



## Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board



### Notes of the meeting held at St Matthias Church Centre – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009



#### **Board Members - Present at the meeting**

Derek Thomas, Chair  
Susan Hanley, Co-Chair

#### **Board Members - (Service User Representatives)**

Chris Hill, Leeds People First  
Andrew Walsh, ROOOTS  
Gina Gage, Learning Disability Reference Group

#### **Board Members - (Voluntary Sector Forum Representatives)**

Lisa Keenan, Voluntary Sector Forum Co-ordinator  
Carol Ann Reed, Mencap Pathway  
David Hansen, Home Farm Trust

#### **Person Centred Planning Co-ordinator**

Cathy Wintersgill, Connect in the North

#### **Board Members - (Statutory)**

Khalid I Arian, Joint Commissioning Service  
Jane Flaherty, Department of Work and Pensions  
Sheila Dunham, Leeds Partnerships NHS Foundation  
Trust  
Allison Johnson, Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust  
Janet Wright, Joint Commissioning Service  
Norman Campbell, NHS Leeds (deputising for Carol  
Cochrane)

#### **Board Members – (Carers Reference Group)**

Harold Wilson, Carer  
Maire Sykes, Carer  
Liz Davis, Carer  
Liz Brightwell, Carer  
Shirley Evison, Carer

### **Special Guests / Supporting the Board**

Dr Fiona Day, Public Health

Louise Mills, Joint Commissioning Service

Simon Pickering, Housing Strategy Manager

Fiona Evans, Leeds Advocacy

Katie Whitham, Leeds Advocacy

Paul Seccombe, Leeds Advocacy

Lisa James, Partners in Policymaking

Susan McDonagh, Partners in Policymaking

Lynn Bailey, Partners in Policymaking

Kaursar Iqbal, Partners in Policymaking

Paul Williams, Partners in Policymaking



### **Members who could not come to the meeting -**

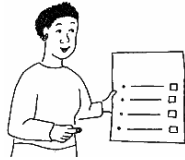
Christine Barker, Learning Disability Reference Group

Michele Tynan, Adult Social Care

Carol Cochrane, NHS Leeds

Rebecca Rooke, Age Concern

Angela Yeoman, Age Concern



## Our Rules

## Welcome and introductions

Susan Hanley welcomed everyone and reminded them about the rules of the meeting.



## Updates

### Learning Disability Reference Group – Chris Hill

Chris talked about the last meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> September and handed out a report.

- Simon Pickering came to talk about the housing options for people with learning disabilities and asked for peoples thoughts.
- Alistair Sutherland from Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust came to talk about PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) and see if anyone had any issues or worries they wanted to raise.
- Tom Bailey from Arts and Minds Network talked about their work and how people could get involved.
- The Reference Group will hold elections to appoint new Partnership Board representatives at the next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November.



### Carers Reference Group – Harold Wilson

Harold reported back from the meeting held 24 September and invited two of the members to talk about the Beeston Action for Families (B.A.A.F). The first group was set up about 8 years ago as a social and support group for people with learning disabilities and their carers. They now have a website:

[www.beestonfamiliesforaction.org.uk](http://www.beestonfamiliesforaction.org.uk) and will provide a link to the Carers Reference Group.



## Health Task Group

### Health Needs Assessment – Dr Fiona Day

Fiona has written a 33 page report on the needs of people with learning disabilities in Leeds. (Accessible summary handed out at the meeting and attached to these notes).

It includes information from various local and national reports and shows, for example, how many people in Leeds -

- have been diagnosed with a learning disability
- have a more severe learning disability
- have been helped to live at home

It also shows how many children at school have been diagnosed with a learning disability and this type of information will be used to plan what services are needed in the future.

The report contains a list of recommendations (things to do) and will go into the Leeds Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. These recommendations will be made accessible.

People at the meeting discussed the issues around getting accurate information, especially when some people with learning disabilities are not known to services. This means there could be even more people with learning disabilities not receiving support. Further work is being done to look at this and people will need to decide if a Learning Disability Database (Register) would help. Sheffield is one of the few places to have a database.

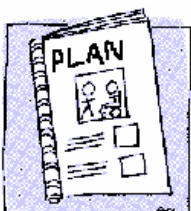
People can get a copy of the report by contacting Janet Wright.



### **Partnership Executive - Derek Thomas**

Derek reported back from the meeting held 22 September and highlighted a few key points.

- Autism post – There will be a delay in recruiting this post. All jobs now have to go to the Redeployment Panel before being advertised. A carer raised concern that the person who gets the job must have knowledge and experience of the needs of people with autism. It was pointed out that the redeployment and recruitment panel will make sure the person they appoint meets the job description.
- The Partnership Board will look at how it can work with the Safeguarding Board to ensure learning disabilities are kept on their agenda.
- Derek is meeting with John England in November to clarify the role between the Partnership Executive and Partnership Board.



### **Housing Strategy Update - Simon Pickering**

Since coming to the Partnership Board in May, Simon has been writing the strategy and meeting with various groups.

#### **What is in the strategy?**

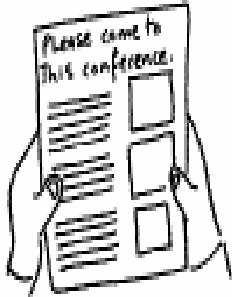
The strategy talks about

- improving access to housing options; making information more accessible and available.
- giving people more choice and control, finding ways to help people live on their own,
- improving options for some groups such as those from black and ethnic minority backgrounds or younger people with learning disabilities.



### What happens next?

Simon will send out the draft strategy for people to comment on. It will then go to the Council's Executive Board for approval. An easy read version will be produced with a DVD and easy read directory.



The Board discussed who has responsibility to deliver what's in the strategy. Derek suggested the Director of Housing could come and talk to the Partnership Board.

It was reported that housing is the biggest cause of advocacy queries although this can either be about housing **or** housing support issues.



Janet Wright explained that a Framework Agreement for care and support is being developed following two big events held with organisations - one with autism support providers and one with learning disabilities support providers.



### **Partners in Policymaking Course (Funded by Learning Disability Development Fund money)**

The course has finished and 4 out of the 6 Leeds graduates came to feedback to the Board.



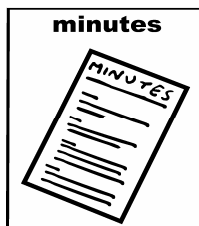
The course, held at Hinsley Hall Leeds took place over 8 weekends. 35 people from various parts of the country attended. Whilst they had to work really hard, everyone reported how much they had enjoyed the course and had learnt a lot from it.



The Partnership Board were thanked for funding the 6 graduates and asked if more could go on the course. Derek Thomas offered to donate £1,000 towards the cost another course if the graduates could get together and find other organisations to fund the rest. The following people agreed to help the graduates: Janet Wright, Sheila Dunham, Lisa Keenan.



Janet talked about increasing the public awareness of this course and involving departments who are responsible for making changes happen. It was suggested further news articles could go in the Council and NHS communications paper, Brighter Future magazine and Through the Maze.



### **Any other business**

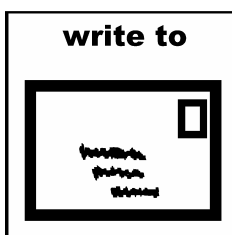
Derek read through the notes from the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> September and provided an update on actions / matters arising.

- **Health** – workshop being planned to look at recommendations from Six Lives Report (and other important papers).
- **Self Directed Support** – Louise Mills to chase up responses to questions raised by the Partnership Board.
- **Accessibility of meetings** – as part of the ongoing discussions to improve accessibility, the Board agreed
  - When people present items to the Board, an accessible handout should be made
  - Louise Mills to make sure the 'hearing loop' system is switched on



in the hall

- The curtains will be closed while people are speaking, to help reduce noise interference



- **Person Centred Planning**

Members of the Board joined care managers and other professionals to look at the processes currently used in Leeds and begin to plan a future strategy. The next step will be to create a Task Group who will develop an action plan, taking into account the changes that will occur with Self Directed Support.

- **Special event**


Harold Wilson told everyone the West Yorkshire Police, Criminal Justice Board and Safer Leeds are holding a series of events to tackle anti-social behaviour and provided the dates and venues.

- **Volunteering Strategy**

Carol Cochrane is a member of a national working party developing a Volunteering Strategy for health and social care. They are looking for examples of volunteering that can be included in the strategy. Leeds has a lot of good volunteering projects and anyone willing to share their stories was asked to send them to Janet Wright who will collect them on Carol's behalf.

- **Regional Programme Board.**

An important letter from Moira Wilson, Chair of the Regional Programme Board was given to all Board Members. It was about how

	<p>everyone can work together to reach the targets in Valuing People Now.</p>
	<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b> Date: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November Type of meeting: Members only.</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Type of meeting: Partnership Board and Partnership Executive joint review.</p>