

## **Disability Advisory Group**

Notes and Actions from Meeting held on 10 February 2017

### **Attendees:**

**Simon Lowe** – ERYC Corporate Strategy and Performance Team

**Natalie Blades** – ERYC Corporate Strategy & Performance Team

**Jean Chambers** – ERYC Asset Strategy

**Councillor Shaun Horton** – ERYC

**Jackie Railton** – Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust

**Nicky Lowe** – ERY CCG

**Cath Scarlett** – Disabled Voices East Yorkshire

**Michelle Rob** – ERVIP/Parent Carer Forum

**Mark Baggley** – Choices and Rights Disability Coalition (Chair)

**Denise Canniffe** – Choices and Rights Disability Coalition

**Alison Lawson** – National Deaf Children's Society

**Ruth Stockdale** – MS Society

**Lesley Saunders** – Headway Hull and East Riding

**Elaine Peirce** – Carers Advisory Group

**Councillor Andy Strangeway** – ERYC (Observer)

### **Apologies:**

**Sarah Regan** – Hull and East Yorkshire Centre for the Deaf

**Julie Jewitt** – ERYC Disability Resource Team

**Heather Moore** – ERYC Disability Resource Team

**Sally-Ann Spencer Grey** – ERY CCG (Patient Champion)

### **Appointment of Chair**

Mark Baggley was appointed as the Chair of the DAG.

### **Notes of the Inaugural meeting held on 14 November 2016 and Matters Arising**

<b>Notes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Approved notes meeting held on 14 November 2016.</b>	
<b>Meeting times</b> - Future meetings will be held from 1pm to 4pm on a Thursday.	Natalie Blades to set dates of meetings for this year – please see dates on pg 3.

<p><b>Scope of DAG</b> - It was agreed that individual case studies could be useful to discuss at the meetings, however it was confirmed that individual issues would not be dealt with.</p>	
<p><b>Accessibility Audits &amp; Reviews</b> – Previous groups have carried out audits and if any issues with buildings are identified they would first be inspected to check compliance with Building Regulations. Consideration would be given to targeted accessibility audits as/where appropriate, working in conjunction with the Council’s Asset Strategy service.</p>	<p>Jean Chambers to check whether any formal complaints have been made regarding buildings and accessibility.</p>
<p><b>Meridian Centre</b> - The issue of accessibility to the Meridian Centre in Withernsea was discussed. Mobility scooters cannot use the lift in the building. This is an ongoing issue which has been raised with the Meridian Centre, the Town Council, Graham Stuart MP and articles regarding this matter have also been in The Gazette.</p>	<p>ERYC to review information sent by Cath Scarlett and it was agreed that a letter be sent out from the Disability Advisory Group seeking further clarification on the restrictions around mobility scooter access to the Centre.</p>
<p><b>Communication</b> – The additional equipment provided met the requirements of the group.</p>	<p>Natalie Blades to ask all members for their requirements for the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>Communication</b> - Some members had not received much notice of the meeting.</p>	<p>Natalie Blades to check contact list and email addresses and ensure plenty of notice is given for future meetings.</p>
<p><b>Work Plan</b></p>	
<p>Cath Scarlett had raised a number of issues to be considered for the work plan.</p>	<p>These issues would be added as appropriate.</p>
<p><b>Sensory Social Worker</b> – It was noted that the East Riding do not have a sensory social worker. Also, there was a lack of sensory expertise for children.</p>	<p>An update on the proposed physical and sensory impairment needs assessment would be given to the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>Housing</b> – It was asked how housing is being used in the East Riding and it was suggested that demographics and statistics relating to accessible housing would be useful.</p>	<p>Natalie Blades to collate data.</p>

<p><b>Disability Statistics</b> - It was suggested that a general profile of disability in the East Riding would be useful; more specifically some figures around disability and employment within ERYC.</p>	<p>Natalie Blades to collate ERYC employment data.</p>
<p><b>Blue Badges</b> – It was asked if ERYC have any guidance on the issue of blue badges and more specifically statistics regarding applications.</p>	<p>Natalie Blades to provide some statistics on blue badges.</p>
<p><b>Accessible Information Standard (AIS)</b> – Nicky Lowe gave an overview of AIS. The CCG have been working towards making information accessible for people with disabilities. Identifying and capturing communication needs, making sure staff are equipped to deal with it and working with Adult Social Care services to share information. A review of the effectiveness of the processes put in place to help ensure compliance with the Standard had been initiated in order to assess the impact and to ensure that it was ‘fit for purpose’.</p> <p>Jackie Railton also mentioned that HEY have recently revised their website in order to meet AIS standards.</p> <p>Cath Scarlett made comment on colour schemes used for some of the NHS campaigns as some close tone colours make things difficult to read. She also asked if dyslexia was considered as part of the standard. JR provided a response.</p>	<p>DAG members invited to have their say on the Accessible Information Standard review – weblink has been emailed to members.</p> <p>It was agreed to consider colour schemes in future campaigns.</p>
<p><b>Deaf Community</b> – Jackie Railton noted that HEY were working towards improving awareness of staff to the communication and support needs of the deaf community and are developing training for staff.</p>	<p>Alison Lawson to share e-learning resource with Jackie Railton.</p>

<p><b>Disability Confident</b> – Nicky Lowe gave an overview of Disability Confident. As part of this, Nicky sought feedback from some DAG members on using the NHS recruitment site. The site can be accessed through the following link:  <a href="https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/">https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/</a> People reviewing should search for Hull and East Riding jobs.</p>	<p>Link to recruitment site has been sent out to members via email. Members to provide feedback to Nicky Lowe as appropriate.</p>
<p><b>Any other Business</b></p>	
<p><b>Learning Disability representative</b> – It was suggested that a representative from the Learning Disability Partnership Board should attend DAG meetings. It was confirmed that LDPB are members of DAG.</p>	<p>Natalie Blades to contact LDPB and a representative from the LDPB would (again) be invited to the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>Leisure opportunities</b> – The MS Society had been working closely with ERYC to develop sessions for people with MS and Parkinsons and also improve staff awareness through training.</p>	
<p><b>Development of work plan</b> – items suggested by members of DAG will be considered to go on the work plan</p>	<p>Members to email suggested items to Natalie Blades.</p>

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held Thursday 11 May, 1pm – 4pm, Room 2 at County Hall, Beverley.

**Future meetings for 2017**

Thursday 3rd August, 1 – 4pm, Room 2 at County Hall, Beverley Please note: This is a change of date from that previously agreed due to meeting rooms being required for a Public Enquiry.

Thursday 2nd November, 1 – 4pm, Room 2 at County Hall, Beverley

Members are reminded to advise Natalie Blades of any additional specific requirements and early notice is appreciated for specialist requirements.

Where possible, please nominate 1 representative from each group to attend the meetings. This will help with consistency and also to build relationships within the group.

