

Local Advisory Group **Meeting Minutes**

November 2024

Date	27 November 2024
Location	Meeting Room, Queens Road, Barnsley
Present	Christine Key (CK) – Chair Andy Simms (AS) Maggie Stubbs MBE (MS) Liz Norris (LN) Ian Guest (IG) Claire Wilcockson (CW)
In attendance	Lesley Cooper (LC) Chloe Bannister (CB) Tracy Hughes (TH) James Goodwin (JG) – minutes David Johnson (DJ)
Apologies	N/A
1. Welcome and Introductions	CK welcomed everyone to the meeting, and short introductions took place.
2. Declarations	N/A
3. Minutes of the previous meeting	Agreed as a true record.
4. Matters arising/Action log	N/A
5. Manager/Staff Update – LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1 – Adult Social Care, from the mystery shopper exercise we produced a report and recommendations that were used as part of the BMBC peer review in October. • Priority 2 – Mental Health, our project launched on World Mental Health Day (16 October) and will run until next February. Themes will be prioritising mental health in the workplace, mental health support for staff and volunteers, looking at what low level mental health support is available

	<p>locally, issues faced by people accessing the local memory service (including carers of people with dementia). We will also promote our F-word project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 3 – GP Services and how they work, this work is planned between March and May 2025. • TH spoke of safeguarding themed events held the previous week, which provided an arena for the public to ask questions and obtain information. Various services attended for the benefit of the public, including free blood pressure checks being available, which added value to the sessions. • The safeguarding champions that TH referred to Cath Erine at BMBC were discussed. There has not been an update on this from BMBC, so LC and CK will mention this to Cath when they meet with her. • Task and Finish Group for Carers – CB updated. Unpaid carers were discussed and how to engage with carers that are seldom heard and do not engage with services. CB is keen to make contact with carers in this category, as they are also often unaware of benefits available to them, such as NI credits.
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The remainder of the meeting was held in private and the following notes are for Board Members only

Date of next meeting	Wednesday 29 January 2025
Time	1pm
Location	Meeting Room, 23 Queens Road, Barnsley

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