














# Learning Disability Partnership Board

## Minutes of the meeting

that took place on 10 March 2009  
at the Livesey 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, Adult Social Care</p>
 <p>Andy Clift East Lancs PCT</p>	 <p>Councillor Karimeh Foster Lead Member - Adult Social Services</p>
 <p>Sam Leonard Project Manager Day Service Modernisation, Social Care</p>	 <p>Ann Marie Pickering Complex Needs Service</p>

 <p>Pete Soothill</p> <p>Joint Commissioning Manager, Adult Social Services and NHS Blackburn with Darwen</p>	 <p>Maggie Ecroyd</p> <p>Workforce Development, (BwD Borough Council)</p>
 <p>Nigel Braithwaite</p> <p>Parent</p>	 <p>Dorothy Braithwaite</p> <p>Parent</p>
 <p>Bernie Horne</p> <p>Self Directed Support Co-ordinator, Adult Social Care</p>	 <p>Denise Gaffing</p> <p>East Lancs PCT</p>
 <p>James Allerton</p> <p>Transitions Co-ordinator, Adult Social Care</p>	 <p>Barbara Marsden</p> <p>Minute taker</p> <p>Directorate Support, Adult Social Care</p>
 <p>Dave Spencer</p> <p>CSIP (Care Services Improvement Partnership)</p>	<p>Gill Cousins</p> <p>St Mary's College</p>
<p>Paul Wilson</p> <p>Bootstrap Enterprises</p>	<p>Lori Homayon-Jones</p> <p>Parent</p>

<p>Stephen Power</p> <p>Service User - Accrington Road Community Day Services</p>	<p>Tom Noone</p> <p>BwD Supported Living Service</p>
<p>Helen Quinn</p> <p>Student LD Nurse, East Lancs PCT</p>	<p>Mark Baker</p> <p>East Lancs Advocacy</p>
<p>Angela Seddon</p> <p>Blackburn with Darwen Children's Services</p>	<p>Julie Clift</p> <p>East Lancs PCT</p>
<p>Katherine Warman</p> <p>Parent</p>	<p>Marion Fisher</p> <p>Parent</p>
<p>Alice Jepson</p> <p>Parent</p>	<p>Andrea Madden</p> <p>Health Living and Support</p>
<p>Sharon Smith</p> <p>Student - East Lancs Advocacy Service</p>	<p>Mark Duxbury</p> <p>Student - East Lancs Advocacy Service</p>
<p>Leonard Liddle</p> <p>Service User - Tower View</p>	<p>Shabana Kauser</p> <p>East Lancs Advocacy Service</p>
<p>Katherine Donnelly</p> <p>Accrington Road Community Day Services</p>	<p>Susan Kelly</p> <p>Housing Strategy Manager</p>

<p>Yasmin Khalil</p> <p>Parent</p>	<p>Shakil Ahmed</p> <p>Service User - Accrington Road Community Day Services</p>
<p>Glynn Lowndes</p> <p>CXL Connexions</p>	

## People that couldn't come to the meeting

David Kerambrum  
Mubarak Darbar  
Alison Westwood  
Glen Walker  
John Rowan  
Mandy Crabtree  
Lynette Harwood  
Peter Dillon  
Claire Ramwell

### 1. Hello and welcome

	<p>Stephen said hello to everyone and welcomed the people that have never been to the meeting before.</p>
	<p>Stephen introduced Councillor Karimeh Foster, who is the lead member for Adult Social Services.</p>

## 2. Service user feedback



Some service users went to a conference at Stanley House in December. The conference was about 'getting involved'.



Service users from Cheshire's Learning Disability Partnership Board gave a presentation.

Some people who have got jobs through 'React' gave a presentation.

Some service users from Preston talked about what it is like being a Partnership Board representative.



We got ideas from the conference that we could use at our Partnership Board meetings.

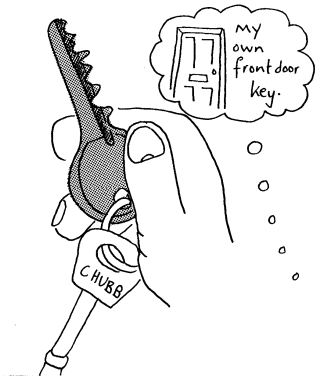
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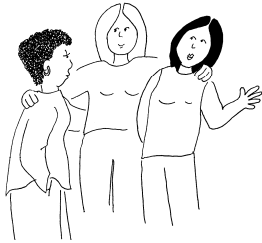


Katherine Donnelly talked about an event for North West service users to tell them about the new 'Valuing People Now' paper.

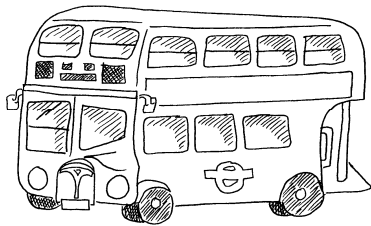


They talked about:

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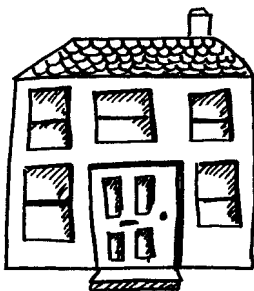
relationships,



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People want housing that is right for them.



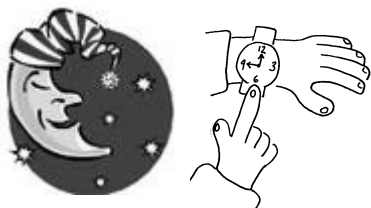
It was a good event where people could talk about their lives and share things with other people.



We need more money to pay for self advocacy.



Dorothy said it's not easy for people with a learning disability to go out in the evenings.



They have to come home early because support staff don't work late.



Dorothy talked about Mencap's 'Stay Up Late' campaign.



Sam said someone from Mencap might be able to come and talk about this at one of our Partnership Board meetings.

### 3. Carers Workshop on 12th February



There was a Carers Workshop on the 12 February at the Carers' Centre.



Carers talked about problems they are having.



We will write a report about what happened at the workshop.



Carers said that communication needs to be better. A lot of carers don't know where to get information about the services and support they can get. They talked about better ways of giving them information.



There is a Carers Newsletter but not everyone gets it.



Anne Marie's team tell the Carers Centre about people that are added to the Children's Disability Register.



Gill said it would be good if the Carers Centre was open on Saturdays and weekends to help parents that work during the week.



Nigel said there is an 'outreach worker' from the Carers' Centre who can go and see parents at home.



We need a carers' worker to help people with learning disabilities. Pete is looking into this.

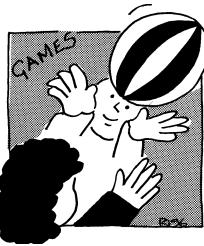


We have got some money from 'neighbourhood funding' to pay for a Carers Support Officer for people in Darwen. They will work at the Town Hall.



We are writing an action plan with the Carers Centre to say what we are going to do to make things better for carers.

## 4. Pete and Tom's visit to the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Partnership Board



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Pete Soothill and Tom Noone went to Hyndburn and Ribble Valley's Partnership Board meeting. Service users helped to run the meeting and the agenda was projected onto a large screen.

They talked about similar things to what we talk about at our Partnership Board meetings, like:

- Task groups
- Carers group
- Individualised budgets
- Adult learning


People from 'Pink Adventures' (a company from Darwen) talked about outdoor activities. We could ask them to come and talk at one of our meetings.

The Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Partnership Board have a worker from Mencap who doesn't go to their board meetings, but does a lot of work for them.


Stephen said that our Partnership Board meeting will be 'co-chaired' in future - this means there will be 2 chair people.

Stephen said that we need someone to work full time for the Partnership Board.


## 5. The 'Valuing People Now' launch


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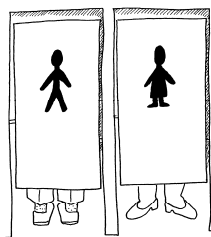
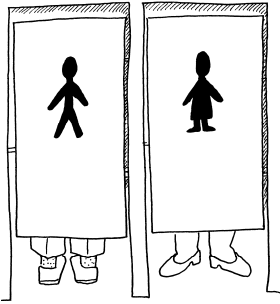






5 people went to the 'Valuing People Now' launch in Bolton. They took part in workshops about:

- Getting a life - looking at jobs
- People as citizens, 'No Secrets', feeling safe
- Personalisation - people having more control



- Changing places - accessible toilets

Pete talked about the 'getting a life' workshop. A man who went to a day centre for 25 years got a job as a hospital porter. This made him feel better about himself, and he felt people valued him more. We could ask someone like this to come and talk at one of our Partnership Board meetings.

Dorothy talked about changing places and the problems some disabled people have going to the toilet when they are out. They need accessible toilets. There is a campaign for more accessible toilets to be built. Sam said there is an accessible toilet in Blackburn market, and there will be 3 at the new Darwen Leisure Centre. There are good toilets at the Carers' Centre.

**Action: There is a leaflet which tells people where the accessible toilets are - Sam will put this on the website.**

Tom is working with local Mencap to ask for lottery money to pay for a launch of 'Valuing People Now' in Blackburn with Darwen. We want to have the launch on 30 April at Ewood Park. If we don't get the lottery money we might be able to get some money from the Council and NHS Blackburn with Darwen.

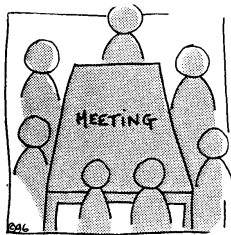


Nigel talked about how postural care can help people. Dave Spencer said somebody could do a presentation on postural care at one of the next Partnership Board meetings.

## 6. Dave Spencer from CSIP talking about 'Valuing People Now'



Stephen welcomed Dave Spencer from CSIP (the Care Services Improvement Partnership). Dave talked about 'Valuing People Now'.



There is a national Learning Disability Programme Board, chaired by a government minister. There is a Regional Board made up of senior civil servants. There are 24 Partnership Boards in the North West.



People with learning disabilities want the same things as other people. For example they want good housing, individual services, doctors and dentists, and to be able to take part in social activities.



We need to work out the best place to make sure these things happen. Partnership Boards need to think about what the local authority is doing for other people, and join up with this. We might need to get together with people in Lancashire too. We need to see how things can be done at a higher level.

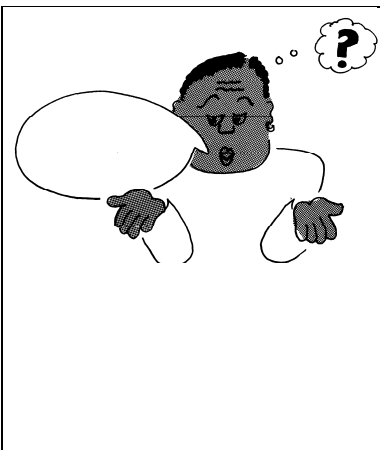


The Regional Board need to know more about what is happening for people in Blackburn with Darwen. They will ask Partnership Boards questions. We will do a self assessment each year to tell them how we are getting on, and whether we have the right people to do the things that need doing.

The Regional Board will be able to see where there are problems and they will help us to fix the problems.

They will ask us to share information about good ways of working with other Partnership Boards.

## 7. Group work



We sat down in groups and chose some questions to ask the Council's Chief Executive, Graham Burgess. We also chose some ideas and thoughts that will be given to Graham at a later date.

## 8. Questions from Board Members for Graham Burgess, the Council's Chief Executive



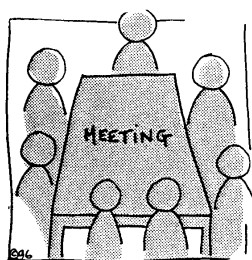
Graham Burgess, the Council's Chief Executive, came to the meeting to answer our questions.



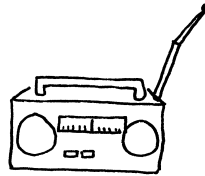
- **How can we let more people at the Council know about the Learning Disability Partnership Board?/ How can the Learning Disability Partnership Board make sure that the Council's Local Strategic Partnership, Local Area Agreement and Neighbourhood Agenda think about what people living in Blackburn with Darwen who have a learning disability need? How can we get them to think about the needs and feelings of their carers?**



Graham said that meeting as a group is important. We should invite members of the Council who can make decisions about money and policies, as well as people who don't work for the Council.

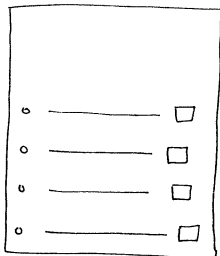


We need to know about what systems are already in place, like the Local Strategic Partnership. The third sector, such as CVS (Community and Voluntary Service), has a forum and the Partnership Board could ask for a place on their board.



Graham talked about how people could get involved in the neighbourhood agenda. The 5 neighbourhood boards have money for projects and activities which local people can bid for.

We can make more people aware of people with learning disabilities through local events, and getting featured in 'The Shuttle' or on 'Radio Lancashire' and 'Bee Radio'.

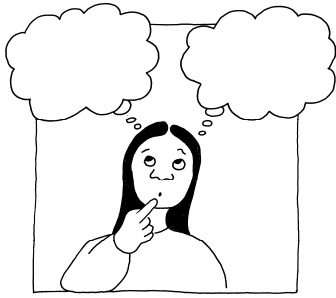


- **How can the Learning Disability Partnership Board change how the Council spends money on making the lives of people with a learning disability better, e.g. the Social Reform Grant and Area Based Grant?**

Graham talked about the Area Based Grant. The Council, Local Strategic Partnership and NHS Blackburn with Darwen all get to say how this money gets spent. If the Partnership Board can choose 3 or 4 things that are most important to them, then Stephen can give this information to the Local Strategic Partnership.

Peter Soothill said that we have chosen the most important things for 2009 - 2010 and we have written these in the bid for the Area Based Grant.

We could also ask central government for money for a special project. We would need to write a bid to apply for the money. We would need to find some money to pay for the bid to be put together.



**Action: The Partnership Board needs to choose what are the most important things we want to ask for.**



Do you see the Partnership Board as being important to the work of the Council? In the past things haven't been done because there haven't been people of a senior level who can make things happen.



Graham said that the chairperson Stephen and Councillor Karimeh Foster can move things forward.



It is very important to work in partnership with other agencies.



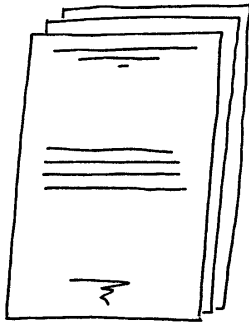
Councillor Karimeh Foster said if there are special agenda items either Stephen or herself can ask the right Director or Executive Member to come to the meeting.



Gill asked why young people with a learning disability have to transfer to Adult Social Services at 18 rather than 25?



Graham said we could be flexible around the age people transfer but Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council had decided 18 was the right age. Gill asked if this was written down. Graham said yes and he would give her the document. Gill asked if Graham would meet with carers to talk about this. Graham said he would be happy to talk to carers about this.



Graham talked about what Local Strategic Partnerships do. They deal with local issues with partner agencies including the third sector. Graham said we could get the minutes of the Local Strategic Partnership meetings to see what happens at them.

## 5. Update for Graham Burgess on what the Learning Disability Partnership Board's five project groups have done



Board members wanted to tell Graham what the 5 project groups have done over the past months.



Rosemary said the names of the 5 project groups:

- Access to housing and transport
- Health and well-being
- Partnership and involvement
- Person centred planning, individual budgets and personalisation agenda
- Transitions



4 out of the 5 groups have done new things, such as making an accessible telephone directory, and doing health action plan training for staff and service users. The group that got the most done was the one where the project leader's main job was just to work on that one thing.



Blackburn with Darwen have lots of ideas and commitment, but whether things happen, and how fast they happen, depends on how many people can work on those things.

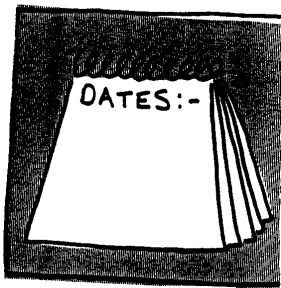


Graham said we need to decide what we want to happen. We need to learn how to use the Council processes, through Stephen, to make a difference to what happens for people with a learning disability in Blackburn with Darwen.



The board said thank you to Graham for coming to the meeting and talking to us and answering our questions.

## 9. Dates of the next meetings



12<sup>th</sup> May 2009, 10am - 1pm, Livesey Children's and All Age Centre

21<sup>st</sup> July 2009, 10am-1pm, 10am - 1pm, Livesey Children's and All Age Centre

29<sup>th</sup> September 2009, 10am - 1pm, Livesey Children's and All Age Centre

8<sup>th</sup> December 2009, 10am - 1pm, Livesey Children's and All Age Centre