



Notes of the Making it Real – North Advisory Group meeting on Wednesday 20th June 2018 (10.30am-12noon)

Present: Mark Hitchin – Expert by experience / Abi Butters – Community Equipment Services / Stewart Smith – ASC Development Officer

Apologies: Jan Smith – Carer & expert by experience (via Wayfarers) / Tracey Stretch – P2P and Memory Group Volunteer / Cristelle Wagner – ASC and Food Bank Volunteer / Ness Hicken – Volunteer Coordinator / Barry Smith – Carer & expert by experience / Margarete Davies – Carers lead officer / Katie Parkes – Senior Social Worker / Jodie Simpson – Social Work Practitioner / Lisa Stuteley – Mental Health SW Team

1	<p>Welcome & matters arising: Previous minutes available on line: https://shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-choices/making-it-real-mir/how-to-get-involved-with-the-making-it-real-mir-board/</p> <p>We had a number of apologies for this meeting. Those present agreed that we need to review attendance and opportunities for involvement.</p> <p>All agreed a call out to all contacts to join us at future meetings or to let us know the best ways for you to get involved. August meeting to be put on hold so we can build for October.</p>	<p>Next meeting will be on 17th October 2018. See point 4 below for discussion.</p>
2	<p>Due to the low numbers present the discussion of ‘Integrated Community Equipment Services’ and ‘Partnership Board’s Summit’ was put on hold for future meetings.</p> <p>Partnership Summit being followed with a meeting of Partnership Board Chairs as suggested at the event.</p>	<p>See the attached review of the Partnership Boards Summit.</p>

3	<p>Celebrating the launch of the Local Account.</p> <p>All welcomed the launch of the exciting new Local Account which is available in both paper copy and electronic formats. To view the publication, visit https://shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-choices/ MiR groups have played an important role in guiding the look and feel of the publication. Future publication dates are set for April/May each year.</p>	
4	<p>Recruiting new people to Making it Real</p> <p>We spoke about ways of recruiting new people to Making it Real. Ideas discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking staff (Social Work practitioners, Occupational Therapists and managers) to encourage people that they are working with to become involved in MiR • Expert by experience numbers are low in some other groups too (e.g. Family Carers Partnership Board). So, it would be valuable to develop an 'Experts by experience Engagement policy' that could be applied all partnership groups. This policy would help to engage new volunteers and explain the value of being involved for both the individual and the organisation. It would help us all to understand what volunteers bring to services, who they represent and it would help clarify what extras people may take away from their involvement. • An Engagement policy would help to clearly define the commitment as well as role and responsibilities of individuals. • The discussion felt it was important to try and engage people through different means and not just in meetings. It was suggested that perhaps people could take part electronically by, for example, forwarding simple phone videos with comments. Alternative means of communication need to be considered. 	Request for everyone who receives these notes to encourage others to join us for future meetings.
5	<p>AOB. Future Fit consultation:</p> <p>'Local people to shape the future of local hospital services in Future Fit public consultation'</p> <p>Please check the attached link to have your say about the Future Fit proposals in Shropshire http://shropshire.gov.uk/news/2018/05/future-fit-consultation/</p>	
7	<p>Date of the next meeting: Wednesday, 17th October 2018 (10.30 – 12 noon) Raven House Market Drayton, TF9 3AH</p>	See MiR meeting dates 2018.