



Welcome and introductions

Michael Cass welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the Board Members to introduce themselves.

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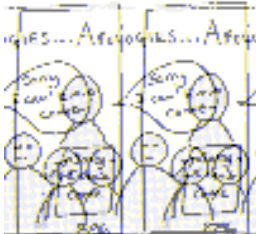
Karen England, the Development Worker coming to talk about the friendship and dating agency had to cancel at short notice and sent her apologies. This item will be added to a future agenda.

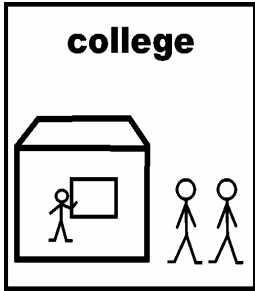
Updates

Service User Reference Group

Jon Rudette and Sue Lindsey talked about the Reference Group meeting held 18th September and matters arising.

- The hours of the meeting were extended to allow more time for things to be discussed
- Elections will take place at the next meeting to fill the two vacant places on the Partnership Board. So far, 20 people have shown an interest
- The Reference Group wanted to appoint one extra representative and this was agreed by the Board
- A Board Member suggested the extra representative should be female because the Group, Women First, no longer exist.
- A membership list is now available from Sue Lindsey
- Les France came to talk about the Independent Living Project and changes that will take place to the hostels. The Project team will produce a booklet to help people when they move to their new homes and asked Service Users what they think should be in the booklet
- Penny Grant, from the Adult and





Community Learning Services came to talk about colleges and wanted to know what courses people would like to attend. Some people suggested D.I.Y. would be useful if they move into their own properties. Penny will take this information away and report back to the Reference Group at a later date.

After the presentation, Board Members asked if they could have an update on the following issues at the December meeting:-

- Independent Living Project – Janet Wright agreed to contact Andy Rawnsley
- Out of Area Placements

Janet Wright

Carers Reference Group

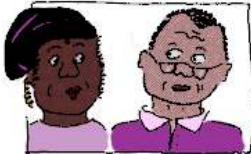
Jackie Bolland (formerly Jackie Reynolds) updated the Board on current issues:-

- 2 carers attended the Regional Family Carers meeting in York and reported back to the group
- Inclusion North are to provide a briefing on the Mental Capacity Act at the next Reference Group meeting
- Rebecca Rooke will be trained on PLAN (Planned Lifetime Advocacy Networks) which enables carers to plan for the future
- Carers interested in the Independent living Project have expressed a wish to work with Les France from the Project
- The Partnership Board previously agreed to support 3 carers in attending the Partners in Policymaking course. However, the course organisers said they will choose who attends. Janet Wright queried this with the organisation but there has been no response. Janet offered to look into it again.

Janet Wright



After lengthy discussions, the Board decided to pull out of the course completely if a satisfactory response is not received by the end of October. If this is the case we will see if it is possible to do something similar in Leeds.



Ethnicity Reference Group

Kashif Ahmed talked about the work he is involved with and the some of the meetings he has attended recently -

10th July – Ethnicity Self Assessment Workshop for Voluntary Sector organisations

17th September – Training event with Day Service Managers

19th September – Review of Partnership Board with Ray Wilk and Janet Wright. The Valuing People checklist was used and the following things were identified as needing more support: (1) links with refugee and asylum support agencies and (2) professional membership from any minority ethnic community.

A mapping exercise (survey) is being done to find out why some people from the black and minority ethnic backgrounds are not using services.

An equality questionnaire was sent out to over 35 organisations, only 15 have been returned. Kashif made himself available at the end of the meeting for anyone wishing to complete their form on the day. The results of the questionnaire will be available at the Reference Group meeting on 23rd October and will also be sent to Leeds City Council.

Health Task Group

A Board Member suggested the Task Group looked into the health performance and self assessment framework that will be launched in October.

Through the Maze

Ray Wilk, Amanda Dagnall and Janet Wright held a meeting to discuss the future of the information service. They wanted to look at how things could be updated, whether other people could contribute to the information and funding of the magazine and how the Partnership Board could make more use of the magazine. Janet Wright pointed out that many agencies use the magazine but do not pay any money towards it.

Amanda will consult with people, including the Reference Groups, draw up a proposal for a new Through the Maze service and feed back to the Board at the end of the year.

The Through the Maze service was praised by people at the meeting and some offered their support in its future development.

Changes within Health and Social Care

Ray Wilk met with Carol Cochrane, Director of Development and Commissioning for Priority Groups and Dennis Holmes, Chief Officer, Social Care Commissioning to talk about the commissioning of services for people with learning disabilities and the recent changes within the structures. The plan for commissioning is in its final stages of being drafted and will be ready for consultation shortly. Carol pointed out that this will be a consultation document and



people's views will be needed.

Ray suggested a presentation is made at the next Partnership Board meeting to explain the work of commissioning and how the Partnership Executive fits in with the Partnership Board.

Regional Updates

Janet Wright gave Board Members a handout referring to some very important things. As the meeting was running behind time she was only able to discuss 3 of the items and suggested people could phone her if they had any questions. The handout is attached to this document.

It was acknowledged there is a lot of work to be done and the Board may have to think about attending extra meetings.

Finance Report

A Board Member raised two points about the Finance Report circulated before the meeting:

- The information on how much Development Fund money had been spent during 2006 - 2007 was not clear enough
- The information about the amount of money spent from the Pooled Budget was misleading

It was agreed the Development Fund information would be redone and circulated to Board Members.

The report regarding the Pooled Budget had tried to show how much money had been spent on learning disabilities in total but it was accepted that the way it was presented was misleading.



Khalid
Arian

Self Directed Support / Individualised Budgets

Dave Rosser talked about the work the Partnership Board had done around Self Directed Support and introduced members of the Council's Project Team who will develop Self Directed Support in Leeds:

Jemima Sparks, Programme Manager
Kevin Davey, Project Manager
Iola Shaw, Project Support Officer

Jemima Sparks thanked the Partnership Board for inviting the team to the meeting and said it was good that the Board were having an open discussion.

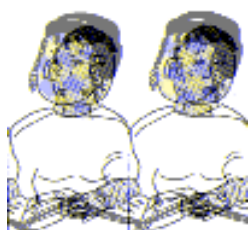
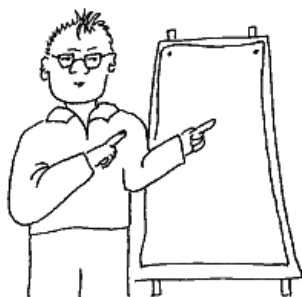
Kevin Davey gave a presentation which explained what happens now when people need a service and what will happen in the future when people have Individualised Budgets / Self Directed Support. Under the new system, people will have much more control over their lives for example;-

Support

- the service user will assess their own needs and start to plan what support they need
- if their needs change, they can change their support
- support can be provided by bought services and help from family and friends
- the service user can set up their own support

Money

- the service user will know how much money they will get and this can be paid into their



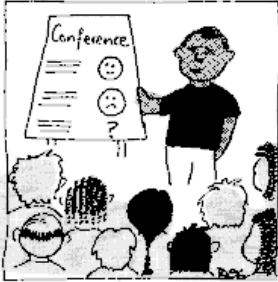
money



bank account

- They will have to keep a record on how it is spent and make sure it is spent on legal things

(help will be available to do all of the above)



After the presentation Lola Shaw talked about the big meeting held 18th September for Council managers, social workers and staff.

People from other areas of the country who already have Individualised Budgets came to talk about their experiences, this included service users, carers, staff and brokers.

There were workshops and time for people to ask lots of questions.



The Project Team then asked the Partnership Board and guests to split into 4 groups and draw up a list of things they think should happen to make Individualised Budgets / Self Directed Support work in Leeds. Each group was then asked to feed back to the meeting. A full list of the Board's recommendations is attached.



Jemima Spark finished by explaining what will happen next. Leeds will sign up to Self Directed Support in the future but because it is such a big city, there are lots of things to do before this can happen. They will have to talk to everyone concerned, look at the good things and the risks that may be involved. Self Directed Support will not just be offered to people with learning disabilities but all service users in Leeds. Money tied up with current services will have to be made available to fund the new services. They hope to start the

new system in July 2008 and will provide an update on progress at the next Partnership Board meeting in December. The Project Team will work closely with the Partnership Board, Reference Groups and people who will be using the system and were pleased that the Partnership Board has already started looking into it.

Ray Wilk thanked everyone for attending the meeting and invited people to stay for the buffet lunch.

The next Partnership Board meeting will be held







Date: 4th December 2007





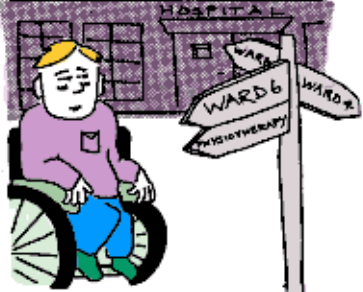
Time: 10 am till 1 pm

Venue: St Matthias Church Centre



Information Updates (Handout from meeting)

 <p><i>Valuing People:</i> The National Learning Disability Strategy for the 21st Century</p>  <p>October 2007</p>   <p>Spring 2008</p>	<h3>Valuing People Next Steps</h3> <p>Ivan Lewis the Minister for Care Services says Valuing People needs to be refreshed. The values and principles remain the same. The main areas for action for the next three years will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Housing • Employment • Personalisation • Making it Happen <p>This builds on The Story So Far and doesn't mean we stop doing the other important things.</p> <p>The draft document is due out for consultation in October 2007.</p> <p>Partnership Boards need to make sure that people in their area have had a chance to respond.</p> <p>There will be a re draft and the final version will be out in Spring 2008.</p>
  <p>October 2007</p>	<h3>Mansell 2 Report</h3> <p>In 1993 Professor Jim Mansell published a report on services for people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour or mental health needs.</p> <p>In the report Mansell said that it was important that people had local appropriate services.</p> <p>A new report has been completed by Mansell which is expected to be published at the end of October. Areas will need to think about how they develop a plan to bring people back.</p>

  December 2007	<h3>Continuing Care</h3> <p>The Department of Health has produced a new national framework for NHS Continuing Health Care, which comes into force on October 1st 2007. The assessment process is easier to understand and should provide more consistency across the country. A toolkit is being developed by the Valuing People Support Team to support people with learning disabilities to access Continuing Health Care. This is not likely to be ready until December 2007.</p>
  October 2007	<h3>Learning Disabilities Performance Framework</h3> <p>A learning disabilities performance and self assessment framework for Health is being piloted in the Yorkshire and Humber region. It will be launched mid October and local Partnership Boards will be expected to work closely with the PCTs and other stakeholders to ensure key objectives are being actioned.</p>
	<h3>Campus Closure Programme</h3> <p>Some people with learning disabilities are still living in hospital accommodation when they no longer need to. In Leeds we have a number of people who have been in-patients for a long time and Valuing People think these people should be counted as living in 'campus accommodation'. Some capital money will be available to provide alternative accommodation and we can ask for support to develop a plan to enable people to move if it is the right thing for them to do.</p>

Feedback from group work regarding Individualised Budgets and Self Directed Support

Headline Issues

- Making sure there is a balance between wants and needs but remember it's the individuals budget
- Give anyone who may be accountable for spending, training and support to enable people to manage budgets. (Individuals and their representative or family carers and parents with learning disabilities)
- Support – take big step “I can do this for myself”
- Culture of saying what cant have rather than positive suggestions (needs to be turned around)
- Have an online shopping basket – suggestions of all sorts of things that you might possibly what on your support plan and as you add some of them the cost would appear
- Awareness of the power shift, sharing of stories
- Demonstrate four principles of valuing people:
 - Choice
 - Inclusion
 - Independence
 - Rights
- Plus review of principles with which the Partnership Board engages with other organisations. The ambition is no-one excluded from the progress
- Monitoring whether individual aspirations being thwarted – need to put system in place that provides information and analysis

All other ideas raised by the group exercises:

- Make sure person from Adult Social Care is not domineering and that they listen to me
- Care managers should not be involved
- Different people need different levels of support
- Need to understand how someone communicates
- Understand what qualities people want in a support worker
- What happens if someone runs out of money? Need a safety net
- Learning why is direct payments difficult
- Knowledge of help available – ideas of broader range e.g. leisure

- Learning from existing comprehensive assessment and tool kit for learning disabilities
- Targeting headings to help support planning
- Training in communication issues
- Through the Maze – information source but needs to be accurate and up to date
- Carer support issues re referrals
- Change in attitudes
- Information for schools and colleges
- Transition planning
- Continuous information
- Appropriate formats
- Safeguarding – risk and choice
- Financial

For Getting a plan agreed

- Access to advocacy
- Access to personal assistant to set up service/bank account etc not broker
- Brokerage
- If person wants things not available Partnership Board to promote development of new service
- Two target groups -
 - transitions
 - people in existing services
- Promoting employment agency for carers/people
- Approved list for Partnership Board
- Independent living network – virtual refocus.

Making a plan

- Advocacy and proceed forward for individual. New advocate – legal issues etc
- Partnership Board links with all organisations
- Information about services – menu of what's available (potential for Through the Maze). Learning disability information systems linked up to other information systems

- Promote innovative practice – all organisations sign up to above principles
- Need to know cost of services
- Partnership Board taking some oversight of services
- Look at cultural competence and diversity support training to social workers

Money:

- Open bank account
- Joint or on your own
- Use an organisation e.g. Home Farm Trust (HFT) to look after money
- Use a trust
- Indirect payment – pay to 3rd party who looks after it for you
- Support people might want:
- Personal assistant
- Gift
- Natural support
- E.g. Holiday, help to go shopping. Work/skills swap.
- Selection of methods – like a shopping basket of support
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