



Welcome and introductions

Janet Wright agreed to Chair the meeting in Ray Wilk’s absence and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

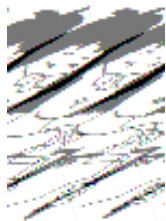
She reminded the Board about the four main priorities in the *Valuing People Now* draft document and explained that the purpose of the days meeting was to discuss Better housing to live in and Better Health. Unfortunately, the Housing Department Representative was unable to attend the meeting although they have expressed a wish to meet with Janet to discuss *Valuing People Now* and the Housing Strategy for Leeds. They have also been prompted to recognise that the Housing Department will need to take responsibility for the housing issues.



Better Housing to Live In

Janet Wright gave the Board a brief description of what *Valuing People Now* says should happen and described the current housing situation in Leeds. Board members also raised issues.

When new houses are built, the Government have said a percentage of them must be available for ‘vulnerable’ people.



Starting from next year, the Health Performance Indicator will monitor how many people with learning disabilities are living in settled accommodation.



More money will be available to help people move out of campus accommodation and this (capital money) can be used to buy or build adaptations although there is not enough to

provide support. This money will just pay for the building.

Some Landlords do not understand the needs of people with learning disabilities and more will be done to support them.



It was noted that the document appears to have a missing chapter about where the money/resources will come from. For example, if a group of people living together, receiving support then move into individual accommodation, a lot more money will be needed to provide the individual support.



The Board divided into groups to look at the issues in more detail.

Better Health

Carol Cochrane introduced the *Valuing People Now* section on Better Health and gave a background to the current situation.

Generally, the health of people with learning disabilities is poorer and access to services is worse than it is for the rest of the population.

Learning disabilities has been a low priority and people need to look at ways to

- reduce health inequalities
- Improve access to GPs and dentists
- (It was noted that the specialist services are however, good quality)

The 3 priorities for Health are:

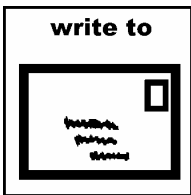
- Primary Health (like GPs and opticians)
- Hospital services (like those at St James's Hospital)

- Specialist Learning Disability Services



Previously there have been problems engaging with GPs, especially around Health Action Plans.

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At the end of the meeting, Janet invited members to send in further comments on any of the subjects in the document, to Louise Mills. The final draft of the Board's response will be checked at the meeting on 11th March, before being sent off to Valuing People.



Carol Cochrane said that the Partnership Board have been asked to consult on the Health Learning Disability Performance Assessment Framework and invited members to attend a special meeting on 13th March.

Janet thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Next Meeting

11th March – to review Partnership Board response.

13th March – Health Learning Disability Performance Framework.

8th April – Partnership Board meeting.

