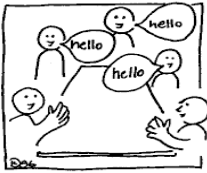
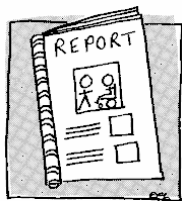




People at the meeting were asked to sign an attendance sheet. Due to the large number of people now attending, only Board members and guest speakers would be listed in the minutes.



Jon Rudette deputised for Michael Cass as the Partnership Board Co Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ray Wilk explained what was going to happen and asked if anyone had any issues they would like to raise during the Open Forum. There were none.



Presentation – Strategic Overview by Dave Rosser

In the past, Partnership Board members have asked for more information about how money is spent and what the money is spent on. Dave Rosser gave a presentation on current and future work and the challenges that face us.



Partnership Board

The Partnership Board have agreed to set up 5 new Task Groups to support the work identified in the Joint Commissioning Plan. Through the Maze have appointed a new Project Manager to provide an information service. A Black and Minority Ethnic Strategy Implementation Manager has been appointed to represent the Ethnicity Reference Group.



Advocacy

Advocacy services will increase to make sure those people affected by the Independent Living Project, Day Services Modernisation and Self Directed Support will be supported in making their own decisions.



Independent Living Project

£61 million pounds will be spent on providing new accommodation and services for people with learning disabilities and mental health problems in Leeds.



Day Services Modernisation

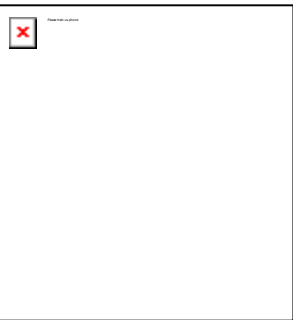
The principles of the plan (presented at previous meetings) have been agreed by the Chief Executives. Employment and Further Education are 2 areas which need extra support. Ivan Barnett, the Day Services Modernisation Manager, has been asked to develop a plan of what people want.



Healthy Lives

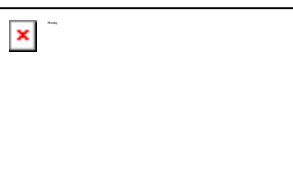
A Healthy Lives steering group has been set up and will be looking at things like

- making Health Action Plans happen.
- the development of a learning disabilities register.
- work carried out by Leeds University on improving the health of people with learning disabilities – this work has received a good response throughout the country.



Workforce Development

It is sometimes difficult to recruit and train new staff. Low wages and unusual working hours do not make people want to apply for the jobs. Dave Rosser said that in Leeds we need to think about working in partnership with statutory and independent sector providers to try and resolve this.



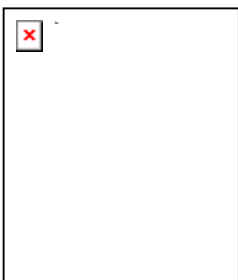
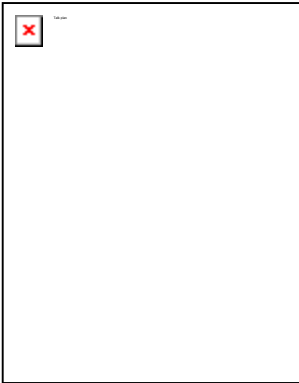
Managing the Money

From April 2005 to March 2006 Leeds spent 71.7 million pounds on services for 2,600 adults with learning disabilities. 55.8 million pounds was spent on accommodation and care. In order to meet future demands and emergencies, savings need to be made. It is estimated this year we will need to find another 1 million pounds.



Changes in Learning Disability Services

Currently there are 5 Primary Care Trusts but from 1st October they will become 1 Primary Care Trust. Social Services will split into 2 groups – Providers of Services and Commissioners of Services. As peoples jobs change we need to make sure that learning disabilities remains a priority and that everyone works together.



Questions raised by the Board and members of the public after the presentation:

1. Has Leeds signed up to In Control?

No. The Task Group will look at a variety of models and gather more information before a decision can be made.

2. Where will the money to support the Independent Living Project come from?

2 ways: (1) the money which is linked to existing services (2) bringing people back to Leeds will also help to save some money. However, we need to make sure that the services offered in Leeds are of a very good standard.

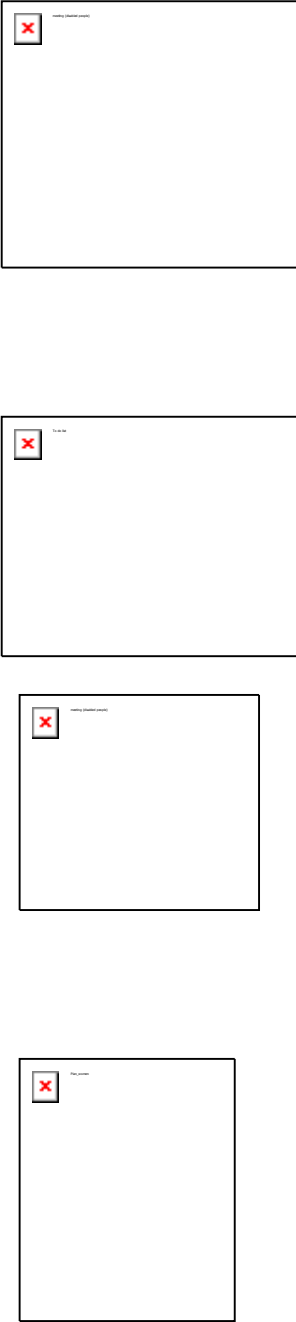

3. There are concerns amongst the Voluntary Sector that as the Independent Living Project and Day Services Modernisation Project changes take place the costs to the Voluntary Sector will go up.


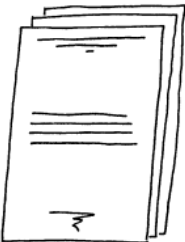


The Workforce Development Task Group will be asked to look at this issue.

4. Discussions took place around the closure of hostels and adult training centres because of the Independent Living Project and Day Services Modernisation Project.

Ivan Barnett confirmed all the adult training centres would be visited and be given a full explanation of what was going to happen. He also offered to discuss the issues with people individually.

5. A suggestion was made to draw up a list of what services/opportunities will be available to people with learning disabilities and this piece of work could be funded by a Voluntary Sector grant.

	<p>Task Groups – Ray Wilk and Janet Wright At the special Board meeting held on 6th September the Board agreed to set up 5 task groups to support the work of the Joint Commissioning Plan: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment • Workforce Development • Health • In Control (Self Directed Support) • Advocacy <p>Ray Wilk told the Board each Task Group would be given specific pieces of work and allowed a certain length of time to do the work. Janet Wright confirmed that the Learning Disability Development Fund money could be used to support project work.</p> <p>People at the meeting then split into groups. Each table had to look at a specific Task Group and list what they thought were the most important pieces of work to concentrate on.</p> <p>At the end of the session each table discussed their ideas with the Board. Ray Wilk asked for Board members willing to act as Task Group Chairs to put their names forward although membership of the Task Groups would not be restricted to Board Members.</p> <p>Ray Wilk, Michael Cass and Janet Wright will look at the recommendations, nominations for Chair and membership and send out the information by December.</p>	
	<p>Open Forum/Updates Ethnicity Post – Esther Nyamutsambah introduced herself and said she has been appointed as the new Black and Minority Ethnic Strategy Implementation Manager (Learning Disabilities) and can be contacted at People in Action.</p> <p>Carers Reference Group The Partnership Board need to make sure that carers are well represented at the Board meetings and wants to set up a Carers Reference Group. Organisations were invited to bid for the work to</p>	

 	<p>support the independent Carers Reference Group. Three places will be available to carers as Board members. Age Concern was successful in their bid and will be contacting carers in the near future.</p> <p>Learning Disability Reference Group Jonathan Rudette read out a report from the last Reference Group meeting held on 12th September. During the meeting the group discussed what happened at the last Partnership Board meeting and the Statement of Promise they had helped prepare. Guest speakers attended to give information about hostel closures, PALS (information service) and Leeds Mental Health Trust becoming a Foundation Trust.</p> <p>Partnership Board Statement of Promise Sheila Quinn presented Ray Wilk with the signed Statement of Promise and Ray Wilk thanked Sue Lindsey and the Learning Disability Reference Group for all their help in putting it together.</p>	
	<p>Partnership Executive Report – Dave Rosser Dave Rosser gave an update on what had been discussed at the meeting on 13th September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Joint Commissioning Plan was accepted on condition the financial information and final draft was completed within 3 weeks. • Due to the big changes affecting the Primary Care Trusts, the Joint Commissioning Plan will be presented to the Chief Executives in January. • The Partnership Executive was told how much money had been spent, how much money was left and what extra money may be needed. • Accessible copies of the all the Partnership Executive meeting minutes can be obtained from Louise Mills (telephone 0113 2478894). 	
	<p>Partnership Board Report – Ray Wilk Now that “Through the Maze” has a new Editor – Amanda Dagnall, the Partnership Board hopes to use the newsletter more to communicate with people and the Board should perhaps look at the number of newsletters to be published each year.</p>	

Ivan Lewis – Minister for Valuing People will hold a meeting with Partnership Board Chairs and Leads in November to discuss the future and the role of Valuing People and his expectations of Partnership Boards.



Further questions and points raised by Bill Walton.

1. Request for more detailed budget breakdown.
Noted.

2. Why was the formation of the Foundation Trust not mentioned in the strategy or on the agenda?

Noted. The Trust has spent the last few months consulting with groups of people including the Service User Reference Group.

3. Why was the Day Services report taken off the agenda? Ivan Barnett stated he was not in a position to give an update.

4. Will Esther be invited to join the Board?
Yes.

Ray Wilk thanked everyone for attending the meeting.



Date of the next meeting
Tuesday 12th December 2006
10 am till 2 pm

St Chad's Parish Centre
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