

Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board
Notes of the meeting held
24th June 2008 - The White House, Otley



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

Board Members - (Voluntary Sector Forum Representatives)

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

Board Members - (Statutory)

Paul Broughton, Adult Social Care
 Carol Cochrane, Leeds Primary Care Trust
 Khalid I Arian, Joint Commissioning Service
 Sheila Dunham, Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust
 Jane Flaherty, Department of Work and Pensions
 Dave Rosser, Adult Social Care
 Kashif Ahmed, Diversity Director
 Janet Wright, Joint Commissioning Service

Board Members – (Carers Reference Group)

Harold Wilson, Carer
 Rebecca Rooke, Age Concern
 Sarah Mottershead, Age Concern

In attendance and special guests

Norman Campbell, Leeds Primary Care Trust
 Tracey Gray, Leeds Primary Care Trust
 Mick Ward, Modernisation Team - Older People And Disabled People
 Sue Lindsey, Leeds Advocacy
 Louise Mills, Joint Commissioning Service

People who could not come to the meeting

Councillor Peter Harrand
 Chris Hill, Learning Disability Reference Group
 Cathy Wintersgill, Connect in the North
 Gordon Kerr, Connexions
 Pete Vickers, Vine/Learning and Leisure Department



Welcome and introductions

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



It was noted Lisa Keenan has now been appointed as the full time Forum Co - ordinator and the Board wished to congratulate her.

The White House, Otley

The White House, situated on Otley Chevin provides leisure facilities for people, in particular, for those with disabilities. Whilst many of the Board meetings are successfully held at St Matthias Church Centre, the White House was chosen as the venue for today's meeting as it provides a good example of what accessible changing places should look like. The toilet has a changing bed, tracking with hoist and provides a large area for people with wheelchairs to move freely.



Notes of the previous meetings:

Christine Barker's name had been missed off the attendance list for the meeting held 11th December. All other notes agreed as accurate.

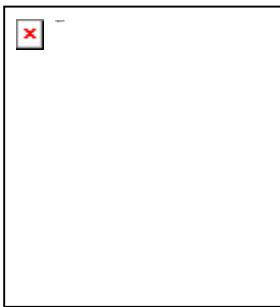


Changing Places Campaign

Ray read through his report entitled "A Life with Dignity" which provides a background to the Leeds Partnership Board position on the changing places campaign.

The report recommends;

- The Partnership Board should ask all public sector bodies to plan for and



fund the provision of proper adult changing facilities, especially in places such as colleges, health and leisure centres.

- LCC should review its planning approval systems so that when organisations apply for permission to build new shopping centres and commercial venues, they have to include accessible changing facilities on their premises.

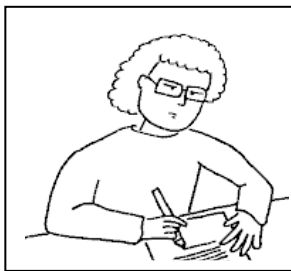
Bill Walton suggested asking organisations to provide a response and date for when they could provide accessible facilities.

Mick Ward told the Board he was fully in support of the campaign and had already discussed this issue at the Disabled Peoples Board.

He showed the Board a guide published by Department for Communities and Local Government, which talks about the current problems and sets out a range of approaches to encourage partnerships between local authorities, the private sector, and local people.

It was reported that Westminster Council have a 'Sat Lav' system where people can send a text message to find out where their nearest accessible toilet is.

The Trafford Shopping Centre received the Loo of the Year Award in 2007 and amenities include an adult changing facility.

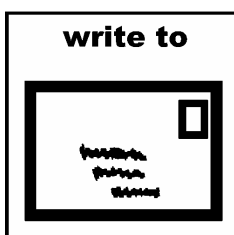


Christine Barker added she is still collecting signatures for the campaign and will hand them over to John Burley at the meeting on 9th July.

Christine Barker

Action: Ray offered to write to the following organisations, on behalf of the Partnership Board and Mick Ward agreed to add his support (and that of the Disabled Peoples Board);

Ray Wilk



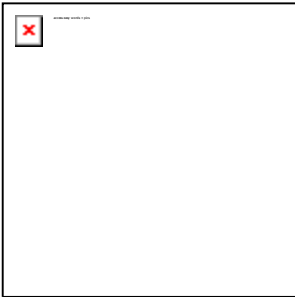
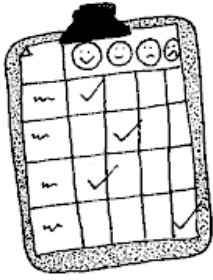
- Principal of colleges and universities
- Chairman of the PCT
- Director of Development (Planning and Leisure)
- Environmental Health
- Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust
- Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust
- Chamber of Commerce

Health Task Group – Norman Campbell and Tracey Gray



Norman talked about the need for a Health Task Group and explained its aim would be to help improve health services, develop better local services, enable empowerment and set standards. It would also look into promoting healthier lifestyles. Tracey, who is employed as a Health Improvement Specialist, said people with learning disabilities are more likely not to receive the same health care as others and this needs to change. The Group wants to look at what Doctors and Primary Care staff can do to help people with learning disabilities.

At a previous Board meeting, members looked at the Health Check targets and the Task Group can use this tool in the future to measure what progress is made.



Norman asked the Board to work in groups and consider the following;

- What are the priorities for good health
- Who should the members be
- What else should the group look at i.e. is hospital information accessible, what standards of care do people receive whilst in hospitals.

Members noted the importance of providing good access to social and recreational activities to maintain good health.

Norman and Tracey agreed to look at the suggestions put forward by the Board and provide an update on progress at the next meeting.

Learning Disability Strategy

Carol Cochrane gave an update on the progress of the strategy.

Dave Rigby has received 14 responses to the draft strategy and is now working on the final version. Some people's comments conflict with others and it will not be possible to include all the suggestions put forward. Lots of work will have to be done to bring it all together. The issue of whether there would be a section on Finance was raised. It was confirmed there would be a part that shows how much money has been spent on learning disabilities services.

The intention is to have a revised version circulated before the next meeting.

Ray thanked everyone for contributing to the process.

Norman
Campbell

Tracey
Gray



Updates

Carers Reference Group

The Carers Reference Group has received funding from the Healthy Leeds Project to fund a Carers Training Programme run by Carers.

Kauser Iqbal, Naseem Akram and Lynne Bailey have put their names forward for the Partners in Policymaking course and will feedback to the Reference Group when they have completed the course. A start date for the course will be announced once a more local training venue is identified.

Action: Janet Wright agreed to look into the accessibility of the course.

Kauser Iqbal

Naseem Akram

Lynne Bailey

Janet Wright

Learning Disability Reference Group

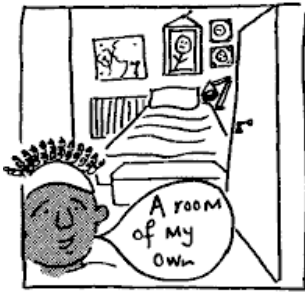
Last meeting held 6th May and the outcome of this event was discussed at the last Board meeting. Ray Wilk thanked the group for the continued excellence in their work.

Ethnicity Reference Group - Kashif Ahmed

Kashif circulated a handout and reported that the Ethnicity Reference Group has been providing support to the Voluntary Sector organisations, such as Age Concern and People in Action, to undertake Equality Impact Assessments.

Last year 12 Voluntary Sector organisations attended a workshop hosted by the Group and a follow up session will take place on 22nd July.





Work is currently underway with the Independent Living Project in developing a specialist BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) service that will provide accommodation for people with learning disabilities from the BME community.

A BME Carers Consultation event will be held 10th July to look at ways Leeds can address the needs of people from the BME community and how do we meet our commissioning priorities.

Kashif agreed to report back at the next meeting.

Kashif
Ahmed

Day Opportunities – Paul Broughton (handout circulated)



Paul handed out a report and gave the Board an update on the progress and issues facing the modernisation of day services. He pointed out that whilst Leeds City Council will continue to provide day services, it cannot do this alone and will be looking to work with other organisations.

Consultation work started in 2006 and recognition was paid to all the time, effort and information people had contributed.



The introduction of the draft Valuing People Now and Self Directed Support / Individualised Budgets has given the project more things to consider. Services provided in the future will have to be more flexible and allow service users the opportunity to make their own choices on how they spend their time. It was also noted that the services have to meet the needs of



different groups of people ranging from those who require little support to those with high support needs.

Whilst some of the existing buildings would be closed, this would not happen until alternative day opportunities had been identified. The project was not about saving money but about improving the lives and opportunities of people with learning disabilities.

The Board agreed to spend more time looking at the next steps for day opportunities at another meeting.



Self Directed Support

A report from Leeds City Council's Self-Directed Support Project team was handed out.



Partnership Board Membership

It was suggested that a representative from the Transitions Team was invited to join the Partnership Board.

'Transitions' is now a major priority and Dave Rosser has been given the task of leading on its developments. Dave requested that this item be added to the next meetings agenda.

Partnership Board Report

Ray Wilk explained the process for putting the report together and confirmed it will be publicly available and sent to the following organisations;

- Valuing People Support Team
- Partnership Executive members (for circulation within own organisations)
- Elected Members





- Reference Groups
- Through the Maze
- Carers Regional Network (North East England)

Inclusion North Day

Inclusion North will be holding a members day on 16th September in York and anyone interested in attending were asked to contact Louise Mills.

Recruitment

Janet Wright reported that the process for filling the Partnership Board Chair vacancy was underway and advertisements will go out within the next 2 weeks. It is hoped the new Chair will be in post by September.

As the Co Chair had also been in position for over three years and with the arrival of Valuing People Now with its three-year plan of work, it was felt that now was the time to give another person the opportunity to apply for the post. Michael Cass had kindly agreed to stay in post for another 3 months to help with the recruitment of the new Chair and other Partnership Board work.

Partnership Board Chair

Ray Wilk confirmed that this was the last time he would Chair the Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board and thanked everyone on the Board for the last 3 years. He had thoroughly enjoyed his time on the Board and said retiring from this post had been a difficult decision to make.

He wished the Partnership Board continued success and hoped that the projects such as Day Services Modernisation,

Independent Living Project, Valuing People Now would soon bring about great changes to the lives of people with learning disabilities.

The Partnership Board expressed their appreciation for all the hard work, enthusiasm and continued support Ray has shown over his time in post and wished him much happiness in his retirement.

Next meetings

Tuesday 19th August 2008

St Matthias Church Centre
(Board Members meeting)

Tuesday 14th October 2008

St Matthias Church Centre
(Partnership Board meeting)

Tuesday 9th December 2008

St Matthias Church Centre
(Board Members meeting)

