

Partnership Network Meeting Minutes

Venue: West Derby Community Association, Liverpool

Facilitator: Carley Kennedy (LSCP)

1. Welcome and Housekeeping

Meeting opened by Carley Kennedy (LSCP). General welcome and housekeeping were provided. The agenda for the meeting was outlined and attendees were advised that the next Partnership Network Meeting would take place on 26th November 2026.

2. Sana Din – Nursing and Midwifery Council Employer Link Service

- Overview of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Employer Link Service and the support available to employers of nursing and midwifery professionals.
- The service provides advice and guidance when concerns arise regarding professional practice and supports appropriate referral processes.
- Emphasis was placed on robust local investigations, governance processes and creating a culture of openness and learning.
- Information was shared regarding free learning sessions covering topics including Fitness to Practise, Record Keeping, Accountability and Delegation, Preceptorship and support for internationally educated nurses.
- Employer feedback demonstrated high levels of satisfaction with the service and confidence in the support provided.
- Contact employerlinkservice@nmc-uk.org Employer advice line: **0207 462 8850**
- Are you interested in a FREE learning session for your organisation?

Contact Sana Din via sana.din@nmc-uk.org

3. Diane Clayton – Adult Social Care Market Position Statement 2026–2031

- Presentation provided an overview of Liverpool City Council's Adult Social Care Market Position Statement 2026–2031.
- Key priorities include supporting independence, prevention and a Home First approach across adult social care services.
- The Council's vision focuses on reducing reliance on institutional care and increasing community-based support.
- Technology Enabled Care (TEC), digital innovation and partnership working were highlighted as key priorities for future service development.
- Future opportunities were outlined across home care, supported living, extra care housing, day opportunities and technology-enabled care services.
- Providers were encouraged to engage with future commissioning activity, market engagement events and co-production opportunities.

Please find the link to the statement <https://liverpool.gov.uk/media/vwnh4r20/liverpool-city-council-adult-social-care-market-position-statement-2026-2031.pdf>

For more information contact: diane.clayton@liverpool.gov.uk

4. Comfort Break

Tea/coffee break provided. No formal discussion recorded.

5. Lynne Horton – National Care Forum

- Findings from the Liverpool City Region Adult Social Care Testbed were presented, highlighting variation in digital skills across the workforce.
- Digital confidence, leadership and inclusion were identified as key factors in successful digital transformation.
- The importance of balancing technology, data and workforce skills was discussed.
- Consideration was given to ethical use of technology, information governance and cyber security within care services.
- The emerging Care Technologist role was introduced as a means of supporting independence and technology-enabled care.
- Information was provided on the Care Technologist Programme and Digital Leadership Programme available to the sector.

For more information contact Lynne - lynne.horton@nationalcareforum.org.uk

6. Louie Werth – CQC Single Assessment Framework

- Update provided on proposed changes to the CQC Single Assessment Framework for adult social care.
- Changes discussed included new assessment approaches, ratings characteristics and inspection methodology.
- Greater emphasis is expected to be placed on observation, stakeholder engagement and demonstrating outcomes for people using services.
- Planned and rapid response inspection approaches were outlined.
- The importance of staff confidence and engagement during inspections was highlighted.
- Providers were encouraged to remain informed of future developments and prepare for forthcoming regulatory changes.

For more information contact Louie - louiewerth@careresearch.co.uk

7. AOB, Networking and Close

No additional discussion points recorded.

Next Event: 26th November 2026