

Medway Physical Disability Partnership Board

Vision

Members of The Physical Disability Partnership Board aim to work together to improve and develop services for people with a physical disability.

Terms of Reference

- To ensure that the requirements of national and local policies relating to disability are incorporated into everything the council does.
- To offer advice with regard to new developments and service initiatives.
- To support and acknowledge good practice across all physical disability services. To encourage the sharing of good ideas and challenge where necessary.
- To work together with the shared aim of improving services within Health and Social Care for everyone.
- To ensure that the views of disabled people are considered when developing council policies and the board be formally recognised as a vehicle for formal consultation.
- To receive and comment on reports regarding current projects.
- To be consulted on future services or strategies and act as a reference group promoting access to local services.
- To provide a voice to raise the profile of people with physical disabilities in Medway.

The board will aim to:

Receive updates from services across the health and social care economy including information about key services commissioned by NHS Medway.

Discuss new proposals for services and have views considered as part of the consultation process.

Meet key providers of services across health and council services.

When will the Partnership Board meet?

The Board will meet a minimum of 3 times a year and maximum of 6. To be reviewed annually.



Who will be on the Partnership Board?



Background

- The shared experiences of people with a physical disability are of great value in relation to developing and reviewing services. However, it is recognised that no individual can represent all.
- Those elected to the board will be able to serve a term of 3 years following which re-election would be required.

Board Members

Chair

Elected Independent Chair

Assistant Chair – Assistant Director, Adult Social Care
- Council Member

Elected Board Members

- 4-6 people with a physical/sensory disability
- 1 person from the “Providers Forum”.
- 3 persons from voluntary/local organisations.
- 3 by invitation of the board

Statutory Services Members

- Assistant Director Adult Social Care.
- 1 person from NHS Medway
- 1 person from Medway Community Health Care.
- 1 person from Housing Strategy
- Service Manager, Physical Disability Services
- Team Manager, Sensory Services
- Team Manager, Physical Disability Care Management Team
- Team Manager, Occupational Therapy Service
- Self Directed Support Team Manager
- Manager Physical Disability Day Service
- Medway User led organisation

The membership of the Partnership Board will be reviewed annually.

Election process

Existing Board Members

After the 3-year term a letter will be sent to the Board member asking if they wished to be considered for a further term.

If they wish to be considered for re-election then all Members of the board would be written to and asked to submit a postal vote. To be re-elected 50% of the board would need to be in agreement.

If the board member wishes to step down other Service Users would be approached and all potential applicants for the position would be asked to submit a statement outlining why they wish to be elected. In this situation, the candidate with the most votes would be given the position following the postal voting system.

Travel expenses

Those members of the Board who are attending in a voluntary capacity are entitled to have their travel expenses to the Board reimbursed.