





## **Welcome and Introductions - Ray Wilk**

Ray Wilk welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Board members introduced themselves.



## **Updates**

### **Partnership Executive – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

Ray Wilk told the Board what was discussed at the last meeting and the key points raised.

- Concerns were expressed over the delay in the Modernisation of Day Services and people talked about what steps were needed to get things moving
- Big changes are taking place within the management of learning disabilities services: Janet Wright will work in commissioning and Dave Rosser will lead on the management and delivery of services. He will also work with Mental Health and look at ways of improving access to the services
- Membership of the Partnership Executive will be reviewed at the meeting in March once all the re-organisation has taken place
- The Pooled Budget needs to find more money. The increase in demand and cost for services means that even though savings have been made, it is not enough.

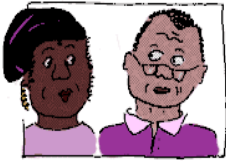
Accessible copies of the Partnership Executive minutes are available from the Joint Commissioning Service and will be published on Through the Maze website.



### **Learning Disability Reference Group Report**

Copies of the report were handed out and Jon Rudette explained to everyone what happened at the meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

- Amanda Dagnall from Through the Maze and Kath Rooksby from PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) came to talk about their work.
- The Reference Group discussed which were the most important areas of work for them to concentrate on next year and these will be:
  - Day Services
  - Hostels/Housing – Independent Living Project
  - Health



### **Ethnicity Reference Group**

Aqila Choudhry reported that Esther Nyamutsambah, who was recently appointed as the Black and Minority Ethnic Strategy Implementation Manager, had to resign. A new Manager, Mr Kashif Ahmed, will be starting in the new year. Mr Ahmed currently works in a similar role in Wakefield. Anyone interested in joining the Ethnicity Reference Group should contact Aqila Choudhury.



### **Carers Reference Group**

Jackie Reynolds, from Age Concern, introduced herself and explained that her organisation will be supporting the Carers Reference Group. In January, she will contact carers to see if they are interested in becoming members of the Carers Reference Group.

Ken McCullough, who retired in 2005 was the Leeds Partnership Board Carers representative and regularly attended the Regional Carers Reference Group meetings. In his absence, Jackie Reynolds agreed to take up this work and said if any of the carers would like to attend the regional events with her, funding would be available for their transport.



### **Advocacy Task Group – Scott Cunningham**

In July 2005 the 'Good Practice in Advocacy 2005 – The Leeds Standards' was launched. The Advocacy Task Group used this guide and identified two priorities they needed to concentrate on:

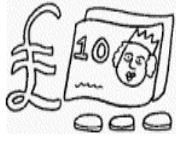
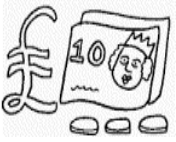


- adults with learning disabilities from black and minority ethnic backgrounds
- adults with learning disabilities and high support needs.

BILD announced money may be available to support these priorities.



Paul Seccombe confirmed a bid has been put forward to employ a full time advocate for people with high support needs and a part time learning disabilities assistant.

People in Action will bid for monies to support their work with adults with learning disabilities from black and minority ethnic backgrounds.

	<p>Bill Walton said following a successful application for a grant to fund a multicultural centre, they have been awarded £5,000 per year for 2 years and are now looking for a suitable site for this centre.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Self Directed Support Task Group – Scott Cunningham</u></b>  Scott Cunningham is the Task Group Chair and explained to everyone Self Directed Support is about people having more control over money and who supports them. This new Task Group will look into the various models of support, and report back to the Partnership Board in March. Wendy Lauder, a Self Directed Support Lead from Barnsley, will be coming to Leeds to give a talk on this work. Barnsley is one of nine pilot areas who have been offering Self Directed Support to service users. Membership of the Task Group will include people with a wide range of knowledge, experience and most importantly, influence.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Health Task Group – Janet Wright</u></b>  Sheila Dunham is the Task Group Chair and the Group will look into 3 specific areas of work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Testicular/breast screening</li> <li>2. Obesity/diabetes</li> <li>3. Mental Health Green Light</li> </ol> <p>They will do a limited audit of uptake of screening, obesity and diabetes and hope to build on the success of the award given to the Trust for good work with breast screening.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Health Action Plans – Sheena Kelly</u></b>  Sheena Kelly reported that the Big Health Event which took place on 11<sup>th</sup> October was very successful. Over 200 people attended, including 134 service users. 94 people completed feedback forms and the majority felt the event had been really useful. Many people said they wanted to improve their diets and exercise, many wanted Health Action Plans although some said they felt their needs were already being met. Follow up work is being done although as many people did not leave their addresses, it will be difficult to contact those who requested it. Dave Rosser added that the Project</p>	

Support Team for the Independent Living Project will use the Health Action Plans as part of the resettlement tool.



### **The Big Conference – London 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

Ray Wilk spoke about the meeting he attended with Janet Wright which was for all the Partnership Boards throughout the country. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the challenges facing learning disability services and the priorities for 2006/7. The big priorities to concentrate on will be:

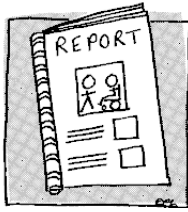
- Self directed support
- Paid work
- General health
- Family and self-advocate leadership
- Local services for local people.

All Partnership Boards will also have to do work around the Disability Equality Duty, which came into force on December 4th 2006. Its aim is to promote disability equality across the public sector and will set out what public authorities must do to make sure people with learning disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else.

### **Issues raised by the Board after the presentation:**

- Leeds City Council should have an item on their website about the Disability Equality Duty
- David Hansen asked to see a copy of the LCC strategy at the next Partnership Board meeting
- As there is a large equality unit within Leeds City Council the Board should ask them to consult with people with learning disabilities and do a presentation for the Partnership Board

Copies of Ray Wilk's full presentation were handed out and further copies can be obtained from the Joint Commissioning Service, telephone 0113 2478894.



### **The Cornwall Report**

Janet Wright talked to members of the Board about the Cornwall Report. People in Cornwall raised concerns about the way services for people with learning disabilities were being run. They were worried some service users were not getting the care and support they needed and in some cases, were being abused.

The Healthcare Commission and CSCI (Commission for Social Care Inspection) visited all the services involved and spoke to people who used them. The Cornwall Report lists the places that were visited, what they found and what should be done to make things better.



Janet Wright said the Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board should talk about things like abuse and adult protection and make sure we are happy with the way adult protection is reported in Leeds. Councillor Debra Coupar requested that an Adult Protection Advisor attends a future Board meeting.



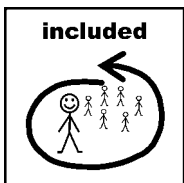
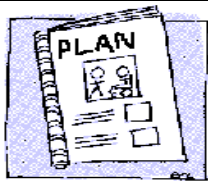
As a result of the Cornwall Report, there will be an audit by the NHS and independent care providers across the whole country. Reviewing teams will be set up and will employ service users, carers and experts in learning disabilities to help with the audit. Applications for these jobs will be available on the Healthcare Commission website, along with the full Cornwall Report - [healthcarecommission.org.uk](http://healthcarecommission.org.uk)

### **Updates from Dave Rosser**

#### **Modernisation of Day Services**

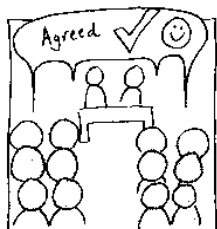
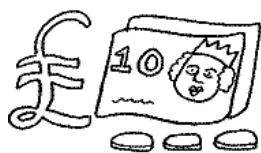
In October 2006, a large local consultation exercise began with service users, staff and family carers who directly receive or deliver day services within Social Services, to make sure the modernisation plans reflect what people want and that peoples concerns have been listened to. Because the consultation process will involve a lot of work, it has been split into five groups called Consultation Boards. Each Consultation Board will have an





independent chair person, service users, carers and staff. Elected members will also be invited to take part. It is hoped the consultation work will be finished by July 2007 when a report and city wide plan will be published.

Leeds Advocacy will provide advocacy support. Dave Rosser said to help plan for the future and make sure everyone is included, Leeds will have to look at ways of contacting young people with learning disabilities who currently attend school and those people who no longer attend Adult Training Centres.



### **Financial Position**

Dave Rosser reported that the Leeds learning disability services is facing a 1.4 million pound overspend and it is anticipated that another 1.7 million pounds of new services will be required. This is partly due to the number of young people who will be moving into adult services this year, one in particular, has high support needs and will cost £250,000 per year to care for.

In 2007 there will be another audit of people living in long stay hospitals which could result in Leeds losing money.

It is unlikely that any money left over from the Learning Development Fund will be carried over to the next financial year.

It was agreed a presentation would be made at a later meeting, to explain the financial issues and difficulties.



### **Meetings for 2007 – Ray Wilk**

Ray Wilk gave out the dates of the meetings for next year and explained that some of the meetings were for Board Members only.

#### **Everyone is welcome to attend the following Partnership Board meetings:**

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
Venue to be confirmed
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at  
St Matthias Church Hall
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 at  
St Matthias Church Hall
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at  
St Matthias Church Hall

#### **The following dates will be private meetings for Board Members only:**

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2007 (Review meeting)
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 (Review meeting)

Ray Wilk finished the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and for all their support and hard work over the past year.