

Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board
21st April 2009
St Matthias Church Centre



Board Members - Present at the meeting

George Wood, York Co Chair
Susan Hanley, Co Chair

Board Members - (Service User Representatives)

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

Board Members - (Voluntary Sector Forum Representatives)

Lisa Keenan, Voluntary Sector Forum
Bill Walton, People in Action
David Hansen, HFT
Cathy Wintersgill, Person Centred Planning Co-ordinator
Barbara Dowling, Wilf Ward Trust

Board Members - (Statutory)

Councillor Peter Harrand
Paul Broughton, Adult Social Care
Janet Wright, Joint Commissioning Service
Sheila Dunham, Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust
Jane Flaherty, Job Centre Plus
Dave Rosser, Adult Social Care
Carol Cochrane, NHS Leeds
Simon Pickering, Housing Strategy Officer, Leeds City Council

Board Members – (Carers Reference Group)

Harold Wilson, Carer

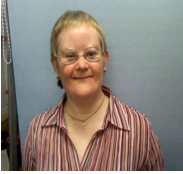
In attendance and special guests

Sam Clark, Inclusion North
Louise Mills, Joint Commissioning Service
Amanda Dagnall, Through the Maze
Fiona Evans, Leeds Advocacy

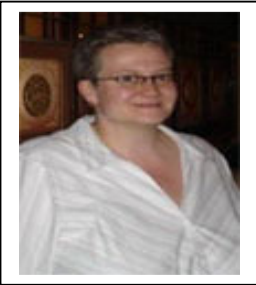
People who could not come to the meeting

Gina Gage, Learning Disability Reference Group
Jenny Lewty, for Pete Vickers (VINE)
Gordon Kerr, Connexions
Norman Campbell, Leeds Primary Care Trust
Khalid I Arian, Joint Commissioning Service





Susan Hanley welcomed everyone and explained the rules of the meeting. She also pointed out the importance of signing the attendance sheet in case there was an emergency evacuation. Susan introduced the guest speaker, Samantha (Sam) Clark from Inclusion North.



Sam talked about the priorities within Valuing People Now and the big task facing Partnership Boards. The purpose of her visit was to help the Board prepare for this by looking at who should be on the Board and who it needs to work with to make changes happen.

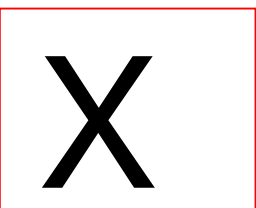
Sam started by asking people to split into groups and list the good things about how the Board works. During the feedback, people said they were happy with:



- the frequency of the meetings
- the good attendance and mixture of people
- accessibility of the information (although this could still be improved)
- information sharing and networking
- the organisation of the meetings, including the venue

(all the feedback from the days group work is attached at the end of these notes)

Sam invited members to think about things that were not so good. People raised the following issues:



- its not clear who should do the work
- relationship between the Partnership



Executive and Partnership Board unclear

- its not clear where decisions are made and who has responsibility for making things happen
- there are important vacant seats on the Board
- the Board has good ideas but little is put into practice

Sam gave a powerpoint presentation on the priorities of Valuing People Now and talked about some of the groups who will help make things happen and how they all fit together:

Groups that will continue to exist

- The National Forum for People with Learning Disabilities
- The National Valuing Families Forum
- Regional Forums

New groups

- National Learning Disability Programme Board. This group will monitor how local governments are performing in relation to the priorities in Valuing People Now.
- Regional Learning Disability Programme Boards. There will be 9 Regional Boards who will provide regular reports to the National Learning Disability Programme Board on regional progress. They will measure how each area is doing. The Valuing People Regional Team will help areas that are finding it difficult. Moira Wilson, from Bradford, will chair the local regional group.





Membership of the Board

Whilst the Board has a good mix of members, people said it is still missing some important representatives and needs to build stronger links with the decision makers and planners.

The Board worked in groups to consider the following:

- which organisations should the Board link with to make changes happen
- who does the Board want to influence



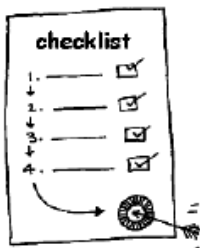
Many organisations were listed but it was agreed it would not be possible for them all to become members of the Board.

Further group discussions took place to decide who should be represented on the Board. This list was then used for members to vote in favour of whom they thought were essential representatives and how many places they should have.

Partnership Board Toolkit

Valuing People Now are going to issue a toolkit which will help Boards be more effective. It will include guidance about the structure and how it should work.

However, as Leeds is one of the few Partnership Boards in the country to have a Partnership Executive, it was agreed further discussions need to take place with the Executive to clarify the role and function of the two Boards, and how this will fit in with the new Regional Learning Disability Programme Boards.





Next Steps

- The feedback from today's meeting and the Valuing People toolkit will be used to update the Partnership Board structure.
- The new structure will require the support of senior managers and the Partnership Executive
- Sam agreed to come to another Board meeting to help with the next stages, after the toolkit is released.



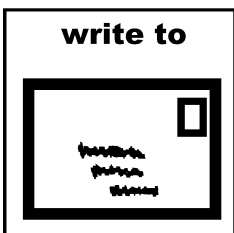
Partnership Board updates and any other business

Chief Officer – Learning Disabilities

Members of the Partnership Board took part in the interviews for the Chief Officer post. The successful applicant is Michelle Tynan from Stockport. Michelle will have to give one months notice from her current employer before coming to Leeds. Once in post, Michelle will attend future Board meetings. Paul Broughton has been doing this job on a temporary basis and will return to his permanent job at the end of June.

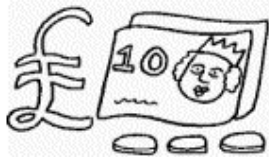
Partnership Board Independent Chairperson

There was a lot of interest in this vacancy and 6 people have been short-listed to attend for interview on 5th May.



Change of Address

Voluntary Sector Learning Disabilities Forum has moved office. The new contact details are: 26 St Michaels Road, Leeds LS6 3AW. Telephone 0113 2787300.

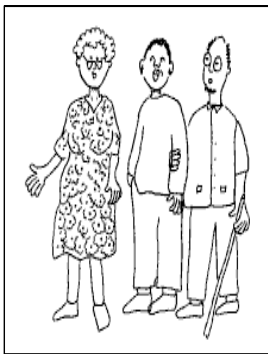


Day Service Modernisation Event 13th May.

This event is for non-Council organisations and groups to look at increasing the range of opportunities for people with learning disabilities. Funding will be available for schemes to help people live more fulfilling lives and advice on how to apply for this funding, and the bidding process, will be discussed on the day.

Carers

7th -13th June is National Carers week. Members of the Carers Reference Group are hosting stalls in supermarkets to raise awareness and promote carers services.

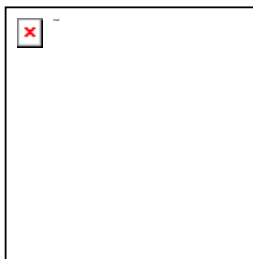


There will be a carers protest and rally in London on 22nd April in support of the Carers Allowance. A petition will be delivered to Downing Street.

The next Carers Reference Group meeting is on 21st May.

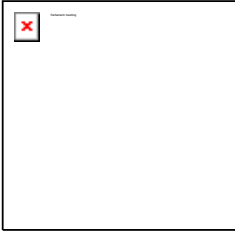
National Learning Disability Week - 22nd – 28th June

This year's theme will be about the Changing Places campaign (for fully accessible changing facilities to be installed in all public areas – changing beds with hoists etc). Board members were asked to share ideas and bring information about the events they are involved in, back to the Partnership Board.



Changing Places Campaign

Christine Barker took part in a Changing Places Campaign awareness event held at the Arndale Shopping Centre in



Crossgates. It was a very successful event and a further 558 people signed the petition that day.

Christine and Lisa Keenan told the Board they were taking the *Leeds Liv it Lav it* deputation (lobby group for accessible changing places in Leeds) and signed petition to the Council on 22nd April.

George Wood closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and confirmed the dates of the next meetings:

19th May 2009

This will be a private meeting.

16th June 2009

Ann Williams, National Director for Learning Disabilities will be coming to the meeting.



Partnership Board meeting - 21 April 2009

What is good about the Board	What is not so good / issues raised
<p>Meetings and venue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ having regular monthly meetings ✓ good venue and food ✓ well organised meetings ✓ Chair and Co-Chair good ✓ Atmosphere and culture friendly and inclusive ✓ Timings good 	<p>Meetings and venue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Should we meet in a church centre
<p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Good turn out, especially from the Voluntary Sector, Learning Disabilities Reference Group and some senior members ✓ Good support from Councillor Harrand ✓ Good public meetings 	<p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Some people come to meetings but do not stay long. If you come, then you must stay unless you have an emergency ✗ Could Sandi Keene attend
<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wide range of members ✓ Members represent their groups well 	<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ People missing ✗ Where are the other councillors – we only see Councillor Harrand
<p>Information and accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The meetings provide a good opportunity to network and share ideas ✓ It is topical ✓ The meetings are interesting ✓ Easy to read information ✓ Relevant agendas – local and national ✓ Group work allows people the opportunity to say things 	<p>Information and accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Not accessible enough for service users but getting there ✗ Too fast
<p>Structure and sub groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Role and remit understood 	<p>Structure and sub groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Relationship between the Partnership Board and Partnership Executive unclear ✗ What teeth does it actually have ✗ Not clear who should do the work ✗ Not clear where decisions are made ✗ Role of task and reference groups unclear ✗ Need more working between members and people outside the Board

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Organisations don't always support Partnership Board members in helping make a difference ✘ Good ideas but little implementation
<p>Outside image of the Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Outside organisations want to talk to the Board ✓ Partnership Board seen as a good, well established and diverse group ✓ Good consultation group i.e. the strategy, health assessment framework 	

Organisations the Board should link with	
<p>Accessible information providers Acute Hospital Trust Advocacy Benefits and welfare Black and minority ethnic groups Carers and family carers Chamber of Commerce Children's and Adults Services/Social Care City Planners Connexions Crime and Disorder Unit Crown Prosecution Services Day Services Dementia services Disabilities Transport Forum Education/ Learning Skills Council Electoral Register (voting) Employment Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender groups Head of Equalities (LCC) Houses of Parliament Housing</p>	<p>Interpretation services Leeds Community Safety Leeds Voluntary Sector Forum Leisure Services LINKS Mental Health Services Mesmac Parents with learning disabilities Patient Advice Liaison Services Police Prison Service Safeguarding Self Directed Support Skills for Care Substance misuse Support for Parents Training Transitions Transport/Taxis User led organisations Work Development</p>

Types of representatives that must be on the Partnership Board		
Housing Strategy and Solutions Senior Manager	Family Carers	Chief Officer - Adult Social Care
Commissioning Manager	Learning Disability Reference Group Representatives	Voluntary Sector Forum Co-ordinator
Partnership Board Support Manager	3 Representatives from Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute Hospital Trust Senior Manager • NHS Leeds Senior Manager • Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust Senior Manager 	Councillors X 3
More Reference and Task Groups with the lead person on the Partnership Board		

	No. of votes
Safeguarding Board Member	13
Self Directed Support Team	10
People with learning disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with high support needs • Reference Group – Asking You • People First – Skin Deep • Roots – Change • Connect in the North 	10
The Voluntary Sector Forum including the forum co-ordinator (6 representatives in total)	7
Transitions Manager	7
4 Representatives from Leeds City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASC • Leisure • Environment and Housing • Education 	6
Other Statutory Representatives Department of Work and Pensions Metro	5
Customer/Carers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 customers 	4

• 5 carers	
Person Centred Planning Coordinator	4
Information Officer (Through the Maze)	4
Chair of the Partnership Executive	4
Voluntary Sector Forum (4 representatives in total)	3
Director of Adult Social Care	3
People First Representative	3
Advocacy Manager	3
Benefits Agency	3
Partnership Board media/press officer	3
Safer Leeds Representative	2
Private and for profit sector	2
Transport - Someone with power	1
Increase membership of the board - more service users and people with learning disabilities	No votes