

Lincolnshire Co-Production Network

“Local people working with services to develop personalised approaches”

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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WHO WE ARE

The Lincolnshire Coproduction Network is a friendly group of people with complex health conditions and disabilities, and family members caring for a loved one. Members have direct relevant experience of long term health conditions and disabilities.

The group was brought together at the beginning of 2016 to co-design health and social care services as part of the Lincolnshire Integrated Personal Commissioning Demonstrator site programme. Through support from peoplehub (www.peoplehub.org.uk), group members have developed their skills, knowledge and confidence to contribute to care policies. Moving forward with support from Every-One (www.every-one.org.uk), the network is adapting to changes in the national policy context and is now an established point of contact for commissioners to co-design support focusing on the personalised approaches.

As a Network we understand what it is that Integrated Personal Commissioning is trying to achieve and its three main aims of:

- better quality of life and enhanced health and well-being
- fewer crises that lead to unplanned hospital and institutional care and
- enhanced experience of care through better coordination and personalisation of health, social care and other services

WHAT WE OFFER

As a supportive, **Critical Friend** to the development of personalised approaches in Lincolnshire we contribute the perspective of people with long term health conditions and disabilities, and ensure people’s voices, ideas and experiences are heard and can be used to shape policy and practice. We do that for example by:

- Contributing to policy and practice documents
- Supporting the contents and design of public facing information
- Being an integral part of recruitment processes
- Support the design and delivery of workforce development

We are not:

- focussed on one to one informal peer support, which is important, but different from our role
- able to co-produce every single piece of work that is to be done. The network will work with commissioners to identify where we both agree we can have the greatest impact.

OUR PRINCIPLES

- We are committed to working in constructive partnership for the benefit of the whole population of Lincolnshire
- We respect that members have complex and busy lives and that what they bring to the Network is not only their lived-experience but also a wealth of other knowledge and skills from their lives. We ensure that those experiences are recognised and valued, and all members have something to contribute to co-production
- We are working towards a personalised approach that is so well implemented that the work of the network is complete. This will be a mutual judgement based on relevant local evaluative feedback
- We are committed to working with services to embed relevant feedback from local people.

OUR APPROACH

We:

- offer a strategic, population based, partnership approach with the statutory sector that impacts on people’s lives in Lincolnshire and that respects and values different perspectives
- have deliberately chosen and will continue, with appropriate input, to grow our depth of knowledge of Personalised Care and specifically Personal Health Budgets. This is in order that our contributions can be most meaningful and effective
- will focus on specific pieces of work which we, and our partners in the statutory sector, both see as important
- recognise that we can’t do everything, but can contribute best through focussed joint discussions at our meetings which are then fed into formal decision-making groups
- are committed, where relevant, to being active participants in agreed, key strategic meetings
- will, when we can, be responsive to requests for feedback, and will be proactive in offering our support to co-produce
- aim to be a relatively small but in-depth knowledge group (not a broad / wide consultative group) and recognise the importance of the statutory sector investing in people’s knowledge, skills and confidence to enable our meaningful contribution
- will act if we notice things are going in the wrong direction, and where we can, support to get them back on track. We will challenge when things are going well. In other words, when things are going in the right direction, we will help to push them further on
- will focus on **how** personalised approaches are implemented, including how funding is used to best effect so people achieve their health and wellbeing outcomes.

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