At our June 2013 meeting we talked about:

- The Partnership Board Spring Event
- Out of County placements
- Our priorities for 2013 - 2014
- Updates from members and Local Groups
- Learning Disability Week 2013
The event held at Dorking Halls was a great success.

Over 300 people came to the event which had stalls as well as lots of activities for people to get involved in.

Marketplace                      Wheels For All                      Radio Station

Person Centred Planning – have you say on the mural            Workshops

Red Cross                        Fire and rescue                       Surrey Police
Sarah Mitchell, Strategic Director, Adult Social Care, Surrey County Council was very impressed with the event.

It was a FANTASTIC event - I am so proud of you all - it was truly and excellent day and my spirits soared as a result of being there.

It was a really good example of how far we have come - all the disability groups and all the services working together to provide fabulous opportunities for people.

The feedback from people and organisations who came to the event has been very positive.

- People liked having the main hall as a marketplace and stallholders said people had time to spend at the stalls to find out lots of useful information.

- The Staying Safe workshops were a great success. The Starstruck group will be doing awareness raising with Surrey Police in local schools.

- Wheels For All was very popular and a bid is being put together to have accessible bikes in every Surrey park.

- The tree mural worked well as a way to help people have their say and we can use this again.

- We will continue to promote ‘Staying Safe’ – things like using the In Case of Emergency cards, Care Passports and Fire safety checks.
Annie Henley Ashton managed the project team who reviewed the placements of people with learning disabilities which are outside of Surrey.

The team visited each of the people who live outside of Surrey. Many live near to Surrey but some live as far away as Cornwall, Wales and Scotland.

They all live in residential homes.

**The team had 8 weeks to visit people and did all the visits by the end of May 2013.**

The team had a checklist of questions and also checked whether people had up to date assessments.

Each person was sent an Easy Read letter about the visit.
The Communication Jigsaw Tool was used to talk with the people the team visited.

The visits focused on whether the person was happy and wanted to stay where they were living.

The team saw 2 or 3 people each day.

- 535 people were visited in total
- 213 people did not need a visit as they had been recently visited by Surrey County Council
- It was not possible to visit one person as they were on a long holiday in the Caribbean. They are very happy though.

What we found out from the visits.

- Out of the 535 visits there were only 4 safeguarding concerns. After investigating these there was no need for further action.
- Many people are getting older and using health services more.
- We found out who needed a new assessment of their needs and these people will be send a Supported Self Assessment.
Partnership Board members questions and comments

Gaynor Gibbins:
Did people have an advocate or family member present during the visits?

Some people did, though the visits were mainly a snapshot of providers to check all the paperwork was up to date.

Mary Hendrick:
Many people were very happy in the area they were living. One person lived in Wales because her family were there. One person was placed in Bognor because her close friend lived there – they are still in contact.

Antony McCallum:
The NHS are doing a similar piece of work – a small team are being appointed. It would be good to link this work together.

Sara Truman:
Are you going to be bringing any of the people back to Surrey?

There are 75 re-assessments to be done. A couple of people have said they want to move back to Surrey. It will depend on people's needs and wishes. If people can't make that decision there will be best interest meetings.

Marion Price:
If any of these out of county residential homes change to supported living services what will happen to people?

The local authority in that area would take over responsibility. It shouldn’t mean that people who live together are split up.
The Surrey County Council Commissioning Team explained their priorities for the year.

These priorities will be talked about in detail at the next partnership Board project group meeting in July.

The priority areas are:

- Personalisation
- Housing and Support
- Improving health

1. Personalisation

Making sure people have more choice and control in their lives.

- People will have a personal budget for their care and support.
- There will be a wide range of services for people to choose from.
Young people in transition
Lead - Mary Hendrick
Work with providers to develop more support and services within Surrey.

Short Breaks
Lead – Chris Esson
Work with providers to develop more short break & respite services in Surrey.

Finding out people’s needs
Lead – Gail Petty
The personalisation team will re-assess the needs of 424 people using services in Surrey.

Expensive packages of care
Lead – Andrew Price
Work with providers to develop support options for people with additional needs.
2. Housing and Support

Making sure people have a safe home and housing rights.

- There will be more supported living services.
- People will have more choice and control.

Re-registration
Lead – Jo Parkinson

Work with four residential services to help them to change to supported living.

Ordinary Residence
Lead – Andrew Price

Make sure that people are supported by the right local authority.

The Housing and Support Alliance (formerly Housing Options) offer advice on housing options.

www.housingandsupport.org.uk
3. Improving health

Making sure people have equal health care in Surrey.

- More people will have annual health checks at their GP Surgery.

- People will have better access to preventative health services.

Health and social care

Lead – Jo Poynter

Health and social care will work together to develop services.

Health strategy

Lead – Jo Poynter

We will work to implement the learning disability health strategy.

Tom Moore will be leading on Older People in Transition. Marion Price reminded us that this was an important area of work.
Hate Crime work with Surrey Police

Mike Leat updated us about this work

The aim of the project is to help people with learning disabilities stay safe from crime and report crime if it does happen.

Barry Hobbs and the self advocacy groups have been filming a DVD. To finish the DVD we need to have the Easy Read materials and website ready to use.

Mike is working with Surrey Police to design:

- A set of 8 Easy Read Crime Prevention factsheets
- An Easy Read guide to reporting crime
- An Easy Read section of the Surrey Police website.

The Crime Prevention factsheets

These are finished and on the Surrey Police website. They are not easy to find so Mike will create a link from the Partnership Board website to them.
Easy Read reporting and website

This is taking longer to finish as Mike is working with Surrey Coalition and Surrey Police to agree the process for third party reporting.

The Hubs could become third party reporting places – where people can report a Hate Crime rather than talking to the Police.

Mike has now been invited onto Surrey police’s ‘Opening Doors’ group which looks at making Surrey Police more accessible.

North West Surrey Valuing People Group

The group are involved in setting up the ‘Safer Places’ scheme in Woking.

Shops in Woking will sign up to be places where people who are feeling scared and vulnerable when out and about can go for support.

Shops will show the safe places stickers on their door or window.

South West Surrey Valuing People Group

Susie Slingo has been elected as the new co-chair for the group

The group are planning an event on 20th June 2013 called ‘Going Green’ and have their new leaflet nearly ready.
South East Surrey Valuing People Group

The group last had an open meeting in March 2013. The meeting was about cancer awareness.

At their business meeting in May they had positive feedback about the Partnership Board Spring Event.

At their next meeting in June they will be having a talk from Alistair Calder on benefit changes.

The group asked that a Surrey County Council representative comes to the meetings.

Support for the Local Groups

Mary Hendrick explained that she is aware the groups need more support.

A communications worker will be appointed soon, and part of their role will be to support the groups.

Self Advocacy Groups

Barry Hobbs and David Muir updated us about the groups.

The Redhill group has moved from Colebrook to a local church hall.

The Epsom group is growing with new members

The Farnham group now meets on a Tuesday instead of a Monday so more people can come.
Self Advocacy Groups - continued

The groups are talking a lot about personalisation and housing options.

The groups have been identifying people who don’t have a named care practitioner and this has now been sorted out.

Transition events

An event was held in April 2013, and another is planned for August.

Autism Partnership Board

The Board have been working with Surrey Police on an Autism Alert Card.

Autism training has been provided to The Police, Probation and The Criminal Justice System.

There was a very positive evaluation of the Autism Champions Programme and a new group of people will start the training in September 2013.
This year Learning Disability Week will take place from 19 to 25 August

We will be promoting all the things people with learning disabilities do to benefit their communities.

The theme will be ‘Valuing People in our community.’

We will build on the success of the activities at our Spring Event and have booked a double decker bus, that has wheelchair access, for the week.

The bus will travel around Surrey during the week giving people the opportunity to get involved in lots of different activities.

Partnership Board members talked in small groups to give their ideas for Learning Disability week.
Any other business

New co-chair for The Partnership Board

Cllr Michael Gosling will now be taking on the Health and Wellbeing portfolio, so will no longer co-chair the Partnership Board.

The new co-chair will be Cllr Mel Few.
Members who came to our June 2013 meeting are typed in black.

Members highlighted in blue sent their apologies

**Co – Chairs**
- Linda Stonestreet – service user
- Cllr Michael Gosling – Surrey County Council Elected Member

**Local Valuing People Group Chairs**
- Cath White - RAD – South East Surrey
- Nicky Palmer - Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – South West Surrey
- Mary Hendrick – Surrey County Council - North West Surrey
- Sally Dubery – CVS – North East Surrey

**People with learning disabilities**
- Tori Longley
- Barry Roberts
- Frank (SWAG)
- Amanda Price
- George Felwick
- Suzanne Slingo
- Barry Pullen
- James Chilton
- David Muir

**Family Carer Representatives**
- Marion Price MBE
- Gaynor Gibbins
- Sara Truman MBE
- Jenny Fookes

**Voluntary Organisation Representatives**
- James Hodge - Mencap
- Alison White – Surrey Coalition of Disabled People
- Clive Wood - Surrey Disabled People’s Partnership
- Deborah Tosler and Alan Wilmot – Surrey Care Association
- Barry Hobbs, Stuart Starkey- Kingston Advocacy Group

**Statutory Organisation Representatives**
- Jo Poynter – Commissioning Manager SCC
- Andrew Price – Commissioning SCC
- Tom Moore – Commissioning SCC
- Mary Hendrick – Partnership Manager, Surrey County Council
- Andy Erskine – Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Ginny Willis - Surrey Careers Service
- Phil Boulter – SABP NHS Foundation Trust
- Kathryn Telford – Carers (SCC)
- Antony McCallum - NHS
- Jill Rasmusen – Primary Care
- Jean Hills – Safeguarding Adults
- Nanu – NHS
- Julie Pointer – Transition Development Worker
- Debbie Medlock – Assistant Director, Service Delivery Surrey County Council
- Jane Ship and Jane Owens – Surrey Healthwatch
- Steven Ward – SCC Assistant Commissioner
- Kat McKann – Project officer – SCC Service Delivery
- Alex Beck – Information officer – SCC Service Delivery

**Observers and speakers**
- Tony Hall
- Jackie Del Rio – Welmede
- Annie Henley
- Ashton – SCC
- Danielle Bass – SCC
- Commissioning
- Ayo Abugo – Category Specialist, Procurement, SCC
- Deborah Tosler – Prospect Housing

**Supporters**
- Suzy Knox - SCC
- Mike Leat – CCP Ltd