

Cross-Party Group on Learning Disability



Minutes of the meeting

Where: Scottish Parliament & Zoom

Date: 28 June 2023

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

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People who were there

Paul O'Kane MSP - Convener

- Heather Gilchrist - Enable
- Richard Baker - Enable
- Gary Airnes - Enable
- Aaron Hume - The Assembly
- Cameron Smith - SCLD
- Andy Miller - SCLD
- Ewan Hamilton - The Assembly
- Dr Sheena Jones - Mental Welfare Commission
- Dr Nega Bansal - Mental Welfare Commission
- Roxanne Flanagan - The Assembly
- Debbie McGowan - The Assembly
- Rhona Wilder - SIAA and Independent Advocacy
- Jenny Miller - PAMIS



People who were there

- Roseann Maguire - Glasgow University
- Andrew Jahoda - Glasgow University
- Caroline Kingston - People First
- James McNab - People First
- Keith Lynch - People First
- Josey Kanhanga - People First
- Ellah Davidson - People First
- Linsey Kinloch - The Assembly
- William Rae - The Assembly
- Edi Eftekhar - The Assembly
- Calum Never - The Assembly
- Sonya Bewsher - The Assembly
- Gayle Forsyth - Action Group
- Carmen Murray - Scottish Government
- Colin Menabney - Enable Glasgow
- Angela Henderson - SLDO



People who were there on Zoom

- Charlie McMillan - SCLD
- Eddie McConnell - Down Syndrome
Scotland
- Ali Petrie - Enable
- Gillian Callander
- Ellen Cowan
- Alison Clark
- Michele Munro
- Pat Graham - PAMIS
- Ben Payne
- Maureen Martin
- Fergus Murray - The Assembly
- Nicola Watson
- Andy
- John Gallon

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We know that not all names were captured at the meeting and apologise for any missing information.

We also ask if you join on Zoom, could you please put your full name and organisation.



People Who could not make it to the meeting:

MSPs:

- Oliver Mundell MSP

Members:

- Anna Hooker - NHS
- Sam Cairns - Equal Say



1. Welcome and apologies

Paul O'Kane MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies made.



2. Minutes and Matters Arising from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting in March were approved.

Action

- Aaron Hume asked for the People First Framework for Supported Decision Making to be shared with members of the CPG.





3. Coronavirus Research

Roseann Maguire and Andrew Jahoda from Glasgow University talked about the Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study.



The Study looked at how people with learning disabilities and their families and carers were impacted by the coronavirus.



Linsey Kinlop represented a group of individuals with learning disabilities who called themselves the COV explorers.



The COV explorers were looking at what COVID was and how it was impacting people with learning disabilities and disabilities.

Linsey hopes that things will change for people with learning disabilities and disabilities.



Andrew talked about the findings from the last wave of the study which was collected in September to November 2022.



Through the research it was found that while some things have gotten better for people, things haven't got better for everyone.



Some felt lonely, or worried and anxious, or felt sad or down some of the time.



It was a difficult time for many family carers.



The research found that for family carers happiness was consistently lower and anxiety higher than the Great Britain average



Overall the research found that the pandemic had a significant impact on people with learning disabilities.



A video was also shared that looked at Lauren's experience during lockdown.



Pat Graham talked through Lauren's experience on the video, talking about her experience during lockdown and the difficulties she faced.



Overall the video highlighted the difficulties that many families faced during lockdown as services were stopped.



The video also highlighted that some difficulties continues as there are now staffing issues and not all services are back up and running.



4. Discussion

People First said that they were not surprised by the findings.



They are very concerned as the situation is worse than it was before COVID.

Currently people's rights are not being upheld.



Sandy Cruickshank talked about the need for structure across the whole of Scotland that eliminates the post code lottery of care.



William Rae talked about a man they know sent home from long stay hospital with no care in place. He said that the care system is in crisis

Actions:



- Highlight COVID research to minister
- CPG should write to Scottish COVID inquiry

4. Scottish Government Update



Carmen Murray from the Scottish Government came along to provide an update on the LDAN Bill.



She discussed the scoping work for the Bull that took place between May and July 2022.



Three advisory panels were established:

- Lived Experience Panel
- Practitioner Panel
- Stakeholder Panel



Carmen discussed that at the moment the Scottish Government are in the process of developing the public consultation.



The consultation will be co-designed alongside those on the advisory panels.



The consultation will be launched in the second half of 2023.



The Scottish Government would like to hear people's views on how they can make the consultation as inclusive and accessible as possible.



So far the Scottish Government has considered definitions and who this Bill should be for.



They have also considered the potential role for a Commission/Commissioner.



**People First
(Scotland)**

5. People First Update

People First shared a video update with members of the CPG on the LDAN Bill.



The video set out why the LDAN Bill is important and People Firsts key messages are.



The video can be accessed here:

<https://peoplefirstscotland.org/people-first-scotland/whats-new/>



Sandy Cruickshank
discussed at the end of
People Firsts video that not
all guardianships go wrong.



6. End of Meeting

Heather Gilchrist closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming along to the meeting in person and for those who also joined on zoom.



As a reminder the next meeting will be on Wednesday the 8th of November at Scottish Parliament in the Fleming Room.

Do you have any questions?



We hope you found these minutes helpful.



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