



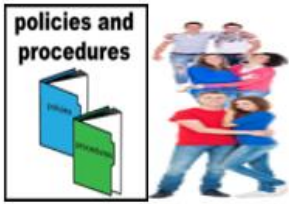



Learning Disability Resident Advisory Group Minutes

Tuesday 16 September 2025


	<p><u>People at the meeting:</u></p> <p>Residents Awa Jagne (Co-chair) Neil Johnston (Delivery Board Co-Chair) Kevin Hall Paul Richard Tiku Tanna Jade Sempare Sunmi Bare</p> <p>Professionals/ paid staff Melissa McAuliffe (Co-Chair, LB Newham) Trish Moody (Voiceability) Daniel Nichols (Adults' Commissioning, LB Newham) Ieva Dirzyte (Safeguarding, LB Newham) Audrey Ifebem-Ezima Sophie Ibotson</p>
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		What we talked about and Actions
1	 	<p>Welcome and introductions, minutes from last meeting, Fire Safety</p> <p>Awa welcomed attendees and shared apologies.</p> <p>Melissa outlined the fire safety procedures.</p> <p>The attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved, and the actions were noted as having been done.</p>
2	  	<p>Feedback from Delivery Board</p> <p>Neil reported.</p> <p>The Action Plan updates were:</p> <p>The Council is starting the Oliver McGowan training this month.</p> <p>Health Staff training has been delayed.</p> <p>Update since meeting – The Independent Living Support Services (ILSS – this is sometimes called Home Care) update is not longer correct. This has been removed</p> <p>A Sex and Relationships Policy has been written.</p> <p>Some residents with a learning disability have given feedback.</p> <p>The Policy will be shared with accommodation-based providers in Newham.</p>



work





The illustration shows two people in a work environment. On the left, a man in a green shirt points at a large screen. On the right, a woman in a yellow shirt sits at a desk with a computer monitor and a telephone. A diagonal blue line separates the two figures.

		<p>Health Inequalities Funding</p> <p>There will be small grants in 2025/26 for Learning Disability Projects.</p> <p>There is £10,000 available for residents / Charities to set up projects.</p> <p>Charities and Community Interest Companies can ask for up to £1000 per project.</p> <p>Individuals can ask for up to £500 for individuals).</p> <p>There must be someone available to the individual or group to manage the money.</p>
4		<p>New updates</p> <p>Melissa reported.</p> <p>The Council wants to build a library of photos of Newham residents.</p> <p>These photos will be used across the Newham website, social media channels, and flyers.</p> <p>If you would like to take part contact the Communications Team by emailing Internal.Comms@newham.gov.uk.</p> <p>This email should only be used to say if you or your community group is interested.</p>
5		<p>Fire Safety</p> <p>Kelly-Ann from London Fire Brigade did not attend.</p> <p>ACTION: Melissa to invite Kelly-Ann to a future meeting.</p>

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6	 <p>phone police</p>  <p>information</p> 	<p>Community Safety</p> <p>Melissa showed the 'Tricky Friends' video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5i3gpTY3sbg</p> <p>Ieva then explained the term 'Cuckooing'. This is when someone pretends to be your friend so that they can access your home to commit crimes such as illegal drug dealing and theft. People with learning disabilities, people with health problems and those living in poverty are particularly vulnerable to this behaviour.</p> <p>Signs that someone is being 'Cuckooed' include that they are receiving unfamiliar visitors, getting lots of post and are looking scared. If someone is in immediate danger you should call 999. If the danger is not immediate you can still contact the police (call 101) or you can inform a carer, a medical professional or the council. It is a good idea to collect as much information as you can about what is happening before you contact someone.</p> <p>The RAG members were asked to look at two different leaflets that provide information on Cuckooing and select which one they prefer. They chose the one with the predominantly yellow background as it made good use of symbols.</p> <p>There was a discussion on how to improve the distribution of information on safety. It was suggested that a regular email newsletter might be a good idea.</p>

7		<p>Transport</p> <p>A discussion took place on transport. RAG members made a number of points:</p> <p>Buses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses sometimes do not stop for disabled people • The drivers can get annoyed at disabled people • Pushchairs block wheelchair spaces • Drivers don't wait until you are settled before they move off. <p>Trains/Tubes/DLR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifts often don't work • No EVAC chairs at Canning Town whilst their building works close off lifts and stairs • Replacement cab services can be arranged from inconvenient locations. <p>Streets/walking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems with bikes being used on the pavements, particularly by delivery riders.
8		<p>Easy Read Documents</p> <p>Sophie reported that she would be setting up a group to review the easy read documents that are published by Adult Social Care.</p> <p>There is room for five people in the group (these positions may be rotated).</p> <p>Reward and recognition payments will be made for attendance at meetings, but they are only payable by shopping vouchers at the moment. The payments won't affect eligibility for benefits.</p>

9		<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>
1		<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th December 2025</p> <p>11am to 1pm</p> <p>Canning Town Library</p> <p>We will talk about: Safety</p>