

North Wales Together: Seamless services for people with Learning Disabilities

Project Briefing – June 2019

We have launched!

The North Wales Together, Seamless Services for people with Learning Disabilities has finally formally launched! We welcomed people with learning disabilities, their families, parents and carer's and professionals to Venue Cymru in Llandudno, on a sunny Friday in June to talk about the transformation project, what is all about, what we will be doing and how people can get involved.

Neil Ayling, Chief Officer, Flintshire Social Services said, *“The North Wales Launch event was a tremendous success, bringing together people with learning disabilities, parents, carers, professionals and government officials, to plan how we will make a real difference in our region. North Wales Together as a change programme is well and truly up and running!”* Cllr Chris Jones, cabinet member for Social Services in Flintshire said *“I was so proud of the team that made this launch conference such a success. We have made a fantastic start with our Learning Disability Transformation Programme, and will go from strength to strength in the next 18 months. I am excited about the prospect of seeing the project grow and help to change lives for the better in our region”.*



Photo: Susie Lunt from FCCs Social Services & FCC's Cllr Christine Jones holding the celebration cake along with Bethan Jones-Edwards, Head of Regional Collaboration, Michelle Williams, volunteer, Kathryn Whitfield, Programme Manager, Andy Roach, Executive Director from BCUHB, FCCs Neil Ayling, Albert Heany, Director of Social Services and Integration with Welsh Government and FCC's Emma Cater.



“I had a really enjoyable day in the North Wales, Learning Disability Transformation Project launch. I am incredibly excited to see what happens in North Wales over the next 18 months”.

Albert Heany, Welsh Government



Shane's Story

Introducing Shane the Sheepdog!

Rather than giving a presentation on the North Wales Learning Disability Project, we decided to commission a video from Tape music and film to explain what the project is all about in a fun and accessible way.

Shane volunteers at Tape, and this was his first commissioned piece of work. Steve Swindon from Tape said “ *this has been a great learning experience for Shane, he has learnt all about deadlines and working with customers and managed to produce and direct this short animated film to a very tight deadline*”.



Liana from the LD Transformation team provided the voice for Shane the Sheepdog and she thoroughly enjoyed being part of the project. The LD Transformation team are really looking forward to seeing what Shane the Sheepdog does next as he carries on with his adventures over the next 18 months.

There is a little bit more work to do on the film, however it will be uploaded shortly. Watch this space!

The team want to thank Shane for all his hard work and introducing himself and the video at the event, well done!

The Tyddyners!

The Tyddyners provided some fantastic entertainment over lunch! They were brilliant and the team were really excited they could make our event! We will definitely be booking them out for future events. Thankyou.



Best Practice, Market Stalls and Co-production

The launch event provided a platform for everyone to come together and talk about what has been happening across the region. We heard presentations from Susie in Flintshire County Council talking about their work towards setting up Project Search by September 2019. Sonya and Andrew from Conwy County Council told us about Canolfan Marl and their assessment bungalow and their progression project. Barbara from Ynys Mon told us about their “*Together As One*” project. BCUHB told us about the Health Liaison team and the work they have been doing promote good practice for people with learning disabilities in both primary and secondary care. We want to thank all the presenters and contributors for preparing and sharing all this brilliant work across the region. If anyone wants to get in touch with any of the presenters, drop us an email and we will pass on the relevant email address/contact information.

A number of organisation’s came to showcase what they have been involved in and guests had the opportunity to walk around and learn what they are all about and what they have been up to during the breaks and lunch.



The team would like to extend a big thankyou to all the organisations who came to share the good work they have been doing.

Co-production was a big theme running through the day and is at the heart of our project. We want everyone to be involved in helping us shape services. If you want to get involved in any of the work we are doing we would love to hear from you. Please email us at learning.disability.transformation@flintshire.gov.uk

Visual Minutes

We would like to thank Lois from Scarlet Design who came up to cover the launch event. I think everyone who attended thought her visual representation of the day was amazing! Once we have the full digital version back we will post it on the website.

<https://www.northwalescollaborative.wales/learning-disabilities/>



What next...

The programme has 5 workstreams:

- **Integrated Working**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Assistive Technology**
- **Commissioning & Procurement and,**
- **Community and Culture Change**

Planning around the 5 workstreams has been initiated with team members identified to lead or co-lead in particular areas.

Discussions have taken place with statutory partners to identify which area will lead on specific projects related to each of the 5 workstreams.

- ✓ Conwy have chosen to lead in relation to Commissioning and Procurement;
- ✓ Wrexham are leading on Telecare;
- ✓ Ynys Mon are looking at pooled budgets and therefore naturally fall into the Integration workstream with links into the Commissioning and Procurement workstream;
- ✓ BCUHB are looking at the Workforce Development workstream given much of this workstream involves health links, screening and health checks;
- ✓ Flintshire will lead on Community and Culture Change.
- ✓ Gwynedd will be asked to also lead on workforce development;
- ✓ Denbighshire are undertaking projects that align with the Community and Culture change workstream.

The work falls into three phases. These are:

Mapping: June to September 19

Adoption of models: Sept 19 to Dec 19

Facilitation of models: Jan 20 to Dec 20

Further Events are currently being planned by the team:

- **Providers of Support Event – Autumn 2019**
- **Children's Event – Autumn 2019**

Please email the team if you would like to get involved and help out at either of these events.

Email Learning.disability.transformation@flintshire.gov.uk



The team welcomes thoughts, suggestions and feedback on how the team can take forward any of the work streams. Please drop us an email where we will be happy to meet up.

