










**Bedfordshire Think Autism Partnership Board Meeting**

**Minutes – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 – 11am**

**The Rufus Centre, Flitwick**

	<b>ACTIONS</b>	
<p><b>1. Welcome, introductions and actions/minutes from last meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Minchington co-chair welcomed everyone to today's meeting everyone else on the front table introduced themselves.</li> <li>• Apologies were given for Elizabeth Saunders CBC Commissioning Assistant Director</li> <li>• Copies of minutes and all partnership board documentation can be found on the CBC website at <a href="http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-care/healthier-communities-older-people/fulfillinglivesdp">www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-care/healthier-communities-older-people/fulfillinglivesdp</a></li> <li>• There were no outstanding actions from the last meeting and the minutes were approved.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>2. Hot Topics</b></p> <p>Autism Bedfordshire gave an update on some amounts raised at various events on World Autism day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over £1k at the coffee morning</li> <li>• Just over £1k for the barn dance</li> </ul> <p>CBC Commissioning and Adult Learning Disability Team also provided an update raising just under £400 for their wear pink/purple, cake bake sale/competition, sponsored relay and baby photo competition.</p> <p>ELFT also updated that they had a 'decorate the gingerbread' fund raiser at Twinwoods and Bedford Hospital which was very successful.</p>		
<p><b>3. Education, Training and employment (including volunteering) Priority Theme:</b></p> <p>CBC Commissioning gave an introductory presentation reminding members of the 5 priorities</p>		

<p>that the partnership board will be concentrating on over the next 5 years as voted by partnership board members last year and in line with current local and national guidance.</p> <p>Presentation is available on the CBC website</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-care/healthier-communities-older-people/fulfillinglivesdp">www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-care/healthier-communities-older-people/fulfillinglivesdp</a></p> <p>LBC Commissioning mentioned that they will be carrying out some analysis. They now have a much better social care assessment for people in Luton and are also looking at home from hospital support for the future.</p>		
<p><b>4. New Horizons:</b></p> <p>Chris Brandom from Luton Borough Council provided a New Horizons presentation and Alex McGuinness from Autism Bedfordshire also discussed how they are working with New Horizons.</p> <p>Presentation available at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-care/healthier-communities-older-people/fulfillinglivesdp">www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-care/healthier-communities-older-people/fulfillinglivesdp</a></p>		
<p><b>5. Central Bedfordshire Council and Bedford Borough:</b></p> <p>CBC Commissioning provided a presentation on the CBC and BBC action plans. This partnership meeting is concentrating on Employment, Education, Training and Volunteering for this meeting and asked all partnership board members to participate in developing the action plan</p> <p>Presentation available at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-care/healthier-communities-older-people/fulfillinglivesdp">www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-care/healthier-communities-older-people/fulfillinglivesdp</a></p>		
<p><b>6. Employment – Personal story:</b></p> <p>Co-chair Steve Minchington gave a presentation about his personal experiences as an adult with autism in employment</p>		

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<p><b>7. Group Work</b></p> <p>The partnership board attendee's were asked to work in groups on their tables reviewing the proposed CBC and BBC action plans. They were also asked to comment on any further goals we could achieve about raising awareness, reasonable adjustments, and future opportunities.</p> <p>Providers and members were also asked to nominate themselves to take forward actions</p> <p>The notes from each group will be reviewed and incorporated as appropriate within the action plan.</p> <p>The first part of the agreed action plan will then be circulated to all members and put on the CBC and BBC websites</p>		
<p><b>8. How was this meeting – voting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everybody voted and the outcome was extremely positive. The meeting had a total of 57 attendee's.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>9. Any other business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioners and the co-chair thanked everyone for attending – it was great to see so many people in attendance and so many new faces</li> <li>Suzy Keen (CBC Commissioning Officer) is going on maternity leave at the end of August for a year – congratulations and best wishes from the partnership board to Suzy and baby</li> <li>Victoria Clout was introduced as a member of CBC Commissioning who will be working with other members of the team to cover Suzy's maternity leave.</li> <li>Terri Dorman (ELFT Clinical Group Manager) is retiring so this was also her last meeting – all partnership board members wished her all the best for the future</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gina Rockall (CBC Commissioning Support Officer) is also leaving CBC at the end of August to pursue a career in supported housing. The partnership board wished her well and good luck in her new role.</li></ul>		
<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015</b> <b>11am - 1pm</b> <b>The Rufus Centre, Flitwick</b></p>	<p><b>All</b></p>	