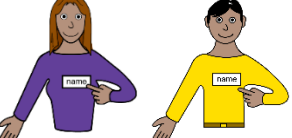


	Carers Reference Group Connect in the North Training Room The Sugarmill Friday 1st May
	The people who came • Jackie Hartley • Madeleine Fahy – Connect in the North/Through the Maze • Yvonne Ugarte • Shirley Evison • Maureen Lumb • Maire Sykes • Suzanne Jackson-Bailey • Leanne Moorcroft – Leeds City Council • Caroline Armstrong – Leeds City Council • Santi Franceschino – Leeds City Council
	Apologies • Kausar Iqbal • Bex Dagless
	Introductions Jackie and Yvonne opened the meeting.
	Minutes from last meeting Everyone agreed that the minutes from the last full meeting that took place in October 2025. There was an interim meeting on 27th February 2026 where discussions took place on how future meetings would look like and who would chair them.

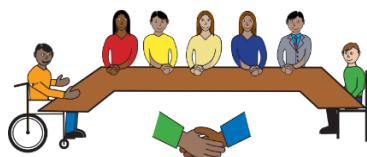


Day Opportunities Strategic Approach

Leanne spoke about the project (DOSA) and asked key questions about why and what is important to family carers about choosing a Day Service. A paper copy of the questionnaire was handed to all in attendance there is a link for family carers below. Please complete as early as possible as the time frame is really short. A response before the end of next week would be great.

Carer survey: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/ZA4JFQ/>

A copy will be also attached with the minutes if you could return it to Leanne.Moorcroft@leeds.gov.uk



The next Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board – 12th May at Hillside, Beeston, at 10.30am

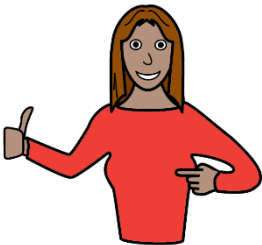
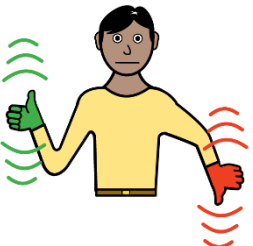
Madeleine asked the group for any questions that they would like to ask.

It was discussed that housing is a topic that effect everyone.

What is Leeds City Councils policy about providing more accommodation in all parts of the City for people with all types of learning disabilities? Is there anyone who can come to the Carers reference Group to talk about this?

Jackie Hartley confirmed that she will attend the meeting at Hillside.

Action : Madeleine to pass this question to Sarah Wheatley so that it can go on the agenda.

DoLS Authorisation DoLS Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards	Maire spoke about the importance that we all know what best practice is when someone's capacity is assessed and how carers ought to be involved with this and any subsequent application for DoLS authorisation. If anyone would like to know more about this please contact Maire.
Feedback and Good News Stories from Everyone better  good or bad 	Shirley invited everyone to her special birthday celebrations at The Devon in Crossgate on the 22nd May from 7pm. Shirley also bought in some lovely cake to have with lunch. Maire spoke about Ultimate Thunder and how there documentary has been shortlisted and will be shown in Sheffield. 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 work experience for her Son. Action : Madeleine to forward details about SCOPE employment services and Advonet employment days. Yvonne spoke about how her daughter and family and the problems they are having about finding her daughter somewhere to live. Action : Madeleine to forward details about Bright Sparks Monday Club and The Manager of Care Managements contact details.

Any other Business



 **Respite Coffee Mornings**

For all our wonderful Respite attendees and their families & carers. Like coffee and conversation; life is better shared! So let's get together for a catchup.

 FARFIELD	Tuesday 26th May 10:30 - 1pm
 CROSSHEATH	Thursday 28th May 10:30 - 1pm
 RAYNEL	Tuesday 9th June 10:30 - 1pm
 SCOTTHALL	Thursday 11th June 10:30 - 1pm





Learning Disability Week 15th – 19th June

15th June – Football Tournament

16th June Council Chamber Takeover followed by
Pride March ending at The Corn Exchange

17th June Middleton Sunflower Walk

Customer Awards

18th June Being Social – Leeds Kirkgate Market

Advonet Club Night

19th June Picnic in the Park – Temple Newsam

Future Dates for
your diaries and
any other business.



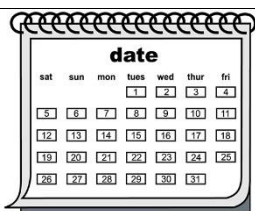
Partnership Board – 12th May, 14th July, 10th November.

Being Social Task Group – 11th May 1pm (Zoom or in person at The Sugar Mill)

Being Well Task Group – 3rd July (In person Reginald Centre).

Being Safe Task Group – 4th June 10.3am (In Person) Venue to be confirmed.

Council Chamber Takeover – 16th June 10.30am Leeds Civic Hall.



Date and time of next meeting :

3rd July 10.30am, The Sugarmill.