

# Learning Disability Partnership Board

## Minutes (notes) of the meeting

on 12 May 2009

at the Livesey Children's and All Age Centre in Blackburn

### People that came to the meeting

 <p>Stephen Sloss Director of Adult Social Care (Chair)</p>	 <p>Rosemary Molyneux Head of Service - Disability Providers</p>
 <p>Councillor David Foster Executive Member Adult Social Services</p>	 <p>Councillor Karimeh Foster Lead Member Adult Social Services</p>
 <p>Denise Gaffing East Lancs PCT</p>	 <p>Ann Marie Pickering Children with Disabilities</p>



Bernie Horne  
Self Directed  
Support  
Co-ordinator



Maggie Ecroyd  
Workforce  
Development



James Allerton  
Transitions  
Co-ordinator  
Adult Social Care



Barbara Marsden  
Minute taker and  
Directorate  
Support



John Rowan  
Complex Needs  
Service



Leonard  
Liddle  
Service User  
Tower View



James Hughes  
React



Andrew Key  
Carewatch



Gary Dodds  
Tower View  
Day Services



Tom Noone  
Parents and  
BwD Supported  
Living Service

 <p>Gladys Bailey East Lancs Advocacy Service</p>	<p>Stephen Power Service User Accrington Road Community Day Services</p>
<p>Katherine Warman Parent</p>	<p>Lori Homayon-Jones Parent</p>
<p>Anne Florentine Bootstrap Enterprises</p>	<p>Rahila Hussain CXL Connexions</p>
<p>Jo Pearson East Lancs Advocacy Service</p>	<p>Yasmin Khalil Parent</p>
<p>Lindsay Griffiths Carer Support and Development Worker</p>	<p>Katherine Donnelly Accrington Road Community Day Services</p>

## People that couldn't come to the meeting

Nigel Braithwaite

Dorothy Braithwaite

Glynn Lowndes

Claire Ramwell

Peter Soothill

Alice Jepson

Marion Fisher

Mubarak Darbar

Gill Cousins

Dave Spencer

Sam Morris

Dawn Gray


Andy Clift

Julie Clift

Shakeel Ahmed

Mandy Crabtree

## 1. Hello and welcome

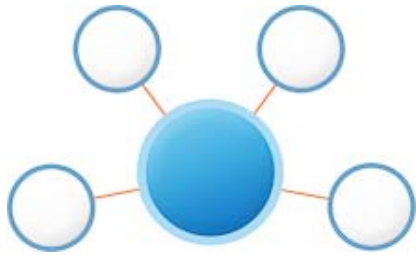
 A portrait of a man with short brown hair, wearing a grey suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera.	<p>Stephen said hello to everyone.</p> <p>He said hello to the people that haven't been to the meeting before.</p>
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## 2. Things to talk about from the last meeting

 A woman with long brown hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt with the word 'Dandelions' on it, is gesturing with her hands as if asking a question. A large blue question mark is superimposed next to her.	<p>How do things get decided at the Council?</p>
 A group of four people are holding up a sign that says 'Listen to us!'. The sign also features a picture of a city skyline. One person is in a wheelchair.	<p>How do we tell the Council what we want?</p>
 A group of six people are sitting around a table in a meeting room. They are all raising their hands, indicating they want to speak or have a question.	<p>We can use the Local Strategic Partnership Board, Local Area Agreement and 5 Neighbourhood Boards to help us have our say.</p>



Local people are part of the Neighbourhood Boards and they decide how some money gets spent.



Yasmin said we could draw a picture to help us understand how the Partnership Board fits in with the other boards.

**Bernie and Rosemary will ask someone to draw the picture.**



Some parents asked for a meeting to talk about children's services still looking after people after the age of 18.

**Stephen will book the meeting.**



**Rosemary will ask someone from the 'third sector' to come to this meeting.**

The 'third sector' means voluntary organisations, or organisations that are there to help people rather than just make money.



Graham said we should get the minutes from the Local Strategic Partnership meeting.

**Bernie will get the minutes.**

### 3. Service users



James from React helps with the service user network meetings.



The service user network have talked about:



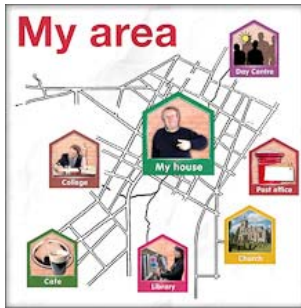
Hate crime



Transport



Getting information



Having meetings in different parts of Blackburn with Darwen



Valuing People Now



Annual health checks.

Doctors will get health check training.

There is training for carers and service users too.



Most people like where they live



Some people are scared of going out at night



The next Service User Network meeting is on:

Tuesday 19 May at  
Accrington Road  
Community Day Services.



Cllr David Foster talked about the Community Transport 'pilot'.

A 'pilot' is when something is tested to see how well it works.

It would be good if someone from the Partnership Board took part in the Community Transport pilot.

**James Hughes and Katherine Donnelly will take part in the Community Transport pilot.**

#### 4. Website

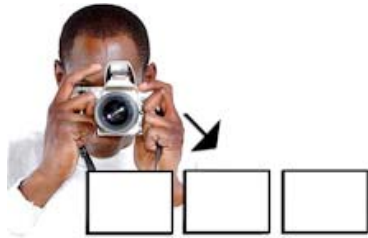


Gary is the Assistant Manager from Tower View Day Service.



Gary and Len have been working on a website for the Partnership Board.





We will use photos and videos of service users from Blackburn with Darwen on the website.



Gary asked people from the Partnership Board to let him know what they want to put on the website.



We will keep the website up to date and add new things.



The website will include Children's Services too.

Example Message Boards

Title	Views	Replies	Threads	Replies	Last Post
Support	0	0	0	0	10/11/08
Support - please help I can't	0	0	0	0	10/11/08
Support	0	0	0	0	10/11/08
Support - please help I can't	0	0	0	0	10/11/08

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Stephen said we could have a message board and forum on the website.



We will need to be trained how to use the website.



The website needs to link to the NHS website.







If anybody has any ideas for the website, or wants to get involved, please tell Gary.



**Pete Soothill will find a person from the NHS to help with the website.**

## 5. Carers

<p><u>bootstrap</u>  <u>enterprises</u></p> 	<p>Anne said that Bootstrap think they have got money to pay for a 2 year project to work with carers.</p>
  	<p>The project will help carers who are looking for a job.</p> <p>It will help carers who have jobs.</p> <p>It will help carers to learn new things and get training.</p> <p>It will help to set up a network for carers that have jobs.</p>
 <p>Blackburn with Darwen <b>CARERS SERVICE</b></p>	<p>The project will work with people at the Carers Service.</p>
	<p>Lori said this is a good idea. But she still thinks some carers will have problems going to work.</p> <p>It can cost £30 an hour to pay for care for a child with complex needs.</p> <p>Katherine Warman said that some employers don't let people</p>

	<p>take time off work to go to hospital.</p> <p>Yasmin feels the same as Katherine. She said coming to meetings like the Partnership Board can be hard.</p>
	<p>Anne Marie said that Children's Services are seeing what support can be set up for people after school.</p>
	<p>Yasmin asked about the job at the Carers Centre for a Learning Disability Carers Advisor.</p> <p>Sam Morris is meeting with councillors on 18 May to talk about the job.</p>
 	<p>James Allerton wants to know who does carers assessments for parents of young people who get services.</p> <p>Tom said that sometimes the person who does the carers assessment doesn't always know a lot about the family.</p>



Tom asked if the price of buying services makes a difference to the assessment.

Lindsay said that carers assessments in mental health services work very well.

**Who is doing carers assessments? Stephen will think about this. We will talk about it at the next meeting.**



Stephen said that 'personalisation' could help with things like this.

'Personalisation' is when people get money and help to choose how they want to be supported.



There is a 'Green Paper' due in June. A 'Green Paper' is an idea the Government has had about changing services.

The Green Paper will start people thinking about how much we should pay for care and health services.

## 6. Valuing People Now Local Launch - 1 May 2009



 HM Government  
Valuing People Now: a new three year strategy for people with learning disabilities  
Making it happen for everyone



Rosemary talked about the Valuing People Now launch at Ewood Park.

Lots of service users went to the launch and it was a good day.



We wrote down what we talked about at the launch.



We asked people to tell us the good things and bad things about the launch.

They said:



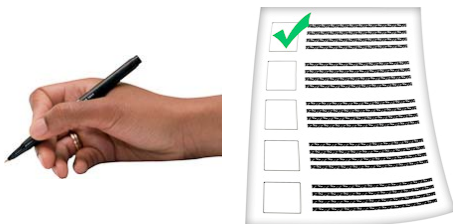
### Bad

- Some people said the presentation was too long
- Somebody didn't understand the presentation
- The day was too long



### Good

- The presentation lasted for the right length of time
- The venue (Ewood Park) was good
- The food was good
- Liked meeting new people
- Liked talking around the table



When we write the action plan for the Partnership Board we need to think about what people told us.

We need to make these things better:



Having friends and relationships.

Some people don't have enough friends.



Transport can be a problem.

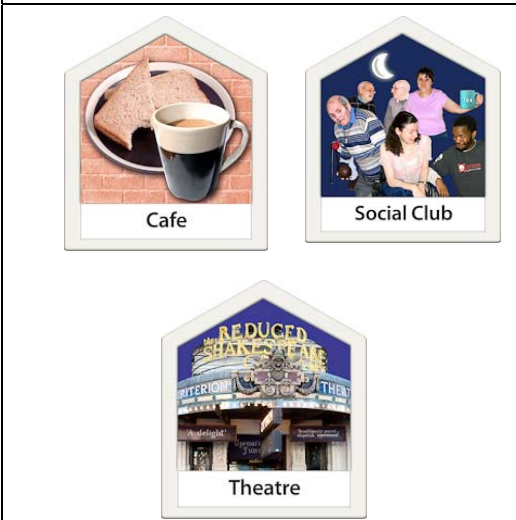
There isn't enough transport.

Transport doesn't come on time.

Transport can be hard to book.



People want more things to do.



People want different places to go.



People sometimes want support to do activities.



People don't know enough about the services in Blackburn with Darwen.



People don't know how to get information about services in Blackburn with Darwen.



We need to listen to what people said.



How are we going to make things better?



There aren't any service users on the project groups.

How can we make use of what service users tell us?



Rosemary had a meeting with the people that lead the project groups.

Some groups have got more done than others.

We need to get better at making things happen.

We need to be clear what we are asking groups to do.

We need to make sure that we have the right people in the groups.

We need to know who to speak to to make things happen.



People were asked to do jobs that were too big.



The transitions group have done a lot of good work.

They want to do more person centred reviews.

They want to look at services for young people up to the age of 25 and a plan for 'multi-agency' transitions work.

'Multi-agency' means lots of different people get involved, like the Council and the NHS.

They are writing a plan for the next 2 to 3 years.

We need to find out what other meetings are taking place and how we can link into them.

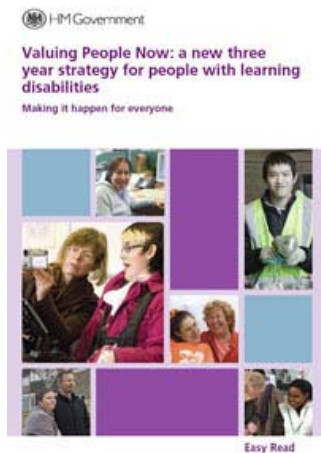


The project groups have done lots of good things.

But there are still lots of things that can be made better.

The Partnership Board cannot do everything on its own.

We need to think about what we can do ourselves and who can help us do things.



Rosemary talked about Valuing People Now.



She asked people to get into groups and think about one thing from Valuing People Now.

People had to say how they were going to make that thing happen.

We talked about:



## Housing

Somebody had been offered a house, but then had to wait a long time before they could move in.



This can be hard for people to understand.

We need to make sure people are told what is going on.

Blackburn with Darwen



Community and Voluntary Service

## Activities

We could ask Garth Hodgkinson from CVS (Community Voluntary Service) about a volunteers' co-ordinator.



Cllr Karimeh Foster said we might be able to get some money from CVS.



**Rosemary will talk to John Beck from CVS about this.**



## Personalisation pilot

Bernie said there is a 'pilot' for 10 people to get a 'personal budget'.

A 'pilot' is when something is tested to see how well it works.

A 'personal budget' is money you are given to pay for your own support. You choose what support you want.



2 of the people on the pilot are adults with learning disabilities.



The 10 people will meet up for 4 days. They will bring the people that support them. They will write their own plans about how they want to be supported.

1 day has been held so far.






We need to think about who will help people to write personal support plans. They will need to be trained to do this.



Rosemary said that some good ideas have come out of the meetings and the ideas will help us to get things done.

## 7. Partnership Board questionnaire

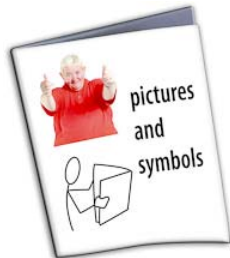
	<p>Rosemary has been sent a questionnaire asking what works well for Partnership Boards.</p>
	<p>We need to fill out the questionnaire and send it back the Director of Health and Social Care in Sefton (Charlie Baker) by 22 May.</p>
	<p>The questionnaire will check that Partnership Boards are working.</p>
	<p>Rosemary read through the questions. She asked if anybody could help her and Pete Soothill fill out the questionnaire.</p> <p><b>If anybody wants to help please tell Rosemary or Barbara.</b></p>



Stephen said we need to make sure carers and service users are involved with the answers.



James from React said they have already done some work on this.



Stephen said that questions should be made easy read.

We should make our answers easy read too.

## 8. Action planning



 HM Government  
Valuing People Now: a new three year strategy for people with learning disabilities  
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Rosemary talked about the Valuing People Now launch.



Tom, with help from national Mencap, asked for £3,275 from the National Lottery Fund to pay for the launch.



Thanks to Tom for working hard to get the money.

## 9. Anything else



Cllr David Foster said thank you for asking him to come to the meeting.

He said sorry that he couldn't come to the meeting in July.

He said it was a good meeting and things are being done to make things better for people with a learning disability.

He said thank you to everyone for their time and work.

## 10. Next meeting







The next Partnership Board meeting is on:

21<sup>st</sup> July 2009

10am - 1pm

Livesey Children's and  
All Age Centre,  
St Andrews Close, Blackburn

## 11. Future meetings

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