




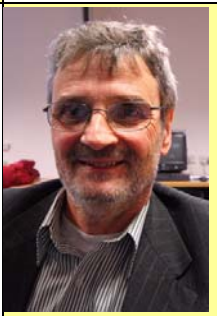
Learning Disability Partnership Board

Minutes (notes) of the meeting

21 July 2009

Livesey Children's and All Age Centre, Blackburn

People that came to the meeting

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|  | <p>Mandy Crabtree Service User Stansfeld Centre</p> |  | <p>Stephen Power Service User Accrington Road Community Day Services</p> |
|  | <p>Dorothy Braithwaite Parent</p> |  | <p>Nigel Braithwaite Parent</p> |



Gill Cousins
St Mary's College
Parent



Katherine Warman
Parent



Tom Noone
Parent and
BwD Supported
Living Service



Alice Jepson
Parent



Stephen Sloss
Strategic Director
of
Adult Social Care
and Health (Chair)



Councillor Karimeh
Foster
Lead Member, Adult
Social Services



Rosemary
Molyneux
Head of Service -
Transformation
and Partnerships



Pete Soothill
Joint
Commissioning
Manager



Maggie Ecroyd

Workforce
Development



Barbara Marsden

Minute taker and
Directorate
Support



James Allerton

Transitions
Co-Ordinator



Cheryl Fish

Minute taker and
Directorate
Support



James Hughes

React



Denise Gaffing

East Lancs PCT



Gary Dodds

Stansfeld
Day Services



Isabel Robinson

East Lancs PCT
Community
Services



Alison
Westwood

Senior Carer
Strategy
Manager



Gaynor Roe

Mencap
(National)



Glynn Lowndes
CXL Connexions



Paul Wilson
Bootstrap
Enterprises



Lesley Bray
BwD
Neighbourhoods
and Learning



Dawn Gray
Shared Lives
Scheme Carer

Susan Kelly
Housing Strategy Manager

Gemma McMullan
Communications and
Information Officer/
Easy Read Minutes

Carol Hartley
Carer

People that couldn't come to the meeting

Councillor David Foster

Andy Clift

Lori Homayon-Jones

Marion Fisher

Andrew Key

Anne Marie Pickering

Jackie Clarkson

Sam Morris

Yasmin Khalil

1. Hello and welcome



Stephen Sloss said hello and opened the meeting.



Everybody said who they are.

There were 2 new people at the meeting:



Isabel Robinson from East Lancs PCT Community Services




and Gaynor Roe from Mencap (National).

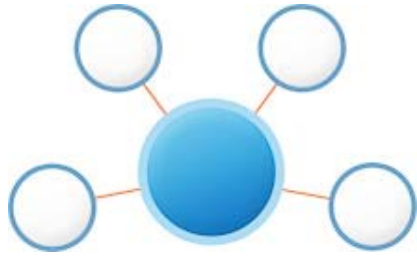


Stephen said what the traffic light cards mean:

- The red card is to stop the meeting, or to vote no
- The amber card is to ask a question
- The green card is to vote yes or to put in the air when you want to speak

2. Things to talk about from the last meeting

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|  | <p>Rosemary had a meeting with Garth Hodgkinson from CVS (Community and Voluntary Service).</p> |
|  | <p>They think that Lin Cutforth, Health Social Care and Disability Officer may come to the Partnership Board meetings.</p> <p>Lin will represent the 'third' sector. (The 'third sector' means voluntary organisations, or organisations that are there to help people rather than just make money.)</p> <p>Lin is already part of the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Group.</p> <p>Garth said that Kate Lee, Volunteer Centre Manager, from CVS could come to the Partnership Board meetings to tell us about her job.</p> |



Gemma will draw a picture to help us understand how the Partnership Board fits in with the other boards.

3. Service users



James Hughes from REACT talked about the last Service User Network meeting on 19 May.



At the next meeting the Service User Network will talk about:



Getting more people to come to meetings



How service users can be in control of the meetings



Their next meeting is on 28 July at Accrington Road Community Day Services.



Meetings should be held at a local place to make it easier for people to get there.



Nigel said there is a problem with the 'Fairer Charging Policy' (how we charge people for the services they use).



A service user had to pay for services even though he was on holiday.



The charging system runs from Monday to Sunday.

But because the service user was on holiday from Saturday to Sunday he still had to pay for services he hadn't used.





There was another problem with a bill somebody got. It wasn't clear what the bill was for.

Rosemary said we need to say what we are charging for on our bills.

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|  | <p>Rosemary will talk to Peter Soothill about charging and bills.</p> |
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4. Carers

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|  | <p>Alison Westwood said the Carers Service has got money to pay for a carers roadshow.</p> |
|  | <p>Alison is setting up a Regional Family Forum event for carers of people with learning disabilities.</p> <p>She hopes this will take place in autumn.</p> <p>If anyone wants to help Alison set up the forum please contact her on 588960 or e-mail alison.westwood@blackburn.gov.uk</p> |



Stephen Sloss said we will talk about carers assessments at the next meeting.



The Carers Service is advertising the 'Learning Disability Carers Worker' job.



They will interview people in August.



They have got money from the Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF) to pay for the job.



If anyone wants to know more about the job ask Alison.



Gill thinks the transitions service could be better.





Gill said people who are moving from Children's Services to Adult Social Services will be shocked, because the 2 services are very different.

We need a special service to help people going through transition.



People in transition should be placed with people of a similar age to them.

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|  | <p>We should work with our partners to make the transitions service better.</p> |
| <p>18 X 25 ✓</p> | <p>Gill thinks young people should move to Adult Social Services at 25 not 18.</p> |
|  | <p>Gill has got 2 sons, aged 18 and 15.</p> <p>Her 18 year old son has a learning disability.</p> <p>Gill said the future looks bright for her 15 year old son.</p> <p>But there aren't as many good things on offer for her son with a learning disability.</p> |



Gill met with Stephen Sloss a few weeks ago.

They are hoping to have a meeting with Peter Morgan and Graham Burgess to talk about the problems with transitions.



Before they meet Graham and Peter, we need to come up with ideas about how transitions could be better.



One idea is that parents could start a user-led transitions service that would do the things that young people need.

Another idea is to create a new service in-between children's and adult services.

We need to think about how local people could be involved in setting up and running the service.



Stephen said that no decisions have been made yet.

We need to think of the best way to do things.

Stephen thinks there are enough people in need of a special transitions service to make it worth doing.



Rosemary will set up a Project Group to look at what parents are saying.

These are some of the people that will go to the meeting:



Gill Cousins, Lesley Bray, Denise Gaffing, Paul Wilson, Geoff Fitzpatrick (Head of Newfield School), Katherine Warman and Glynn Lowndes.



Councillor Karimeh Foster said we could link the transitions service to schools and colleges.



Tom Noone said he knows how Gill feels.

He talked about his son and how in 20 years nothing seems to have changed.

He is interested to see if transitions can be made better.



Tom said maybe we could set up a supported living service.



Lesley Bray said that we need time to look at supported living and the package as a whole.



Lesley said that making friendships and relationships with other people of the same age is important.



Stephen said the third sector or the private sector could maybe provide the service.



Lesley said there are special centres for adults which help disabled people learn to live independently.



Stephen said we need to decide by the middle of October if we have any proposals for the development.



We might be able to get involved with things that are already happening (like Darwen Leisure Centre).



Gill and Rosemary will tell us how things are going at the meeting in September.



10 service users are taking part in a trial run of self directed support.

5. Job to support the Learning Disability Partnership Board

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|  | <p>Peter Soothill said we have got money to pay for a part-time person to support the Learning Disability Partnership Board.</p> |
|  | <p>At the Joint Commissioning Board people thought it would be better if this person wasn't employed by the Council, but by another organisation.</p> |
|  | <p>We are looking for an organisation to host the job.</p> |
|  | <p>We need to think about organisations that are run by service users. These are called 'user-led organisations'.</p> |
|  | <p>Peter said we have got money to pay for the job for 12 months.</p> |



If we host the job outside of the Council we might be able to get more funding (money) to pay for the job for longer.



We might be able to get enough funding to pay for 2 jobs.

This means we could create another job, or use the money to help pay for the user-led organisation.



Someone asked Peter if the job could link to another job or could people job-share?

Peter said yes.

If the job wasn't hosted by the Council it would make it easier to do things like job sharing.



Everyone agreed to have a job to support the Learning Disability Partnership Board.



Peter said we need to talk about this more before the next board meeting.

If you have any ideas about the job ring Peter on 588985 or email peter.soothill@blackburn.gov.uk

6. Work plan

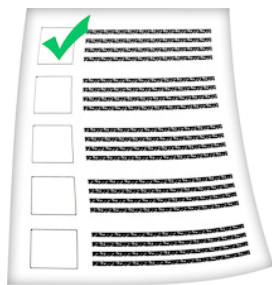


Gaynor Roe and Bryan Smith from MENCAP, and Thomas Noone had a meeting with Rosemary.



They talked about what work the Board needs to do.

They have written a draft work plan.



Rosemary talked about 4 things from the draft work plan that we need to do.



She asked people to think what needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities.

7. Service user network



Rosemary said we need to think about:

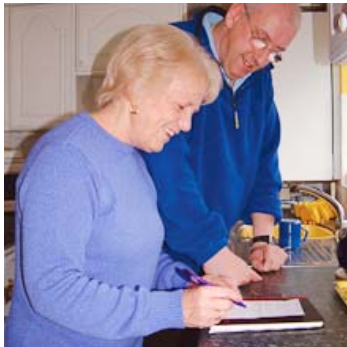
Who should get the minutes (notes) of the Service User Network meetings?



Who needs to go to the Service User Network meetings?



Is there anyone who might want to go to the meetings but doesn't know about them?



People from adult placement don't go to the Service User Network meetings.

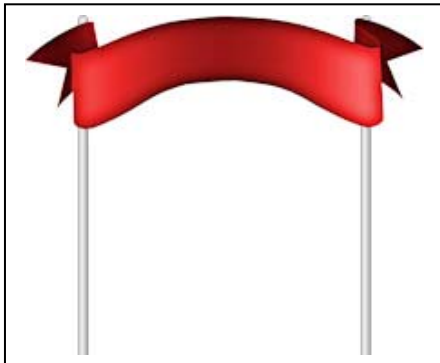


Rosemary asked if the Service User Network is accessible for people with a disability.



Could we make a leaflet for the Service User Network?

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Maybe we need to change the name, because people can go to the Service User Network even if they aren't a service user.



People with learning disabilities don't have a voice. They are a minority.

The service user network represents a small number of people.

We need to make sure everyone in the community has a say.



We need to look at how we can involve people with learning disabilities more.

Stephen Sloss would like to see someone with a learning disability chair the meeting in the future.





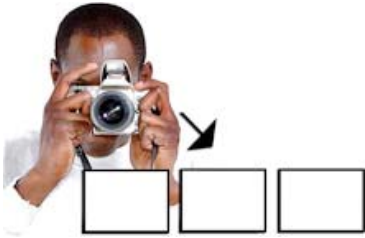

Stephen said we could organise events to find out what people think about things.

And we could make meetings more fun.




Gaynor Roe said the Partnership Board should pay for a person to support people with learning disabilities to take part in the board.

8. Anything else

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|  | <p>Learning Disability Partnership Board website</p> <p>Gary and Gemma have been working on the Learning Disability Partnership Board website.</p> |
|  | <p>The website is nearly finished.</p> <p>The address for the draft website is: http://easy-read-online.co.uk.122webhostforasp.net</p> |
|   | <p>Gemma and Gary have taken photos and videos of service users to use on the website.</p> <p>18 service users have taken part.</p> |




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Peter Soothill will find someone at the NHS to link in with the website.



Gary and Gemma will meet Rosemary and Pete Soothill to talk about the finishing the website.



There is a training session on 3 August to show people how to update the website.



Rosemary said we should put links to other websites on the website like NHS Choice and the carers website.

Personalisation meeting



Cllr Karimeh Foster said there is a meeting about 'personalisation' on 5 August at 4pm in Blackburn Library.

Personalisation is about people having control over what support they get.

9. Next meeting



The next Partnership Board meeting is on:

29th September 2009

10am - 1pm

Livesey Children's and All Age Centre



10. Future meetings



8th December 2009

10am - 1pm

Livesey Children's and
All Age Centre

