 Torbay Learning Disability Partnership Board

Minutes of meeting

1st May 2025



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| People at the meeting |
| Mike Fuller (Co-Chair) | **Sharon O’Reilly (Co-Chair)** |
| Nigel Williams | Kevin Helmore |
| Lorraine Fuller (Ambassador) | Alison Tidy |
| Adam Russell | Wendy Sutton |
| Tracey Gray (Ambassador) | Shirley Beauchamp |
| Mark Dale (Ambassador) | Suzanne Robinson (Ambassador) |
| Jo Morgan | Abigail Gascoyne |
| Rachel Salloway | Tracy Holt |
| Kate Marks | Debbie Wilding |
| Jessie Shiell | Charlotte Kelly |
| Shirley Beauchamp  | Shaun Fuller (Ambassador) |
| Carol King  | Lindsey Jeffrey |

**Introductions and Apologies.**

Everyone introduced themselves.

Apologies were given for

Neil Harvey, Anna Coles, Pam Forester, Councillor Tranter, Helen Burn, Savana Guy.



The minutes from the previous meeting were read and agreed.

There was an action to get information about Day Services.

Carol said that information about day services is the question that most people contact Mencap about.

Nigel said there will be an interactive map on the Council Website so people can see what is available.

Alison will work with Nigel to find out where more information is needed.

Tracey said Social Workers need this information too.

Action – Day opportunities will be put on the agenda for the next meeting so it can be given more time.

**Carers Update**

The Carers representatives have a new email address so that Carers can contact Kevin and Pam. The address is ldpbcarerreps@torbay.gov.uk

Pam and Kevin will be holding a drop-in session during Carers Week.



The Carers have asked again for information about the criteria for applying for a Blue Badge.

 Alison said she would talk to the person responsible and arrange a meeting with the Carers.

The Carers asked about the Companion travel card which is available in Devon but not Torbay.

Adam Russell said he would speak to Anne- Marie Bond about it.



The Carers said that annual health checks are not being done well in some surgeries.

The Board asked if Dr Gaywood could be invited to the Borad meeting to talk about it.

**Ambassador report**

****The Ambassadors gave their report.

The Ambassadors met with Nigel, Karen Annis, and Helen Caines at Goodrington Beach to talk about making the beach more accessible for people with disabilities.

A report has been written and sent to Nigel and Karen.



The team visited Co-ordin8 to discuss the Ambassadors' work.



Katy Welsh and Jo Duke introduced the DPT Together Strategy, which wants to involve more people and hear their voices.

Sharon and the Ambassadors had an online meeting with NHS England to discuss the Torbay Hospital walk-around, sharing their questions and feedback. The presentation was well-received.

Nigel visited to talk about the Big Plan.

The Ambassadors sent out a survey to find out what activities are available for people in Torbay. Only 2 groups replied – Summon Bonum and Dawlish Garden Trust.

Nigel to link Day Time Activity into the Big Plan**.**

The team have been working with Shirley Beauchamp and did a review of easy read information about domestic abuse and sexual violence.

A report was sent to Shirley and think it would be helpful to set up groups where men and women can talk about relationships.



In September, the Baton Of Hope will come to Torbay and the Ambassadors are working with Hollacombe to offer a positive day to welcome the Baton Carriers.

**Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence**

Shirley talked about the work that has been done to support people with learning disabilities.

The Diva’s in Cornwall have created some training which is helpful.

There are a lot of staff who are not aware about domestic abuse and sexual violence involving people with learning disabilities, so there is a lot of work to do.

Domestic Abuse is not just about partners, it can happen where someone has a personal connection.

There is a tool called the DASH which professionals can use to help them work with people and Sharon will send it.

Torbay needs to work together to help people get the right support and information about Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.

**Adult social care and learning disabilities.**

Tracey Holt talked about her role in Adult Social Care and how there is a lack of training about Learning disabilities in the teams.

Adam said he was happy to take an action to look at how training can be improved.

**The Down Syndrome Act**

Tracey gave some information about the Down Syndrome Act and how it aims to make life better for people.

**The BIG BASH 2025**

The Big Bash event will be on the 17th June at the Leisure Centre in Paignton. The aim of the event is to give people information about being Active Safe and Healthy.

**Any other business.**

Sharon showed everyone the information pack from MacMillan Cancer Services. The pack was created by the Ambassadors and Turning Heads with Abi from Engaging Communities.

Adam talked about the plans for moving Hollacombe to the Crossways site in Paignton.

It was Tracey Grey’s birthday and she was given a cake and everyone sang Happy Birthday!



The next meeting will be on the 24th July.