

North Locality Group Notes



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The North Locality Group had two main topics:



Lucy Adcock, the new Partnership Leader, introduced herself



People had a chance to ask Lucy questions



Thinking what would you like to see happen in Norfolk over the next 3 years?

Lucy Adcock (1)



Lucy Adcock is the new Learning Disability Partnership Leader. She told the group about herself



She worked for the Dereham Sense College in the past



She has family members with autism and learning disabilities.

Lucy Adcock (2)



Lucy started working for ASD Helping hands in October.



She explained that ASD Helping Hands had been awarded the contract for the partnerships.



ASD Helpings Hands started in 2010 to help the families of people with autism.

Lucy Adcock (3)



Lee Gibbons: Operations Manager

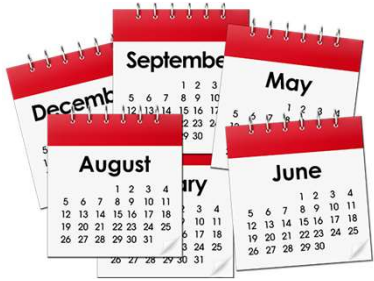


Lee went into detail about what ASD Helping Hands do and how they support individuals/families with autism



He explained that there were different groups that ran to give people the opportunity to socialise

Lucy Adcock (4)



Lucy told the group that handing over the partnerships took 4 months.



While handing over they got help from Andrew Whittle who used to be the Partnership Coordinator

Lucy Adcock (5)



Now the Partnerships are independent



Being independent means we are able to try new ways of working

Lucy Adcock (6)

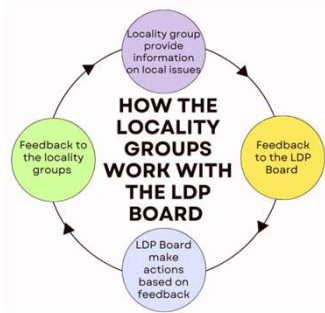


ASD Helping Hands has offices that are in Dereham



They are open for anyone to visit

Lucy Adcock (7)



Lucy told the group how she would like the Locality groups to work with the LDP board.



She said that she would like the LDP Board and Locality Groups to work together



Its important that the Locality Groups feel like their feedback is being listened too.

Questions for Lucy and her answers



Question: How are we promoting the Locality Groups?



Answer: We promote the Locality groups on the Norfolk Learning Disability website and Facebook page. There are also providers that are willing to promote for us.

Open discussion (1)



Many points were discussed such as:

- Transport
- Housing
- Employment

Transport (1)



Having access to more buses



The Buses that are in the North currently, seem reliable

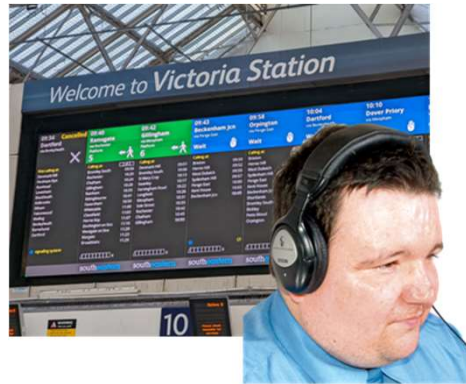


Taxis are efficient and arrive on time

Transport (2)



Bus companies to send out information to organisations if signs are being changed



Train information boards to have an audio option for people who have reading difficulties



Train passes on phones have helped as you can avoid queues and get alerts if any changes are made to train times

Housing (1)



Not enough access to housing

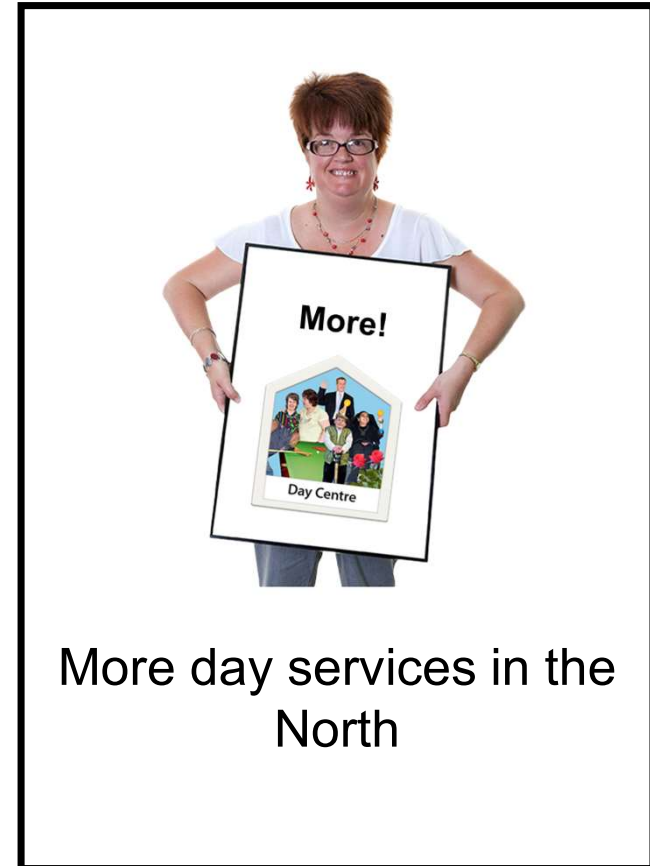
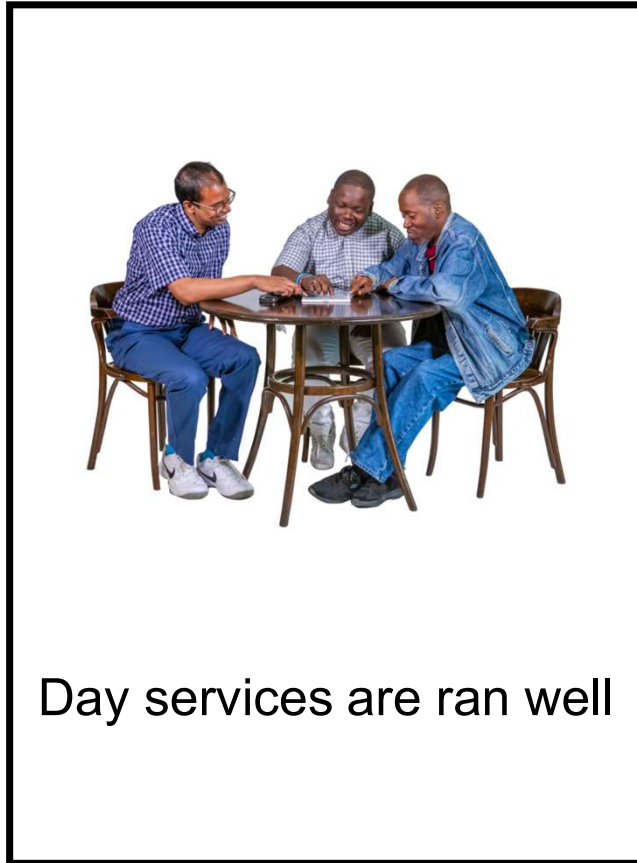


Waiting times for housing are long



Lack of support for P/C once turned 18

Day Services (1)



Employment (1)



Explore opportunities for employment and ongoing support



County Hall could promote their employment programme more for LD/Autistic people



Finding the right person for the right job

Employment (2)



There has been positive new stories of people with LD getting job placements



Places such as Morrisons, Tesco, Nore and structure flex have employed people with LD

Job Fair



Job fairs specifically for people with LD

Employment (3)



Small businesses seem to employ people with LD more than bigger companies



Contracts can be difficult to read through, Companies to consider easy read?



Work hours might be too long or too short

Employment (4)



Buttercups Tearooms has offered placements for 6 weeks



Doggy Diner Cromer has given jobs to people with LD



Volunteering opportunities need to be promoted better as people are willing to apply

Community (1)



Litter is an issue.
More litter pickers might
be needed?



Smoking has become a
problem



More accessible dentists

Community (2)



Doctors are helpful and accessible



Information needed around capacity/consent



A Norfolk book/website to show all LD services and what they offer

Community (3)



More opportunities for life long learning for those with non-verbal/complex needs



Advice on money. For example: grants and housing



More educating needed around managing money

Community (4)



Opportunities to help with educational needs. For example: reading and writing



To restart quiet times at shops



College

Courses at colleges need to be adapted to suit the person. Longer courses shortened?

Open discussion (2)



Everything the group said was written down

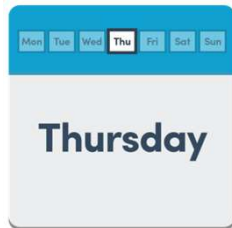


From this feedback we have come up with some considerations



These considerations will be shared with the Learning Disability Partnership Board

Date of Next meeting



Venue: 22C Holt Road
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If you have any questions or ideas to share,

Please email:

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