



Learning Disability Partnership Board 'Who We Are'



Valuing People Now: a new three year strategy for people with learning disabilities
Making it happen for everyone



Valuing People Now says the Director of Adult Social Services in the City Council and the Chief Executive of the Primary Care Trust must make sure that we have a Learning Disability Partnership Board. We are the Partnership Board and this is who we are.

At least half of our membership must be people with learning disabilities or family carers. They represent the views of all people with learning disabilities and family carers in the city.

The Brighton & Hove Learning Disability Partnership Board has 21 membership spaces.

- 7 are members because of their job or position
- 14 are members because they are elected or chosen to represent a group of people
- 11 members are people with learning disabilities or family carers

All members are expected to attend Partnership Board meetings or send their deputy in their place.

All members are responsible to the people or organisation they represent.

All members are expected to use their influence and the influence of those they represent to make Valuing People Now happen in Brighton & Hove.



Members of the Partnership Board:



Two Co-Chairs

City Councillor Co-chair

Expected to:

- Plan and run our meetings
- Give high level support to the Partnership Board
- Be a link into the executive functions of the City Council
- Understand the bigger picture within the City Council

Method of Selection: The council's cabinet decide which councillor has the lead for learning disabilities and that councillor is asked to co-chair the Partnership Board.

Current Member: Councillor Rob Jarrett

Deputy: Diana Bernhardt, Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities

Co-chair with a Learning Disability

Expected to:

- Be a member of the Link Group
- Help plan and run Partnership Board meetings
- Represent our Partnership Board at events
- Represent the Partnership Board at the advocacy groups network Big Meetings

Method of Selection: elected by the advocacy groups network

Current Member: Betty Vincent

Deputy: any other member of the Link Group



Link Groups & Forums

People with Learning Disabilities

The people with learning disabilities on the Partnership Board are called the 'Link Group'.

Expected to:

- Speak up for people with learning disabilities in Brighton & Hove
- Give a personal view and experiences
- Attend Link Group meetings and the advocacy groups network Big Meetings
- Report to the Big Meeting about the work of the Partnership Board
- Help the Partnership Board and its sub groups come up with solutions to issues and questions that come up at the Big Meeting

Method of Selection: selected by the advocacy groups network to represent them on the Partnership Board.

Current Members: Betty Vincent, Matthew Hellett, Sarah Watson, Martyn Billings, Maria Borer,

Deputy: members of the Link Group are each other's deputies

Family Carers of People with Learning Disabilities

The family carers on the Partnership Board are called the 'Carers' Link Group'.

Expected to:

- Speak on behalf of families of people with learning disabilities
- Provide personal view and experiences



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- Be a link into family organisations in the city that work with families of people with learning disabilities
- Attend and help plan carers meetings that are open to all carers of people with learning disabilities
- Report to the carers' networks & meetings about the work of the Partnership Board
- Help the Partnership Board and it's sub groups come up with solutions to issues and questions that come up at the carers' networks & meetings

Method of Selection: selected by carers meetings and networks to represent them on the Partnership Board.

Current Members:

- Joan Hicks and John Horseman selected by the Carers' Centre's Listening Lunches to represent carers of adults with learning disabilities
- Claire Peligry and Juliette Teague selected by the Amaze Parents of Teens group to represent carers of young people with learning disabilities

Deputy: members of the Carers Link Group are each others deputies

Learning Disability Providers' Forum Representative

Expected to:

- Represent views of commissioned providers of services for adults with learning disabilities in Brighton & Hove
- Attend Learning Disability Providers' Forum meetings
- Report to the Providers' Forum about the work of the Partnership Board

Method of Selection: selected by the Learning Disability Providers' Forum to represent them on the Partnership Board

Current Member: Kay Holden, Director of Southdown Housing

Deputy: another member of the Providers' Forum



Community & Voluntary Sector Representative

Expected to:

- Represent views of voluntary sector providers in Brighton & Hove
- Attend Community & Voluntary Sector Forum meetings
- Report to the Community & Voluntary Sector Forum about the work of the Partnership Board

Method of Selection: elected by the Community & Voluntary Services Forum to represent them on the Partnership Board

Current Member: Eva Jarvis, Director of Grace Eyre Foundation

Deputy: another member of the CVSF



Health & Social Care Services

Council's Director of Adult Social Services

Expected to:

- Provide the formal link into the City Council and Adult Social Services
- Represent learning disabilities at high level meetings in social and community services
- Keep the Partnership Board informed of changes within Adult Social Services

Method of Selection: membership is based on job role

Current Member: Denise D'Souza, Director of Adult Social Services and Lead Commissioner for Adult Social Care & Health

Deputy: Diana Bernhardt, Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities



Primary Care Trust's Non-Executive Director

Expected to:

- Be a champion for all people with learning disabilities using or in need of health services
- Provide a link with Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust and partner health organisations, including primary and secondary care
- bring and take away issues for health regarding people with learning disabilities
- provide a link into the wider work of the Department of Health regarding mainstream health services used by people with learning disabilities
- have good knowledge of how the Primary Care Trust works across its directorates

Method of Selection: membership is based on job role

Current Member: Kate Hirst

Deputy:

Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities

Expected to:

- Be a champion for all people with learning disabilities using or in need of social services
- Provide expert knowledge and a direct link to the council's commissioning unit
- report on a regular basis on the learning disability pooled budget
- provide expert knowledge about Valuing People and Valuing People Now and other local or national agendas

Method of Selection: membership is based on job role

Current Member: Diana Bernhardt, Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities

Deputy: another member of the commissioning team



Assistant Director for Children's Services

Expected to:

- Be a champion for young people with learning disabilities moving into adulthood
- Provide expert knowledge and a direct link to the Children & Young Peoples' Trust

Method of Selection: membership is based on job role

Current Member: Jenny Brickell, Head of Children's Disability Services

Deputy: another senior council officer from the council's Children and Families services



Services & organisations

Housing Commissioning Department of the council

Expected to:

- Be a champion for all people with learning disabilities who are in need of better housing options
- Provide expert knowledge of housing issues and opportunities for adults with learning disabilities in Brighton & Hove
- Provide a direct link to or knowledge of housing systems in Brighton & Hove

Method of Selection: membership is based on job role

Current Member: Narinder Sundar, Supporting People Manager

Deputy: another senior council officer from the council's Housing Commissioning unit



Adult Education

Expected to:

- Provide expert knowledge of education opportunities for adults with learning disabilities in Brighton & Hove
- Be a champion for all people with learning disabilities in adult education
- Provide a direct link with organisations that provide education opportunities for adults with learning disabilities

Method of Selection: Membership is based on job role

Current Member: position vacant

Deputy:

Job Centre Plus

Expected to:

- Provide expert knowledge of the issues and opportunities for people with learning disabilities moving into paid work
- Be a champion for all people with learning disabilities moving into paid work
- Provide a direct link to the systems that enable and support people into paid work

Method of Selection: chosen by Job Centre Plus to represent them on the Partnership Board

Current Member: position vacant

Deputy: none



Expert Advisors

Expert advisors come to our meetings to help us do our work. They are not actually members of the Partnership Board and they do not vote in our decisions.

The chair of each Partnership Board sub group

Expected to:

- Represent views of their sub group
- Report to the Partnership Board on the work of their sub group
- Report back to the sub group on the work of the Partnership Board
- ensure the sub group carries out any work requested of them by the Partnership Board

Current Members & Deputies:

| Sub Group | Current Member | Deputy |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| A Place To Live | Mark Hendriks | A sub group member |
| Health Lives | Cameron Brown | Naomi Cox |
| Person Centred Approaches | Naomi Cox & Eva Jarvis | Each other |
| Taking Part in the City | Eva Jarvis | A sub group member |
| Transition Forum | Jenny Brickell | Naomi Cox |
| Work & Skills | Maureen Pasmore | A sub group member |
| Workforce Development | Tim Wilson | Naomi Cox |

Manager of the council's Integrated Learning Disabilities Services

Expected to:



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- Represent Brighton & Hove's Community Learning Disability Team
- Provide the Partnership Board with information about care management practices

Current Member: Naomi Cox, Manager of Integrated Learning Disability Services

Deputy: Cameron Brown, Manager of Community Learning Disability Team



Helpers

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Support workers for Link Groups and others

Expected to:

- Support Partnership Board members to participate in the work of the Partnership Board
- Provide expert knowledge of the issues and opportunities related to advocacy for people with learning disabilities and carers in the city
- Provide a direct link to the systems that provide advocacy for people with learning disabilities and their family carers

Current Members & Deputies:

| Supporting | Organisation | Name |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| The Co-Chair | Speak Out | Sarah Pickard |
| The Link Group | Speak Out | Ingrid Ashberry |



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| Supporting | Organisation | Name |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| The Carers' Link Group | Carers' Centre | Nick Fry |
| Carers' (Transition) Link Group | Amaze | Sue Winter |

LDPB Assistant to Co-Chairs

Expected to:

- Provide administrative support to the Partnership Board and its Co-chairs

Current Member: Sarah Crowe, PA to Diana Bernhardt

Deputy: another PA in the council

LDPB Development Worker

Expected to:

- Help the Co-Chairs plan and run the meetings
- Be a member of the Make It Happen Group
- Represent the Partnership Board outside of meetings

Current Member: Karen Kingsland, Project & Development Officer

Deputy: another project officer from the council