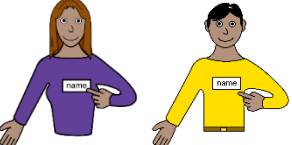
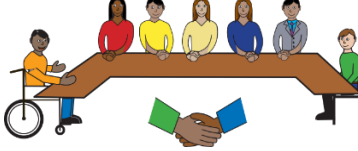
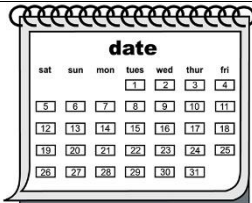


	Carers Reference Group Connect in the North Training Room The Sugarmill Friday 12th June 2026
	The people who came • Jackie Hartley • Madeleine Fahy – Connect in the North/Through the Maze • Maire Sykes • Suzanne Jackson-Bailey • Cath Lee – Aspire cbs • Victoria Kay – Aspire cbs
	Apologies • Kausar Iqbal • Yvonne Ugarte • Shirley Evison • Beki Daglass • Maureen Lumb
	Introductions Jackie opened the meeting.
	Minutes from last meeting Everyone agreed that the minutes from the last full meeting that took place 1st May 2026. Madeleine will add them to the Through the Maze website.
	Aspire Respite Services Update Cath and Victoria came to the meeting to talk about the Aspire Respite and short breaks survey that they would like all family carers to complete. The survey is to find out what particular model of

	respite is wanted and required. Aspire currently have 4 provision for respite and 1 emergency respite. Cath and Victoria also spoke about the process of applying for respite services. One of the carers said that she found it hard to find a respite service that was age related as her daughter didn't want to go to a service if there weren't people of her own age. Another, carer talked about the fact that there was a lot of more choice of things to do when someone went to respite prior to the pandemic. Also, the fact that support staff seemed to have many other jobs to do as well as supporting someone for example cleaning. This meant that there was not always time to support customers to do interesting activities. The subject of the size of luggage on transport came up again which causes a lot of extra work for the family carer. Cath and Victoria offered to come back to talk to the group if anyone had any issues etc. Action: Madeleine to collect some Aspire information at the Being Social Event to share at the next meeting. A copy will be also attached with the minutes if you could return it to catherine.lee@aspirecbs.org.uk as soon as possible. The deadline says the 18th June but this has been extended to the middle of July.
	The next Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board – 14th July on Zoom. Connect in The North are hosting meeting. Madeleine asked the group for any questions that they would like to ask. One point and question was raised about the fact that booking appointments with the Community Dentist has been a problem, how can people with learning disabilities access an NHS dentist?

	Jackie confirmed that she will be attending.
	Madeleine spoke about what is happening in Learning Disability week. It has been confirmed that there are 3 places for family carers to attend the Council Chamber Takeover. Being Social Event - Jackie asked if she could leave some Baff leaflets on the Through the Maze stall, Madeleine agreed and apologised that there would not be room for people to stand behind due to the amount of staff helping on the stall. 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
Any other Business	Madeleine spoke to say that LYPFT had approached the group to see if they would be interested in hosting a wills and trusts event in the future. Everyone agreed that this would be a good event. Madeleine is going to invite someone from Full Circle to come to the meeting in October to talk to the group. It was discussed that each family carer should chair the future Carers Reference Group meetings to make it fair as everyone has a lot going on. Thanks to Kausar and Maire who have volunteered for the next two meetings. 3rd July – Kausar 30th October – Maire

Future Dates for your diaries and any other business. 	Partnership Board –14th July, 10th November. Being Social Task Group – Date to be confirmed Being Well Task Group – 3rd July (In person Reginald Centre). Being Safe Task Group – 10th September online. Council Chamber Takeover – 16th June 10.30am Leeds Civic Hall.
	Date and time of next meeting : 3rd July 10.30am, The Sugarmill. Helen Bradshaw from commissioning has confirmed that she is attending to talk about Leeds City Council and housing for people with learning disabilities in the future.