

Note of Meeting

Ayrshire Involvement Network 11th February 2020



1. Welcome and introductions

Gemma Stevenson chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone who had come, despite the bad weather.



2. Group Rules

These were read out.

3. News



Elizabeth did a presentation for the big NIN in Edinburgh about her support plan.

The meeting was looking at self-directed support.

Tom talked about Changes that happened at the George Steven Centre. Some people have left and gone to a new centre. He said people were sad about this.

The George Stephen Centre is now a Community Hub. The café will be open more.

Gemma has been nominated for a community champions award.



Gemma and Michael from the NIN did a workshop about the Charter at Trindlemoss, the new day service in Irvine.

Kyle Day Services in Ayr was ordered to reopen by the Court because it had not asked families about it enough.

The Health and Social Care Partnership closed it because they thought it was not suitable.

It means that the law says people must be involved in big decisions.

Tom did a presentation at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow for 300 people.

**Evelyn Gilchrist,
SDS Manager at ain
(Ayrshire Independent Living Network)**



Everyone who gets support is on self-directed support now. This is sometimes called SDS. SDS should give you more choice and control. Everyone should have been offered 4 options:

- 1.** Choose Direct Payments to buy and arrange the support you want
- 2.** Ask the council to arrange the support you want and the money is managed through an Individual Service Fund (ISF)

3. The council pick and arrange the support they think is best for you.

4. A mix of the other 3 options

Most people at the meeting didn't think they had had been given these choices.

Evelyn said ailyn can help. ailyn give training on SDS and the 4 options to anyone in Ayrshire.



They have a list of all the care providers. They can help with interviewing and do a payroll service. They can help you to run your own support.



Peter Joyce

ailyn Management Board

Peter has a lot of experience as a director at ailyn, being on the Access Panel and of using SDS himself.

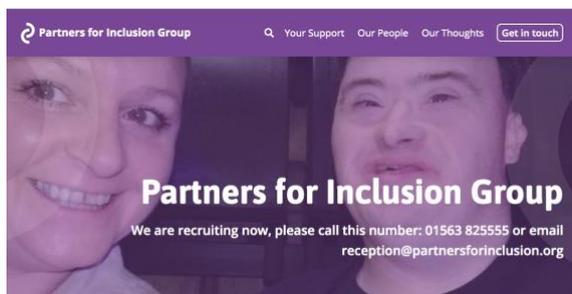
On the Access Panel, Peter gives advice on making places more accessible.

Peter has Option 1 of SDS. He uses the money to employ a PA (personal assistant). His PA helps with needs to do with his disability.

Peter also does Celtic football club Disabled Supporters Association. They got an award from the Centre for Access to Football in Europe.



Peter is happy to be contacted if you have questions or want to know more.



Fiona and Marjorie Partners for Inclusion

Partners is a care organisation.

They design support around each person.

They do a planning day for each person and work out what will work for them.

Everyone recruits their own support team.

People can save their support hours so they can do different things and have flexible support.



This meeting had to end early because of a weather warning.

The Next Meeting is on 14th April at Ardrossan Bowling Club

