

# Learning Disability Partnership Board




## Minutes (notes) of the meeting

4 March 2010

Studio 1, Darwen Health Centre

### People that came to the meeting

	<p>Mandy Crabtree Service User Stansfeld Centre</p>		<p>Rahil Sarwar Service user Stansfeld Centre</p>
	<p>Nigel Braithwaite Parent</p>	<p>Carol Hartley Parent/Carer</p>	
	<p>Councillor David Foster (Chair) Executive Member, Adult Social Care</p>		<p>Rosemary Molyneux Head of Service, Transformation and Partnerships</p>

	<p>Gary Dodds</p> <p>Stansfeld Day Services</p>		<p>James Hughes</p> <p>React</p>
<p>Cathy Welsh</p> <p>Creative Support</p>		<p>Gill Hughes</p> <p>Bootstrap</p>	
<p>Yasmin Khalil</p> <p>Carers Advisor Carers Centre</p>			<p>Alison Westwood</p> <p>Senior Carers Strategy Manager</p>
	<p>Pete Soothill</p> <p>Joint Commissioning Manager</p>		<p>Anne Marie Pickering</p> <p>Disability Links/ DFG Co-ordinator Children's Services</p>
	<p>Maggie Ecroyd</p> <p>Workforce Development, BwD</p>	<p>George Kennedy</p> <p>Area Manager - Darwen Adult Social Care</p>	

<p>Aziz Hafiz</p> <p>Neighbourhood Manager</p>	<p>Mansoor Akhtar</p> <p>Learning and Partnership Officer</p>
 <p>Lesley Bray</p> <p>Manager - Inclusion and LS</p>	 <p>Dawn Gray</p> <p>Shared Lives Scheme</p>
 <p>John Rowan</p> <p>Team Manager - Children with a Disability</p>	<p>Shabir Elahi</p> <p>Housing Strategy</p>
<p>Margaret Lockett</p> <p>Directorate (minute taker)</p>	

## **Apologies (people that couldn't come to the meeting)**

Stephen Sloss

Peter Dillon

Julie Clift

Gill Cousins

Marion Fisher

Elizabeth Mannion

Geraldine Condon

Councillor Karimeh Foster

Denise Gaffing

David Kerambrum

Paul Wilson

Jackie Gower

Claire Ramwell

Lori Homyayon Jones

Dorothy Braithwaite

Steven Bower

## 1. Hello and welcome



Mandy Crabtree started the meeting.

Everyone said hello.

## 2. Things to talk about from the last meeting



Councillor David Foster has been to Newfield School to find out more about transitions.

He's going to see a family too.



Kate Smyth is doing a review of day services.

Councillor David Foster has asked Kate to meet parents of people who go to Newfield School.

She will ask them how we can make transitions better.



Dorothy Braithwaite sent her apologies for the meeting on 27 January.

Her apologies weren't written down in the minutes.



Rosemary said sorry that there aren't any easy read minutes from the January meeting.



### Neighbourhoods maps

We sent out the neighbourhood maps with the last set of minutes.

People could look at the maps at the meeting.



**Everyone needs to say which one of the 5 neighbourhood areas they live in.**



## Website

Gary Dodds and some people who go to Stansfeld Centre are going to put new things on the website.



A story went in the Shuttle about the website.



If you want to put something on the website tell Gary.

### 3. Service Users



How can we get more people to go to the "We Speak You Listen" group?



James, Mandy and 2 other people went to the Blackpool conference.



 HM Government

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



Easy Read

They learnt about Valuing People Now and how Partnership Boards work.



James is going to the 'In Control' conference in Liverpool on 16 March.



James will learn about how people can be in control of their own support.



Yasmin has sent carers information about the conference.

If you want to go please tell Yasmin.



We could put information about the Blackpool conference and the In Control conference on our website.



We could put the news from the 'We Speak You Listen Group' on our website.



**Gary will put something about day services on our website.**






James had a meeting at Accrington Road.

Someone said that the town centre facility was closing.

**Rosemary asked Gary to find out more.**

## 4. Carers

	<p>At the last meeting we talked about carers expenses.</p>
	<p>Sam from the Carers Service said that people need to claim their expenses by filling out a form.</p>
	<p>The money will be paid into the carers' bank accounts.</p>



People weren't sure if this was OK.

They weren't happy about giving their bank details.

**Peter Soothill, Yasmin Khalil and Alison Westwood will have a meeting to talk about this.**

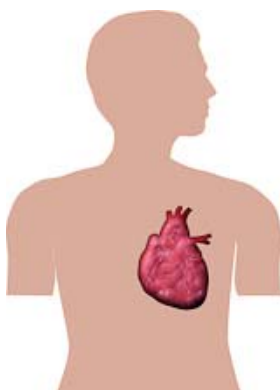


Yasmin asked a question on behalf of Lori.

What age do children's services finish?

Peter Soothill said it depends on the service.

**Yasmin will ask Lori to contact Peter Soothill for more information.**



Alison Westwood said the Carers Service is going to help carers get a check to see if their hearts are healthy.

## 5. Housing



Shabir talked about housing for people with a learning disability.

He gave a presentation.



He gave people a leaflet called 'Finding a Place to Live'.

This can help people decide what kind of house they want.



You can get the leaflet on the internet by going to this website:

[www.housingoptions.org.uk/general\\_information/gi\\_publications\\_docs/finding\\_a\\_place\\_to\\_live.pdf](http://www.housingoptions.org.uk/general_information/gi_publications_docs/finding_a_place_to_live.pdf)



Pete and Shabir are having a meeting to talk about housing for people with a learning disability.



People who get income support can get help with buying their own home.

Shabir is writing some information about mortgages.



The 'passport to housing' scheme gives young people training to help them get a house and live there.

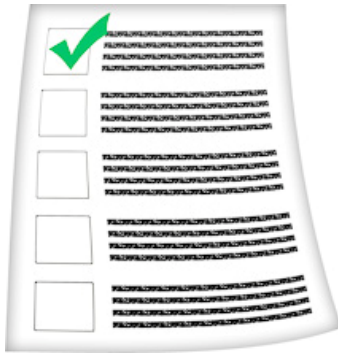


We need to make sure that people with a learning disability know about all the different housing services.

## 6. Neighbourhoods

	<p>Andy McHugh came to the last meeting to talk about neighbourhood boards.</p>
	<p>Aziz Hafiz talked about the North East neighbourhoods and learning service.</p>
	<p>Mansoor Akhtar talked about his job as Learning and Partnership Officer.</p> <p>He talked about the activities and services on offer for people of all abilities.</p>
	<p>Peter Soothill said we should put this information on our website.</p> <p>We could put the 5 neighbourhood plans on our website and talk about some of the projects.</p>

## 7. How we can make the Partnership Board better?



We have written down ideas about how we can make the Partnership Board better.



We need to think about this more.



Partnership Boards should be mostly made up of people with a learning disability, with parents and carers as well.





We need to see if the right people are coming to the meetings.

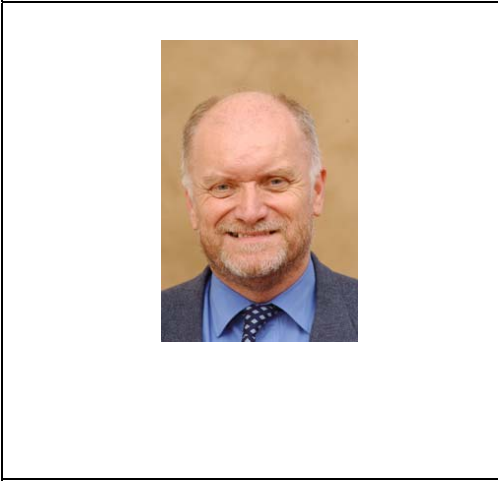
**A group of people are going to have a meeting to think about this.**



We want to link the Partnership Board to the other groups in the Local Strategic Partnership.



Nigel thinks people with learning disabilities should be on the Board, but we also need people that can make decisions at the Council.



Maybe we could have a "Disability Champion".



**Councillor David Foster will think about who this could be.**



James said we have thought about who should come to the board before.

He said we could look at what's not going well and try to fix it.

8. If we do the things we said above, how will this make the Partnership Board better?

	<p>We need more information about the Council and its services.</p>
	<p>We need people to tell us what is happening in an accessible way.</p>
	<p>We need people to help keep us motivated and keen.</p>
	<p>One person thought we should carry on the way we are now.</p>



We need to be able to tell the housing group what we want.

The housing group is in the Local Strategic Partnership.



We need a learning disability champion or disability champion at the Council.



We could ask the chairs of the 8 Local Strategic Partnership sub-groups to come to these meetings



At these meetings we should make sure we talk about what is not going well.



Age Concern are doing a report for people with a learning disability.



Council officers at this meeting could help us link up with the Local Strategic Partnership.



Officers from the Local Strategic Partnerships groups could be asked to report to the board of people with learning disabilities.



At the board meeting we should talk about what the work groups have done and the Local Strategic Partnership action plans.

## 9. Date and time of next Meeting



The next Partnership Board meeting is on:

12 May 2010

at 10am

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