

Learning Disability Partnership Board

Minutes of the last meeting

that took place on 25 November 2008
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>Mandy Crabtree Service User, Stansfeld</p>
 <p>Sam Leonard Project Manager Day Service Modernisation, Social Care</p>	 <p>Alison Westwood Carers Strategy Manager</p>



 <p>Ann Marie Pickering Complex Needs Service</p>	 <p>Maggie Ecroyd Workforce Development, (BwD Borough Council)</p>
 <p>Nigel Braithwaite Parent</p>	 <p>Dorothy Braithwaite Parent</p>
 <p>Bernie Horne Self Directed Support Co-ordinator, Adult Social Care</p>	 <p>Denise Gaffing East Lancs PCT</p>
 <p>James Allerton Transitions Co-ordinator, Adult Social Care</p>	 <p>Barbara Marsden Minute taker Directorate Support, Adult Social Care</p>
 <p>Peter Soothill Joint Commissioning Manager, Adult Social Care</p>	 <p>Iain Henderson East Lancs Advocacy Service</p>

 <p>Lesley Bray Neighbourhoods and Learning Service</p>	 <p>Gladys Berry East Lancs Advocacy Service</p>
 <p>John Rowan Complex Needs Services</p>	 <p>Susan Foley East Lancs Advocacy Service</p>
<p>Glynn Lowndes CXL Connexions</p>	<p>Gill Cousins St Mary's College</p>
<p>Paul Riddehough East Lancs PCT</p>	<p>Lori Homayon-Jones Parent</p>
<p>Anne Eyre Community Care Manager, Adult Social Care</p>	<p>Nazima Sidat Student</p>
<p>Paul Wilson Bootstrap Enterprises</p>	<p>Tom Noone BwD Supported Living Service</p>

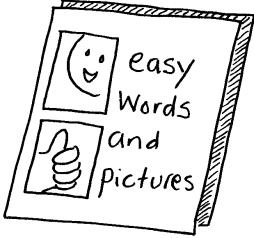
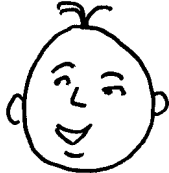
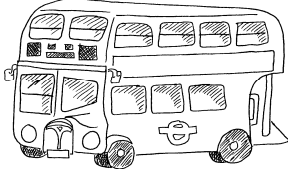
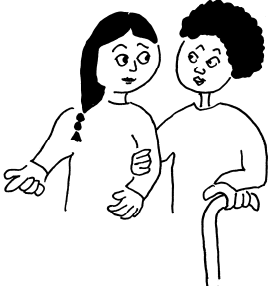
People that couldn't come to the meeting

Gill Stevenson
Susan Kelly
Julie Clift
David Kerambrum
Mubarak Darbar
Maureen Duffy
Shakeel Ahmed
Leonard Liddle
Angela Seddon
Lisa Denicola

1. Hello and welcome

	<p>Stephen said sorry for not coming to the last 2 board meetings.</p> <p>He has been busy working with the Primary Care Trust to set up a 'Care Trust Plus'.</p> <p>This means that health and social services will work together in planning services for people in Blackburn with Darwen.</p>
	<p>The Council and the Primary Care Trust have made a bid to become an 'Integrated Care Pilot'.</p> <p>This would mean that Adult Social Services, and people who work in health, such as doctors, community nurses and the people that provide services at the PCT, will work closer together.</p> <p>Health and social care in Blackburn with Darwen might join together.</p>

2. Things to talk about from the last meeting

	<p>Minutes of meetings - service users want less writing and more pictures.</p> <p>Action: Sam will look into this.</p>
	<p>Service users at Tower View asked for a new computer and they have now got a new laptop.</p>
	<p>Service users asked about paying £1 for each trip to and from day centres. Rosemary said that the Council doesn't have to give free transport and services users have to pay £1 for each trip.</p> <p>Is there free transport for disabled people before 9.30am in the morning?</p> <p>Action: Rosemary will check if transport is free before 9.30am.</p>
	<p>Service users asked about carers coming to their home to help when their parents can't support them.</p> <p>Rosemary said that carers can have their own 'carers assessment' to see what support they need.</p> <p>Alison talked about how carers assessments work.</p> <p>Action: At the next meeting Alison will tell everyone what services are on offer to carers. Barbara will put this on the agenda for the meeting in March 2009.</p>



Sam said what the traffic light cards mean:

- The red card is to stop the meeting
- The amber card is to ask a question
- The green card is when a vote is being taken, to vote yes

3. Service user network



Mandy went to the 'Friends and Relationships Conference' in Preston.

Action: We will talk about this more at the next meeting. Barbara will put this on the agenda for the meeting in March 2009.

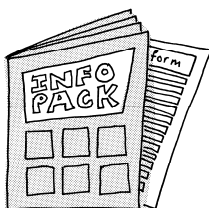
4. Carers issues



Nigel and Sam wrote a letter to carers to tell them about Nigel's job on the Partnership Board.



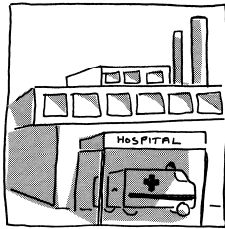
Nigel went to the 'Parents and Carers' meeting at Accrington Road Community Centre. They talked about how things could go wrong if a person with a learning disability goes into hospital and can't communicate with hospital staff.



We could make information packs to give to hospital staff to tell them who they should contact if the person has to go into hospital.



Andy said there is lots of evidence to show that people with a learning disability who go into hospital don't get the same treatment as other people.



Andy said that Blackburn Hospital has support but Preston Hospital does not, but Julie Clift can be contacted on (01254) 695698.



Rosemary talked about getting carers involved. There are lots of different meetings but they aren't well co-ordinated and carers don't know about different events.



After the last Board meeting Rosemary met with Alison and Sam Morris (the manager of the Carers Centre) and they decided to hold a half day workshop to think about getting carers involved.

This will take place on 12 February and we will send a leaflet to carers to tell them about it.

The event will give Alison and Sam Morris a chance to talk about what the Carers Centre does.



Alison works closely with the Carers Service and will ask them any questions from the Partnership Board.



We could put a story in the Lancashire Telegraph, the Citizen or the Shuttle, to tell more people about what the Partnership Board does.



Peter said that the Carers Centre needs a person especially to support parents of people with a learning disability. They only have a general carers worker at the moment.



Stephen said that there are a lot of things that need making better, but this will take time.

In the new year we will look at all the things the Partnership Board has achieved.

5. What the Joint Commissioning Manager does

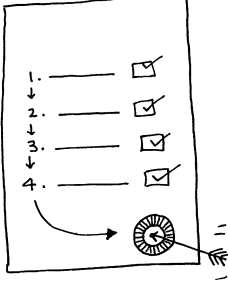




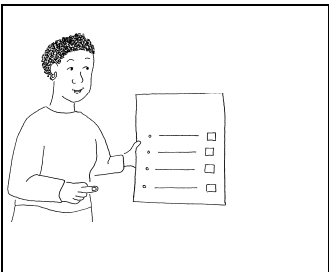

Peter talked about what he will do in his new job as Joint Commissioning Manager.

Joint commissioning is


He talked about how he will report to the Joint Commissioning Board and how this fits in with the Joint Commissioning Strategy.

6. What the partnership board is trying to do


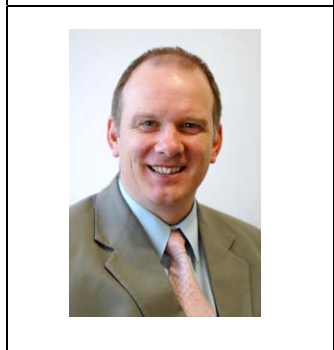
	<p>Rosemary talked about putting up a poster at each meeting to remind us why we have a Partnership Board.</p>
	<p>Last week Rosemary met Dave Spencer who is the regional representative for Partnership Boards.</p> <p>Dave Spencer now works for CSIP (the Care Services Improvement Partnership), and his job is to help us make the Partnership Board better.</p>
	<p>The 'Valuing People Now' document will come out in January 2009.</p> <p>This will give us advice about what the Partnership Board should be doing.</p>
	<p>We will have a workshop in January 2009 to check if our original ideas for the Partnership Board are still right.</p> <p>Then we will make posters to pin up at Partnership Board meetings to remind us what the Partnership Board is about and what we are trying to do.</p>
	<p>CSCI (the Commission for Social Care Inspection) want to check that the Partnership Board is working.</p> <p>We need to make sure that service users can help influence decisions, that carers are going to the right meetings, and that parents' opinions and concerns are listened to.</p>

	<p>Tom said we need to set achievable goals and have some way of measuring what we have achieved.</p>
	<p>Nigel wants to see people on the Board who can influence decisions.</p>

7. Adult safeguarding procedures

	<p>Rosemary talked about a document called "Safeguarding Children and Meeting the Needs of Adults" which talks about Children's Services and Adult Social Care working together to protect children and support their families.</p>
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8. Leisure for all

	<p>Sam talked about Mencap's campaign to make leisure services available to people with a disability.</p> <p>If anyone wants more information about this please ask Sam.</p>
	<p>Stephen talked about the 'Refresh' campaign and asked people to let him know if they have any problems using leisure services in Blackburn with Darwen.</p>



Dorothy said we need to talk about health and safety regulations which stop service users using leisure services.

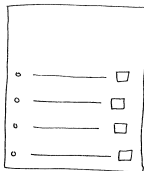
Action: Barbara will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

9. Project groups feedback



Stephen said the aim of the project groups is to make things happen. He asked each group to give a report at the next meeting to tell us what they have achieved.

Then we can check if we still need to work on the same issues or if we can move on to different things.



Action: Rosemary will write a list to help each group leader tell us what their group has achieved.



Housing/Transport/Access

Susan Kelly couldn't come to today's meeting, so Rosemary told everyone what happened at the Housing/Transport/Access meeting in September.

At the meeting they talked about 4 things:

- Adaptations and assistive technology
- More housing options
- Travel training
- Safety of public transport

The 'Young People's Housing Strategy' was launched in November. Susan made sure that the housing

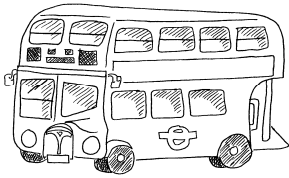


needs of young people with disabilities were part of the strategy.

The new 'Valuing People' document will tell us about the most important areas such as housing, and legislation for disabled people being included in wider strategies.

There are problems for disabled people who do not have their own home but would like to live independently.

The number of children with complex needs is getting bigger and we need to think about this when planning for the future.



There are problems around transport which need to be put right.

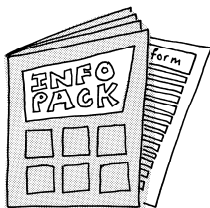
Action: Rosemary will talk to Susan about what the group has achieved and the need for the group to keep meeting.

The four issues raised need to be put on the agenda along with an action plan for the future.



Transitions - James

James said the group has met once since the last meeting.



They talked about the Information Pack for parents and carers and how to get these printed. They need to make some changes to it.

They talked about putting the information on the Council website. Blackburn College will film it but it will cost money.



They need some money to pay for printing and sending out the leaflet. They also need some money to pay for on-going costs. Everybody agreed with this and Stephen agreed that money will be found.

The group talked about the need for joined up pathways saying who does what in the transitions process. They will think about this at the next group meeting.



Year 9 Review Training - The group looked at training for 20 people to become facilitators for year nine reviews and then for people to be trained to do the training. The total cost will be £3877.50.

Gill Stevenson has agreed to pay for half of this. Funding will be needed for the other half as well as future costs. Rosemary agreed (having been on the training herself) that the training was good value for money and good practice and she supported the request.



There is a group of young adults who want to get involved in the transitions group. We will talk to parents whose children have recently gone through the transition process about how they have found things. The next step is to meet with young people and their parents and ask how they want to be involved. We will look at advocacy for people under 18.

We are collecting information about people who have recently left school and aren't getting any services.



Stephen said that at the moment the Board does not have a budget but agreed in principle to support the request to jointly fund the training.



Health and Well-Being (Andy)

The group have met three times. Andy talked about the 'Action for Health' framework that was written by the last Health Project group. The aim of this document was to achieve the health goals of Valuing People. Andy said this would be talked about more at one of their next meetings.



Andy said that some people who work in supported living don't know what 'health facilitation' is and how this can be done.

Community Nurse teams get a lot of referrals asking for basic health facilitation that should be part of the commissioned care package.



To help people understand health facilitation they have made a training pack. A workshop for supported living providers will take place on 12 December.



They talked about Motivate and how to find a way to encourage support staff to give priority to going to leisure activities with people and how this links with positive health and well-being.



Partnership and Involvement - Rosemary

The group have talked about the need to work in partnership, and how to contact services and improve health through partnership and involvement.



Andy is creating a list of people who have a Health Action Plan. Sam will let Andy know the names of people in day services, supported living and adult placement who have Health Action Plans. Sam will also ask if care managers know about any people who have Health Action Plans.



Rosemary and Andy are setting up a health action plan training session for 12 staff from all providers. Hopefully they will pass this information on to people that they work with. This will be followed up by training for service users. We would also like to have a training session for carers.



Nigel is unsure what health services are on offer to people with learning disabilities. We agreed to make an information pack.



The accessible telephone directory is nearly finished. We need to add some numbers for young people in transitions.

It is important to keep the directory up to date. Stephen said that B-Direct may be able to help us do this.



Personalisation / Joint Commissioning/ Person Centred Planning - Peter

At the last meeting we talked about getting a dedicated Person Centred Planning Co-ordinator to support the person centred planning group.



There is a framework and an action plan in place but we need money to pay for it. We can have some money from the Learning and Skills Council and Bernie and Lesley are working out what this money can be spent on.



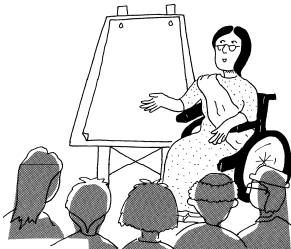
They have talked about Self Directed Support and the need for good support planning. Many staff have already been trained. People with learning disabilities need to be part of the first pilot. Self Directed Support will be on offer to all people, not just people with a learning disability.



The joint team is coming together. It is made up of Learning Disability nurses and care managers. This should lead to a more joined up approach but won't be finished until the end of March 2009.

A new team has been set up to help people with learning disabilities and mental health issues, this is paid for by Blackburn with Darwen and East Lancs PCTs.

10. January workshop for LD partnership board



A Partnership Board workshop will take place on 23 January at Blackburn Enterprise Centre, Furthergate, Blackburn - 9.30am - 3.30pm.

11. Carers event



A half day event will take place 12 February at the Carers' Centre, Oakenhurst Road.