Minutes of our December 2015 Meeting

We met at:
Holy Trinity Church, Carlton Road, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 2BX.

The Meeting was Chaired by Cath White.
What we talked about today

Minutes of our last meeting

Colebrook Day Centre Update

Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy

Positive Behaviour Support Network Update

Updates from members
Who came to our meeting

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The Minutes from the last meeting on 11 November 2015 were agreed as being correct.

Colebrook Day Centre: Update

Presentation from Anne Shiels

Anne Shiels from Surrey Choices spoke about the closure of Colebrook Day Centre, which is due to take place on 22 April 2016.

Unfortunately the building is in very poor condition. For example there are leaks.

Therefore it is no longer adequate in order for Surrey Choices to provide a good service.
Surrey Choices are in the process of developing an number of buildings for their customers.

1. **Priory Gate (Reigate)**

The building has been adapted, so Surrey Choices will be able to continue to offer the same sessions as being run previously.

It will cater for a maximum of 20 customers and those with more complex needs.

There is plenty of parking and 4 mini-buses have been secured.

2. **Douglas Brunton Centre (Tandridge)**

Decorating starts on 18 December and it is hoped that it will be in use from 4 January 2016. There will be a conservatory.

3. **Horley Site**

It is currently empty but it will be very much be part of the local community, as the library is next door. It only needs to be big enough for a small number of people.
Surrey Choices are also looking for a property in Blenchingley.

Surrey Choices are using a new design. The idea is to create a sense of belonging by using imagery of their local community. The design language will centre around the town that that particularly site is based in. Customers will recognise the buildings and want to wander around (but not limited to) that town, encouraging a sense of freedom and independence.

The design language will involve:
• Colour association: using specific colours associated with different rooms, you know that you are in a Surrey Choices building.
• Signage: the wayfinding continues this story by using the visual language of the streets and towns, including street signs to show which rooms are for what sessions.
• Navigation: use of skirting boards as navigation – different coloured lines above the skirting boards.
Sean Jenkins said that Surrey Choices are moving towards providing a 7 day service which will extend into the evenings (9am-9pm).

Surrey Choices has already started a short breaks service and there will be more evening events.

The Garden Centre will remain open.

Customers

Cath White asked about the issue of friendships at Colebrook. Sean said Surrey Choices staff are well aware of this and will continue try to support their clients through the changes as much as possible.

Surrey Choices charges a standard fee of £60 per day.
Update from Tom Moore

Tom Moore said that following on from some initial feedback, the Draft Learning Disability and Autism Strategy has been amended.

Additionally the Survey has been refined too.

A link to the all the consultation documents will be circulated as soon as they have been finalised.

**Action: Sarah Linington**

Dennis Shattell said that he would also be happy to circulate the link.
Update from Tom Moore and Jen Fookes

Tom Moore said that the Surrey Positive Behaviour Network consists of a group of people from across the county to develop support for Positive Behaviour. It brings together a core network of expertise, including experts by experience and a wider group of interested people and organisations, looking to develop their knowledge. They share information on best practice informed by research. They also share information about where to get training and support.

Jen spoke about her involvement with the Network. She said that she had been invited to become a Co-chair and she feels that it is a great opportunity to work together, as well as giving a voice to parents. It is a real source of support and has the potential to improve lives and save money.

The Network launched on 15 March 2015. The Network’s Partnership Board meets quarterly and each one focuses on a different topic. The next meeting on 10 December 2015 will discuss whistleblowing. The Network is open to anyone but there is also a smaller Steering Group. For further information, please visit: www.surreypb.org.uk
Cath White asked the Group if there were any topics that they would like to discuss at the 2016 Valuing People Group Meetings.

The following were suggested:

- Colebrook Update (March).
- Positive Behaviour Support Network Update.
- Transforming Care.
- Big Lunches.
- Benefits.
- Learning Disability Week.
- Link to the Partnership Board.
- Overview of The Squirrels (Respite Centre).

Sean Jenkins provided a list of ideas discussed at a recent Advocacy Group Meeting:

- Colebrook and the future.
- Handling your own finances.
- Friendships.
- IT.
- Keeping safe and road safety.
- Safety in the home.
- Confidence.
- Hate crime.
Updates from members

Mencap Update

Christmas Activities

Jim Lord said that they are currently very busy with lots of Christmas activities:
• Christmas Party
• Arts and Crafts
• Pantomime

Activities

Jim said that they will continue to circulate the South East Surrey Me Time Newsletter. As well as the regular activities such as swimming, bowling and golf, it is hoped to offer football on a weekly basis and regular trips to London.

Jim said that this will be his last meeting, as he is leaving. However this group will continue to have representation from Mencap.
Other News

Guildford Park and Ride

From Monday 2 November 2015, passengers with an older person’s bus pass travelling on any of the Guildford Park and Ride services will be charged a concessionary £1 day return fare. The introduction of this charge follows a recent public consultation in which over 1,600 residents had their say on the proposals.

The £1 day return fare will be applicable all day on every day these services are running. Older person’s bus pass holders will still need to present their pass to the driver to receive the concessionary £1 day return fare. Disabled person’s bus pass holders and companion bus pass holders (and their companions) will still be able to travel for free on Guildford Park and Ride services.

This change does not affect older or disabled person’s concessionary travel on local bus services. For information on local bus services in Surrey, please visit: surreycc.gov.uk/buses
East Surrey Local Valuing People Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th} January 2016 from 1pm to 3pm.

We are meeting at:
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