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Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group Luton Clinical Commissioning Group

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Think Autism Partnership Meeting

Minutes - 27th January 2015 – 10am

The Rufus Centre, Flitwick

		ACTIONS	
	Welcome, introductions and actions/minutes om last meeting:		minutes
•	Steve Minchington welcomed everyone to to to to ay's meeting and went round with individual introductions.		
•	There was an outstanding action from the last 2 meetings		
Colored Colore	ction: ommissioners to follow up on the previous action bout contacting the passport office. Update: Marek sked if this item was still required and Chris telling said he would contact the National Autistic pociety to see if there is anything they are doing ationally.	Chris Stelling	
sh go	ommissioners in process of organising a nowcase partnership board to demonstrate the bod work that has taken place over the duration of e strategy. Update: Date has been set for April		
up	ction: POhWER to forward to Commissioners an odate on the "So What?" debates for inclusion on e website. Sandra to email link to commissioners	Sandra Pearce	
wi ag by	s previously requested Commissioners engaged ith the local Health and Wellbeing Boards for greement and support with the priorities voted on the Think Autism partnership board for the new rategy and they were agreed		
m su na th fu M	epartment of Health Innovation Fund capital oney is now available and the deadline for ubmissions is the 14 th November 2014. This is a ational fund and if a local area's bid is successful ey will be told by the 19 th November 2014. All nding awarded will have to be spent by the 31 st of arch 2014. Commissioners have been talking to busing colleagues and some providers for ideas bout how to spend the money.		

_	apital funding was made available by the		
	partment of Health Innovation Fund capital		
	oney. Commissioners are now waiting for the		
	nding to be paid so they can complete the projects their local areas.		
	tion:		
-	ommissioners to update on progress at the next	Commissioners	
	eeting		
2.	Hot Topics		Norma
			News
•	Letter received from Chris Stelling – Autism Bedfordshire on how to potentially improve on engagement.		
•	Meetings themed around certain topics eg Housing.		
•	Monitor these themed meetings against the strategy.		
•	This allows people who cannot attend to have their voice heard through Autisms Bedfordshire / POhWER.		
	Action:		
All	providers to look at any social media	All Providers	
	portunities to advertise the partnership board,		
ga	ther real issues and how we can all work together		
ma	pre smoothly.		
3	Autism Advisory Board – Shape Project		
	ocial Policy Research Unit		
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•	Steve Minchington gave a presentation on		
	supporting adults with high functioning Autism		
	and Aspergers syndrome (SHAPE).		
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•	Funded by the Department of Health.		
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College to the partnership board.		
 Sandra Pearce and Steve Minchington spent the day at Stevenage Police station. They were released after good behaviour! 		
• Action: POhWER have drafted information cards on 'hate crime' and everyone was invited to take and look and feed back any comments to Sandra Pearce.	AII	
POhWER looked into the possibility of running some evening voice groups. Unfortunately there weren't enough people interested in Central Bedfordshire with Autism to run these. Some people from Central Bedfordshire attend the Bedford Borough voice groups		
Action: All to encourage people on the spectrum to attend the Voice Groups. For further information about how to get involved please contract Sandra Pearce at POhWER (<u>s.pearce@pohwer.net</u>)	AII	
5. Autism Bedfordshire update		Autism 🔥
 Autism Bedfordshire updated that their employment programme was very successful and that they were even over subscribed, having only 27 places and 30 on the list. 		Bedfordshire
 Autism Bedfordshire have been working closely with the local Prison in Bedford on awareness for people on the Autistic spectrum. 		
 Luton has a new social group starting which will be advertised on the Autism Bedfordshire website and leaflets. 		
 New Horizons work in Luton will be ongoing until end of March 2015. 		
Action: If anyone has any questions for Autism Bedfordshire that were not covered in the partnership board meeting please contact Chris Stelling at Autism Bedfordshire (chris.stelling@autismbeds.org)	AII	
6. Autism Innovation (capital) Fund		2000
 £18.5k was awarded for the local authority Presentation will be available with the minutes 		Department of Health

Action:		
Commissioners to contact the Department of Health as the money still hasn't been received. What the money will be spent on:	Commissioners	
Central Bedfordshire:		
 Autism friendly housing register 		
Central Bedfordshire College building		
improvementsEmployment/Education support lpads		
Bedford Borough:		
Kempston Day Centre (TEACCH)		
 Environmental changes – layout, dark/light 		
room, storage, IT Luton:		
 Transformation of day services – sensory 		
equipment, communication aids and		
technology.		
7. Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough strategy updates 2015-2018		Central Bedfordshire
Commissioners are currently working on the		
draft update autism strategy		BOROUGH COUNCIL
• Still awaiting the Department of Health's Autism Statutory Guidance to be published, once this has it will also help inform the draft strategy and make sure nothing has been missed out.		
 The finalised Autism Strategy will be available in the next financial year. 		
 It was suggested that those people without email addresses the draft strategy be posted to them. Neil Tunniscliffe from the A-Team has offered to help. 		
 It was suggested that in the future a consultation meeting would be a good idea to help people understand the document and how they can comment on it. 		
8. Winterbourne View		
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Due to absence this presentation will now take place at the next partnership board meeting in April.		anat <u>v</u> the sector

9. Autism Self Assessment		
 The Autism Self Assessment reviews progress made and look at the future planning. 		Public Health England
• This is the 3 rd local autism self assessment		
 Previous published self assessments can be viewed online – please see the link within the presentation 		
 Data is currently still being collected and the deadline is Wednesday 28th January 2015. 	Neil / Sandra Pearce	
 The presentation will be emailed out with these minutes 		
Action:		
 If any people with autism want to write an i- story please contact PoHwer or Autism Bedfordshire 		
 Next steps: Board members to review and comment between 16-17th February and submission to Public Health England by 9th March 2015. 		
7. How was this meeting – voting:		Dann
• Unfortunately due to a technical difficulty attendee's were unable to vote using the key pads however with a show of hands this months meeting appeared to be very good		A CONTRACT OF CONTRACT.
8. Any other business:		. ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
 A feedback letter was from a service user whose experience of the diagnostic service 		?
• SEPT offer full support if diagnosed by Dr Iqbal. They now have a part time clinical psychologist supporting with six sessions per week.		
 It was requested that finances around the diagnostic service be discussed as a future agenda item – Commissioners to organise this. 	Marek Zamborsky	
 Brookdale brought in booklets entitled '3 minute guide to autism', these were left on 		

the tables for anyone to pick up at the end of the meeting.		
 Commissioners thanked Central Bedfordshire College for attending – it was great to see so many people with autism in attendance 		
Date of next meeting:	All	
14 th April 2015 at 11am at The Rufus Centre	All	