

Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board
14th October 2008
St Matthias Church Centre



Board Members - Present at the meeting

George Wood, York Co Chair
Michael Cass, Co Chair

Board Members - (Service User Representatives)

Gina Gage, Learning Disability Reference Group
Christine Barker, Learning Disability Reference Group
Chris Hill, Learning Disability Reference Group
Andrew Walsh, Roots Project

Board Members - (Voluntary Sector Forum Representatives)

Lisa Keenan, Voluntary Sector Forum
Bill Walton, People in Action
Fran Jeffries, Mencap Pathways

Board Members - (Statutory)

Councillor Peter Harrand
Paul Broughton, Adult Social Care
Carol Cochrane, Leeds Primary Care Trust
Janet Wright, Joint Commissioning Service
Khalid I Arian, Joint Commissioning Service
Jane Flaherty, Department of Work and Pensions
Dave Rosser, Adult Social Care
Jenny Leuty, for Pete Vickers (VINE)

Board Members – (Carers Reference Group)

Harold Wilson, Carer
Kausar Iqbal, Carer
Liz Brightwell, Carer

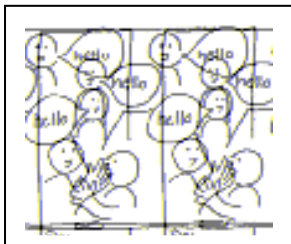
In attendance and special guests

Norman Campbell, Leeds Primary Care Trust
Tracey Gray, Leeds Primary Care Trust
Sue Lindsey, Leeds Advocacy
Fiona Evans, Leeds Advocacy
Louise Mills, Joint Commissioning Service
Sarah Wheatley, Connect in the North
Lesley Turner, Disability Service Manager
Katy Elliott, Disability Sports Development Officer
Kim Newman Principal Service Development Officer

People who could not come to the meeting

Sheila Dunham, Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust
David Hansen, HFT
Cathy Wintersgill, Connect in the North





Welcome and introductions

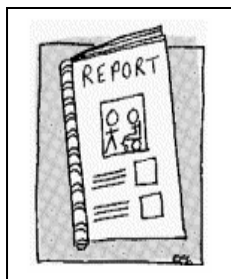
Michael Cass welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the Board members to introduce themselves. This was the second public meeting of the year and over 50 people attended.

George Wood, the Co-Chair from York Partnership Board, explained he had been asked to chair the meeting again while the recruitment of a new Chair takes place.

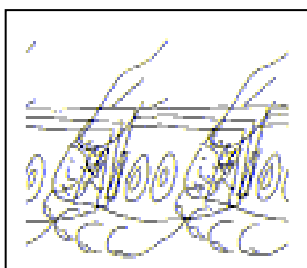
Updates

Learning Disability Reference Group

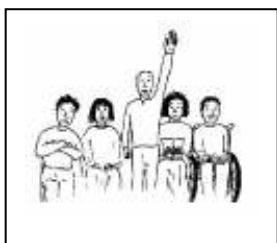
Christine Barker, Gina Gage and Chris Hill told the Board what happened at the last Reference Group meeting held 2nd September and handed out a report from the meeting.



Scott Cunningham from Inclusion North came to talk about Self Directed Support and asked the group to think about what was important to them.



Kevin Davey, Self Directed Support Project Manager (Leeds City Council) explained what the process will involve and what will happen when people have control over their own money.

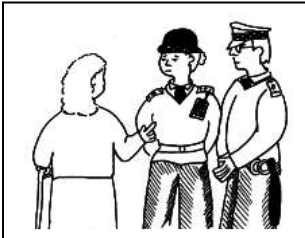


Some members of the Group put their names forward so that they can find out more information and possibly be the first to try Self Directed Support in Leeds.

Carers Reference Group

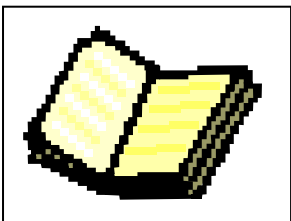
Harold Wilson talked about the Inclusion North Members Day event he attended on 16th September and how useful it was to

meet people from other Partnership Boards. He spoke to a member of the Hambleton and Richmond Partnership Board who had done some work with the Police in training people with learning disabilities when giving evidence.



As there have been a number of issues recently in Leeds relating to hate crime, being a witness or getting into trouble with the police, the Board agreed to invite someone from the criminal justice system to a future meeting.

Bill Walton informed the Board that Roots are doing some work around hate crime and have members on the Reference Group working for the Crown Prosecution Service.



Kauser Iqbal reported that she, Naseem Akram and Lynne Bailey have trained with West Leeds Healthy Living Network to become Community Health Educators. They have also produced a booklet which she handed out at the meeting.

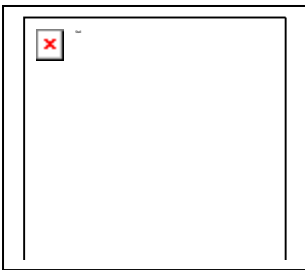


Harold thanked Louise Mills for sending the information regarding the changing places facilities. Dave Rosser added that he is a member of the Accessible Toilets Working Group and confirmed sites have been identified in Leeds and it is hoped within the next 12 months, fully accessible changing places will be provided.

Janet Wright reported there had been further encouraging responses to Ray Wilk's letter about the campaign:
Jill Copeland, Executive Director of



Strategic Development for Leeds NHS Primary Care Trust wrote to say that all of the PCT new build facilities are now designed with an accessible WC in each public, staff and clinical toilet area. These are designed for assisted toileting and allow for a wheelchair, user and carer and are DDA compliant (**Disability Discrimination Act**). In new GP developments, they also ensure that similar accessible toilets are provided. The new health centre at Wetherby has a substantially larger accessible WC facility fitted with a hoist. Future developments will now include similar facilities with a hoist.



Christine Barker confirmed she is still collecting names on the Changing Places Campaign petition. She had also spoken to John Burley who agreed to display an information stand at the Arndale Shopping Centre in Leeds.



Recruitment

Chairperson

Janet Wright explained that a lot of people had applied for the job of Partnership Board Chairperson. Five people were short-listed to attend for the interview.



The interview panel included members of the Partnership Board, an Elected Member (Councillor), Chairman of the Primary Care Trust, Partnership Board Chair and Co-Chair. After the interviews, the panel made the decision not to appoint and the job will be re advertised.



Co-Chairperson

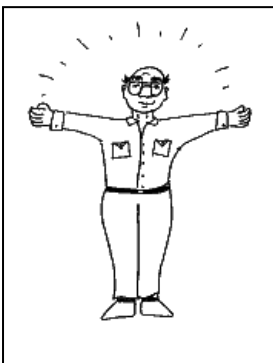
The Co-Chairperson position will be advertised before the end of the year and Michael Cass has agreed to continue in this role for the moment. At the Learning Disability Reference Group big event on 18th November, more information will be available to explain what it means to be a Co-Chair, what they will have to do and what skills they will need to have.

Application forms will be available at the meeting and from the Joint Commissioning Service.



Partnership Board Project Officer

The Partnership Board have previously requested this person be appointed and the Partnership Executive are exploring the idea and looking at the responsibilities of the post. George Wood reported that York Partnership Board has a Project Officer who works 3 days per week.



Health Task Group

Norman Campbell and Tracey Gray.

For the benefit of the members of the public who were new to the Partnership Board, Norman explained the background to why Leeds had reformed the Health Task Group.

At the Board meeting on 19th June 2008, members did group work to look at what health issues the Task Group should concentrate on. They also looked at the membership. It was decided the group would consist of a core group:

- Norman Campbell (Leeds PCT)
- Tracy Grey (Leeds PCT – Public Health)
- Marion Emly (Leeds Partnership





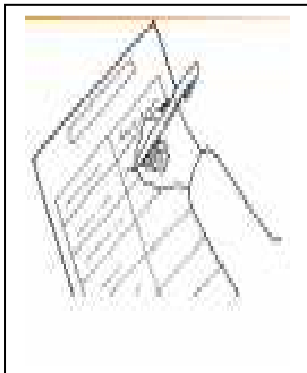
Foundation Trust)

- Neil Morrisroe (Adult Social Care)
- Representatives from the Service User groups, Voluntary Sector, Carers and BME Reference Group.

Because there are many topics to look at, the Task Group would also need to work with other people like GPs and hospital staff. As many groups are looking into health care, the Task Group will have to make sure their work links in to other mainstreams services and avoid duplicating work.

Meetings will start in December and the Board will receive regular updates.

Health Task Group



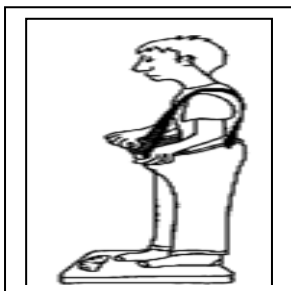
The Strategic Health Authority created a self-assessment performance framework, which has a number of questions relating to learning disabilities. The Health Task Group needs to comment on these questions.




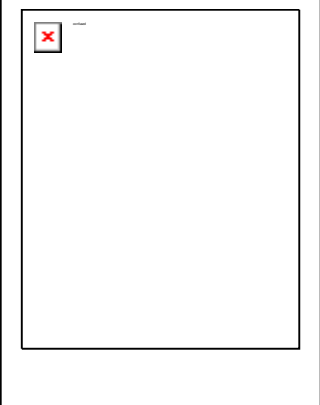
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Norman also wanted to set up a group of health checkers – people with learning disabilities who check health services and report on their standards.

The most important health issues identified at the June meeting were:

- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Heart (cerebro vascular disease as people with learning disabilities are at high risk)
- Mental health



	<p>The Board then split up for group work to look at whether they agreed that these are still the priority. The outcome of this work is attached to the notes from this meeting.</p>	
   	<p><u>Employment and Support Allowances</u></p> <p>Lesley Turner, Disability Service Manager came to talk about changes to some of the rules around working and claiming benefits.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the computer was unable to show the powerpoint presentation she had prepared although papers were handed out at the meeting.</p> <p>Lesley explained what Employment and Support Allowance is and talked about the assessment people have to go through before they are granted benefits. She talked about the new package of support and opportunities for Incapacity Benefit customers with an illness or disability, to help them return to work.</p> <p>Lesley reported that she had met with the mental health liaison officer and appreciated the fact that talk of changes to the benefits systems will cause alarm for some people. She advised that if people have any concerns they should contact the office and talk to a member of staff. If people did not fill in forms that they were asked to, it may result in benefits being stopped and could take a while for the benefits to start again.</p> <p>Lesley explained the different stages to the system once the new rules came into being.</p> <p>People at the meeting asked lots of questions and it was recognised that more</p>	

time would have to be spent on this subject at a later date. The Partnership Board thanked Lesley for her presentation.

Leisure Consultation

Katy Elliott, Disability Sports Development Officer and Kim Newman, Principal Service Development Officer, came to talk about the current leisure facilities provided by Leeds City Council and what they hope to do in the future.



The Council own 24 leisure centres including 18 swimming pools, a sailing centre, athletics facility, tennis and bowls centres. Many of these were built in the 1970's and 1980s or before. Some centres are now old and need a lot of money to look after them. Some are not fully accessible to people with disabilities. In addition to this, private organisations and schools have built leisure facilities and people are attending these rather than use the council owned centres.

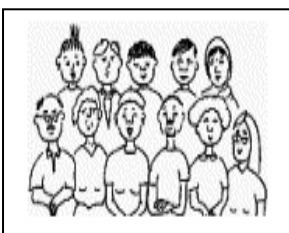
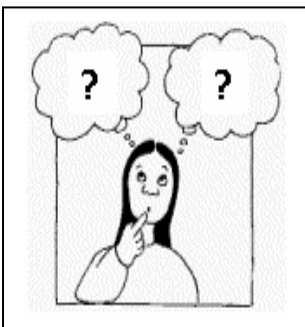
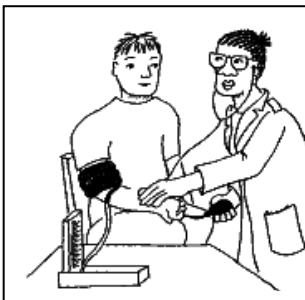
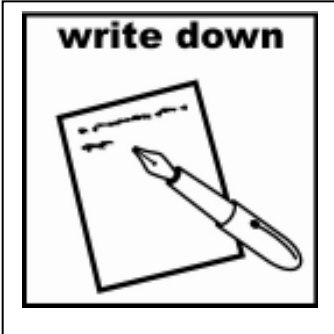
The Council have a vision which is;

'To provide a citywide network of high quality affordable, accessible and sustainable leisure centres and swimming pools that meets the needs of people of Leeds'.



They have drawn up draft plans and are consulting with people to find out how they can get more people to use the leisure centres and to achieve this without the costs becoming too high.

One of the suggestions is to close East

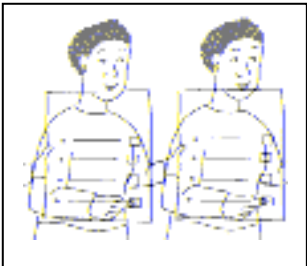

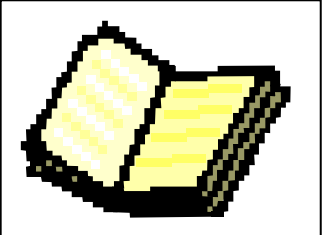


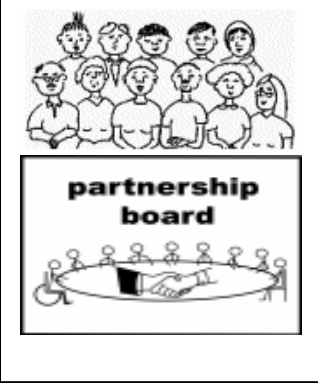
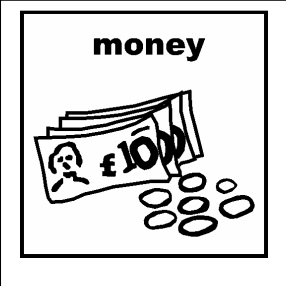
Leeds and Fearnville leisure centre and build a state of the art 'Well-being' facility near by. (A Well-being facility might include doctors and nurses in addition to sports and recreational facilities).


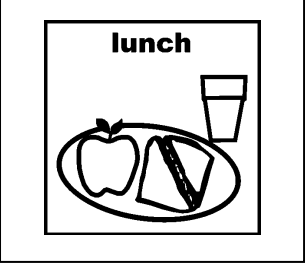

People at the meeting were asked to complete a questionnaire and answer the following questions;

- What stops you using council leisure centres?
- What would you like to see in a new leisure centre?
- Do you think it is a good idea to build leisure centres in the following places - located near main roads, near town/area centres, or with other facilities (e.g. schools, libraries and health centres)?
- If the proposals go ahead, some of the new centres could be 'Well being' centres where health (such as doctors, physiotherapists and nurses) would be based alongside swimming pools, hydrotherapy and sports halls. How do you think this could benefit disabled people?
- Given the proposals outlined earlier for leisure centres, do you agree with them and what do you see as the effect for disabled people? (e.g. one really good accessible site in East Leeds, instead of three smaller lower quality sites etc).
- How do you think leisure centres can be best used to help disabled people to be healthy?

The results of the feedback will be given to the Executive Board (decision makers) in December. The Board were told that the

	<p>Connect Works thanked the Partnership Board for listening to the presentation and offered to come and talk to organisations and groups at a later date. They also set up an information stand for people to visit after the meeting.</p>	
	<p>Partnership Board Rules and Meeting Planner.</p> <p>At the last Board meeting, members were given copies of the draft rules and meeting planner from the Valuing People Yorkshire and Humberside Partnership Board Representatives Network meeting. They were asked to review the document and discuss it at today's meeting. As the Board had decided to hold a review meeting, it was agreed this would be the best place to discuss the papers.</p>	<p>Board Members</p>
	<p>Partners in Policymaking Course</p> <p>Janet Wright had previously asked for volunteers to assist with the drafting of the agreement for carers attending the course. Fran Jeffries offered to help and met with Janet. As the Board agreed to fund up to 6 carers on the course and 3 carers from the Reference Group have put their names forward, the 3 remaining places will be advertised in Through the Maze. Members were also asked to circulate details about the course within their own networks.</p>	<p>Board Members</p>
	<p>Learning Disability Strategy</p> <p>The Strategy is now being proof read. (checking for mistakes). The accessible version will be ready within the next couple of weeks. The Partnership Executive agreed to meet on 3rd November to review the final document. It will then have to go to</p>	

	<p>the Executive Boards of the Local Authority and Primary Care Trust for approval.</p>	
	<p>Joint meeting with the Partnership Board and Partnership Executive As the Partnership Board requested a meeting with the Partnership Executive, members were asked to consider how best to use the time during the meeting and what were the main things they wanted to discuss. All agenda items should be sent to Louise Mills.</p>	<p>Board Members</p>
	<p>Transfer of commissioning – Janet Wright In September, Board Members were sent a paper that talks about the transfer of commissioning. (Moving money for learning disabilities Social Care from the NHS to local Councils). The paper says that Local Councils and Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) should begin talking about the transfer of the money and involve their local learning disabilities Partnership Board. They also need to collect information about what was spent during the year 1 April 2007 until 31 March 2008 and agree how much money should move. All this has to be done by 1 December 2008.</p> <p>Janet reported that Lead Officers throughout the country feel involving Partnership Boards is a difficult thing to do particularly given the limited time. The Partnership Board will receive an update as soon as more information is available.</p>	<p>Janet Wright</p>

	<p><u>Yorkshire and Humber Health Assessment Framework Event - 24th November ,Wakefield.</u></p> <p>The purpose of this event is to talk about ways to make health services better in our region. It also follows on from the Health Assessment Framework, which has looked at what each area is good at and where there is more work to be done. Janet Wright and Norman Campbell have agreed to attend on behalf of the Partnership Board and will report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Norman Campbell Janet Wright</p>
	<p>George Wood thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all their hard work. People were invited to stay for buffet lunch and were reminded to visit the two information stands at the meeting.</p>	
	<p><u>Next meetings</u></p> <p>Date: Tuesday 21st October 2008</p> <p>Venue: St Chad's Church Centre</p> <p>Type of meeting: Consultation on the Leeds City Council Income Review (Board members only)</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 9th December 2008</p> <p>Venue: St Matthias Church Centre</p> <p>Type of meeting: Partnership Board and Partnership Executive members only</p>	

Health Task Group – Partnership Board Group Work Outcomes

Q. Have we got the right?

- Members
- Priorities

Q. Anything else we should do?

Group 1

- All priorities impact on each other, being physically active makes people feel better
- Good priorities – linked to Olympics possible funding available
- Need to relate to specialist teams working in PCT, have links to promote inclusion
- Epilepsy
- Access
- Need to identify what experience there is already, identify good practice
- Need to think outside the health box.
- Demographic information
- Experts by experience
- Identify primary care reps, e.g. GP
- PALS

Group 2

- How do we show we have progressed as a group, what are our targets.
- Need to know what we need to know! – Data
- Need to look at wider health agenda, healthy lifestyles
- Ethnicity, Gender
- Capacity – how do we maximise the capacity of the group to do the work needed.
- Incentive for carers to share
- Screening e.g. hearing

Group 3

Health Action Plans
Health prevention / promotion
Relationships and sexual health
Social and communication barriers