

Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board

Special meeting held at Technorth
20th May 2008



Board Members - Present at the meeting

Ray Wilk, Independent Chair
Michael Cass, Co Chair

Board Members - (Service User Representatives)

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

Board Members - (Voluntary Sector Forum Representatives)

Lisa Keenan, Voluntary Sector Forum
Bill Walton, People in Action
David Hansen, HFT

Person Centred Planning Co-ordinator

Cathy Wintersgill, Connect in the North

Board Members - (Statutory)

Paul Broughton, Adult Social Care
Carol Cochrane, Leeds Primary Care Trust
Gordon Kerr, Connexions
Khalid I Arian, Joint Commissioning Service

Board Members – (Carers Reference Group)

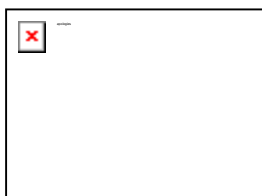
Harold Wilson, Carer
Rebecca Rooke, Age Concern

In attendance

Sue Lindsey, Leeds Advocacy
Louise Mills, Joint Commissioning Service

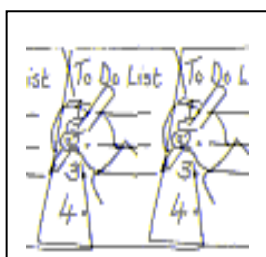
People who could not come to the meeting

Sheila Dunham, Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust
Fran Jeffries, Mencap Pathways



Leeds draft Learning Disability Strategy – Dave Rigby

Dave came to talk about the draft strategy and started with a powerpoint presentation that described the background and aims.



He said the strategy was a three year framework for action to help people with learning disabilities live full and equal lives. It included the priorities in Valuing People Now and with information based on local needs and national priorities, contained 10 objectives:



1. Personalisation
2. What people do during the day
3. Better health
4. Access to housing
5. Moving from young people's services to adult services
6. Support for carers
7. Needs of people from black and minority ethnic communities
8. Improving information about need
9. Workforce issues
10. Making sure change happens



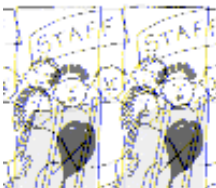
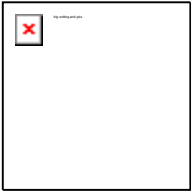
In addition to this, there would be appendices (extra supporting information) which Dave agreed to send out.



Dave wanted the Partnership Board to have the opportunity to discuss the draft strategy before it was presented to the Partnership Executive on 21st May. He also invited people to contact him later if there was anything else they wanted to raise.



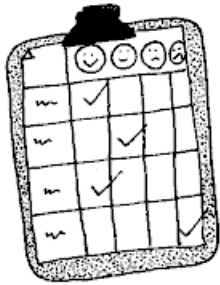
After the presentation, there was a question and answer session and the following points were made:



1. Work will start soon on creating an accessible version and discussions have already taken place with John Burley and Sue Lindsey, who will help with this. Dave reported this will be part of his remit.
2. It is important that both versions are available on the web site so more people will have access.
3. The Board agreed that as Personalisation is one of the main priorities in Valuing People Now and the draft strategy, if Leeds started with this (and got it right) many of the other important things would change for the better.
4. The Partnership Executive asked for the strategy to be written and must make sure the necessary resources are available to deliver the actions. Ray agreed to talk to the Partnership Executive about this. The Partnership Board has a role in making changes happen and it is important for people to realise the Partnership Board is not equipped to do this alone.
5. The draft strategy proposes that the Partnership Board has a Project Manager to take things forward.
6. Clarity is required on the link between the Partnership Board and Partnership Executive.

Dave had intended for the Board to split into groups to look at the Action Plan in more detail but due to the lack of time, all agreed to work through the document together and pick out the top priorities from the various categories.

Following on from these discussions, the group recommended the following;



1. If there are 10 work streams, the Partnership Board should have a member in each group. It was noted however that not all the work streams have been fully set up in terms of membership.
2. The Board should do an audit of how we are connected to the other groups and who is representing the Partnership Board.
3. When referring to other sections of the strategy, an alternative way of numbering the sections may be required to avoid confusion.
4. The Partnership Board must put forward a strong representation to the Aspirations Paper regarding colleges merging and ensure its views are heard.
5. Section 3 should be about better lifestyles and not just health.
6. The Strategy Action Plan should be used as the tool to make Valuing People Now happen in Leeds.



As the strategy refers to the plans from various departments and organisations, discussions took place as to who should approve it. It was agreed that approval should come from the following bodies:

- Partnership Executive
- Partnership Board
- Primary Care Trust Executive Board
- LCC Executive Board
- Healthy Leeds Partnership



Next Steps

People at the meeting and task and reference group Chairs will discuss the strategy with their groups and send in further comments to Louise Mills by the end of July.

The strategy will also be reviewed at the Partnership Board meeting in June and hopefully be approved by August.

Future Meetings

24th June 2008

The White House, Johnny Lane, Otley
Board Members meeting

19th August 2008

St Matthias Church Centre
Board Members meeting

14th October 2008

St Matthias Church Centre
Partnership Board meeting



Workforce Development – Cathy Wintersgill

Cathy reported she attended the Yorkshire & Humberside Learning Disability Workforce Development Forum meeting. All Partnership Boards are required to consult on workforce development and complete a Workforce Action Plan by the next meeting on 17th July. The Strategic Health Authority has asked Hull University to lead on this piece of work and the Board talked about how this could be done. Ray Wilk had made contact with the Strategic Health Authority and further instructions/advice will be available.