

Learning Minutes	Disability Delivery Board	
Newham		
Date	06.02.25	
Time	11:00am-12:30pm	
Meeting	Microsoft Teams and Room W1.09, Dockside	
Co-Chairs	Neil Johnston Melissa McAuliffe – Commissioner, Learning Disability and Autism - LBN	
Minutes	Daniel Nichols – Commissioning Assistant – LBN	
Attendees	Robin Betts - Community Health Team for Adults with Learning Disabilities (East London Foundation Trust, ELFT) Manager	
	Trish Moody – VoiceAbility Connections	
	Awa Jange – Co-Chair, Learning Disability Residents' Advisory Group	
	Mohammed Arfan – Workforce Development Lead, Adults and Health – LBN	
	Prabhudas Tanna – Carers' Representative	
	Ross Gerrie – SEND Senior Commissioner – LBN	
	Jason McCulloch – Senior Commissioner, Health and Social Care – LBN	
	Ruth Cooper – Operational and Strategic Manager for Learning Disabilities – East London Foundation Trust NHS	
	Maysie Brown – Inclusive Learning Manager - LBN	
Apologies	Gary Woolvett, Jane Munsaka, Claire Greszczuk, Laura	
	Austin Croft Actions	
	Actions	



1.	welcome	Welcome and Housekeeping	
		Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.	
2.	minutes	Minutes & Actions	
	minutes	These were agreed.	
	3. ====================================	Actions from the last meeting were completed. See slides.	
3.		Feedback - meetings with residents	
		Prabhudas reported that carers were having difficulties in applying for Freedom Passes and Blue Badges.	
	carer	Action – Prabhudas to forward examples of carers' difficulties in applying for Freedom Passes and Blue Badges. Melissa to follow up.	Prabhudas/ Melissa
		There was a request that offline access to services for residents improves.	
		People with learning disabilities and those with English as a second language can struggle to interact with the Council online.	



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		Action – Ross to take up concerns regarding access to services as part of the council's review of pathways.	Ross
		Awa gave an update from the Learning Disability Residents Advisory Group. See slides.	
		Action – Melissa to send out link to the SCOPE website.	Melissa
4.		Joint Planning Group Update	
	2 2 2	Robin reported.	
		The main subject discussed was Learning Disabilities Week that is taking place this year from the 16 th -22 nd June.	
		A theme is yet to be decided. Robin, Awa and Trish would like to be on the Planning Group for the event.	
		Awa suggested that we put a show on for the week. Melissa said that a venue would be needed for this.	
5.		Action Plan – Year 3 Priorities	
	Mar.	Heard and Valued	
		Arfan reported. See slides.	
		He is currently in discussions on rolling out Oliver McGowan training to Newham staff.	
		The training is delivered in two parts, the first is online and the second is delivered in	

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person, and should include input from an "Expert by Experience" (EbE) who should be someone with lived experience of autism and/or learning disabilities.

Arfan is trying to find EbEs to help deliver the training to Newham staff. He is also doing an analysis to decide which staff require the training.

Trish reported that EbEs require a debrief after the training due to the nature of some of the content.

Arfan is also designing a new pack on learning disabilities and autism for trainee social workers.

Action – Arfan to include slides on learning disabilities and autism in the induction training presentation for Adults and Health staff.

Arfan



Accommodation and Housing

Melissa reported. See slides.

Jason said that he is writing the chapter on learning disabilities for the Supported Accommodation strategy.

He wants more provision in Newham to allow people to live as independently as possible.

Connected and Involved

Melissa reported. See slides.



Maysie



Robin asked who was leading the work on the new Sex and Relationships policy that his team had been asked to contribute to.

Melissa replied that it was the Supporting Independence Commissioning team.



Maysie reported that Our Newham Learning and Skills have opened a new independent skills training centre in North Woolwich to complement the one in Forest Gate.

Action – Maysie to forward leaflet on the new training centre.

Melissa mentioned a new travel training initiative from the DLR.



leisure centre

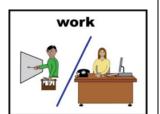
Awa said that she couldn't find a warm pool to use in Newham so had to travel to Peckham. Prabhudas said that he thought that East Ham leisure centre ran warm swimming sessions.

Action – Prabhudas to forward details of the warm swimming session at East Ham.

Action – Work with Better Leisure to find a pool.

Prabhudas

Melissa/Awa



Work and Purpose

Melissa reported. See slides.

Action – Melissa to set up a meeting with the Social Value team.

Melissa



		Health and Social Care	
	healthy and well	Robin reported. See slides.	
		Robin is working on ways to reduce admissions of people with learning disabilities and autism to hospital.	
		Ruth is organising a meeting of the East London Foundation Trust NHS Employment Trust on opportunities.	
		Healthwatch Newham held an event on improving cancer screening.	
		Action – Trish to send easy read leaflet on screening to Melissa.	Trish
		<u>Carers</u>	
		See slides. No Carers' Commissioner is in place.	
6.	meeting	Date of next meeting:	
		Thursday 1 May 2025	