks 6th June – LYPFT Pulse Oxy Meter Training 11th July – Webwise Training



The next Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board – 14th October

Theme – Being Social

Madeleine fed back about the last Partnership Board Meeting which was chaired by Cllr Adrian McCluskey and Em Pearson.

Helen Bradshaw, Danielle Mitchell and Emily Almond from the Commissioning Team coordinated the meeting.

There was a lot of group discussions on Peer Support this is following the recent survey that took place during learning disability week. The report will be attached with the minutes.

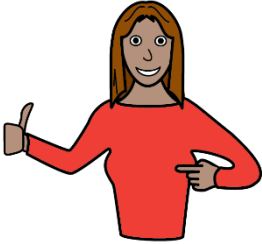
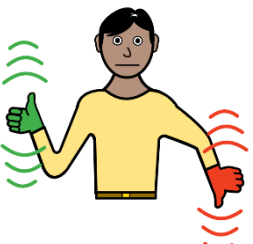
There was a large discussion about becoming a cashless society and how people are getting over the barriers as this is becoming a huge problem. Evens Guide highlights whether a venue is cashless or not.

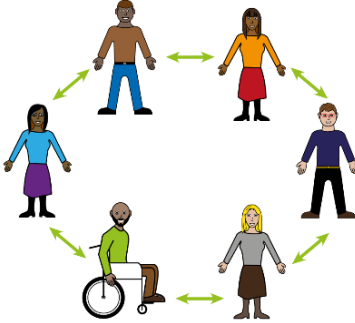
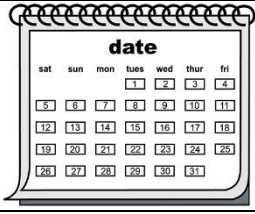
<https://www.euansguide.com>

A new card called Money Carer which is a pre paid card by Mastercard so it is recognised widely. <https://moneycarer.org.uk/our-services/carers-cards/>

Also attached to this card can be a device either a ring or a bracelet that can be worn and used in the same way as a phone would be used at a checkout or to pay for something.

<https://ringpay.com/> Further details will be available from the next Through the Maze newsletter due out at the beginning of December.

Feedback and Good News Stories from Everyone better  good or bad 	Liz spoke about Autisticon a recent event that she attended at Nexus (part of the University). There were a lot of provider stalls and the venue was really good. This is an annual event and Madeleine will send out details as soon as possible. Maire spoke about Ultimate Thunder and how they are very close to getting funding for their show reel that shows the story of the band. Suzanne spoke about the stressful time that she has been having trying to find both her Son and Daughter things to do as well as college. She reported of a very stressful time she had with a recent visit from a social worker. Yvonne spoke about how her Daughter and family have had a very positive experience with their social worker and Voyage Care. Kauser spoke about finding a house for her brothers, sadly a recent house purchase has fallen through/ She is going to start again hopefully finding somewhere local to where she lives. Jackie told the group that she is having a hip replacement operation 25th November. Shirley told the group that she is starting to feel a lot better after having such an awful 2025 so far. Maureen spoke about the tough times that she is having with Adult Social Care and paperwork especially since coming away from Direct Payments. Kausar ended this part of the meeting talking about Lynn (Bailey) and her health. Lynn is back in hospital. Everyone shared a prayer for her which was led by Jackie. The group found this to be a comfort.
Baff AGM 	Everyone is invited to Baff AGM on the 28th October 2025. An invite is attached with the minutes.

Who to invite to future meetings 	Everyone agreed that they would like to invite Helen Bradshaw to the next meeting. She is the Joint Commissioning Manager Learning Disabilities Working Age Adults. Action – Madeleine to invite Helen when the date of the next meeting has been set.
Future Dates for your diaries and any other business. 	Possible Dates for your diaries: Ribby Hall – To be Confirmed Christmas Lunch – To be Confirmed Pamper Day – To be Confirmed As soon as the banking problems have been rectified no dates be set. Action – Kausar to email Madeleine who will send out details to everyone.
Any Other Business	Universal Credit online – this was on the agenda but there was not time to discuss it. To be brought to the next meeting.
	Date and time of next meeting To be confirmed.