



Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the meeting held at St Matthias Church Centre – Tuesday 15th December 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
Christine Barker, Learning Disability Reference Group

Board Members - (Voluntary Sector Forum Representatives)

Lisa Keenan, Voluntary Sector Forum Co-ordinator
Carol Ann Reed, Mencap Pathway
Aqila Choudhry, People In Action
David Hansen, Home Farm Trust

Person Centred Planning Co-ordinator

Cathy Wintersgill, Connect in the North

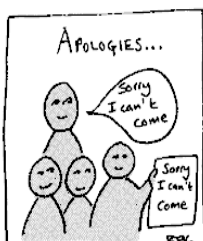
Board Members - (Statutory)

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
Carol Cochrane, NHS Leeds
Michele Tynan, Adult Social Care

Board Members – (Carers Reference Group)

Liz Davis, Carer
Shirley Evison, Carer
Rebecca Rooke, Age Concern

Harold Wilson, Carer



Special Guests / Supporting the Board

Hawa Bibi Rawat, Mencap - Through the Maze

Dee Napier, Mencap – Through the Maze

Helen Brand, Mencap – Through the Maze

Louise Mills, Joint Commissioning Service

Fiona Evans, Leeds Advocacy

Katie Whitham, Leeds Advocacy

Members who could not come to the meeting

Barbara Dowling, Wilf Ward Trust

David Rosser, Adult Social Care



Welcome and introductions

Susan Hanley opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Susan reminded people about using the traffic light cards if they wanted speakers to slow down or they didn't understand something.



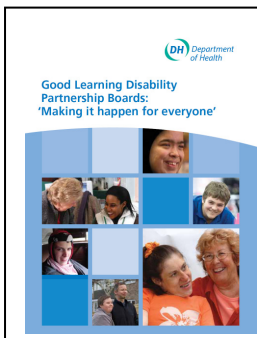
Changes to the agenda

Janet Wright told the Board that the joint review with the Partnership Executive had been delayed to allow the Partnership Board more time to look at the Valuing People Toolkit and prepare for the review.



Valuing People Now says that Partnership Boards have a lot more work to do and the Partnership Executive need to work with the Board to see how this can be achieved.

The joint review will now take place on 29th January and Jenny Anderton, Valuing People Yorkshire and Humber Regional Programme Lead will be joining us.



Presentation: Valuing People Now – Making it Happen for everyone

Janet began by reminding people that Partnership Boards were set up to bring together all the relevant local agencies and make sure the views of people with learning disabilities and carers were heard.

Some Partnership Boards have done well but many haven't and are not working in a way that Valuing People intended.

Valuing People Now gives clear guidance and suggestions on how to improve things.

From April 2010 all Partnership Boards will have to



complete an annual self assessment report showing how well they are doing in making Valuing People Now happen in their area. This will be sent to the Regional Programme Board and areas that are struggling will receive support.

One of the key actions in the guidance says that Boards need to review their membership and how it works with its members and people outside the Board. Each Board needs to make sure it has members or links with the people who have the responsibility to make changes happen, such as people at Director or Chief Executive level.

Before the Board can move forward, it needed to look at how it works and who it works with.

Members worked in groups and looked at some of the Valuing People Now guidance and information gathered at the Board meeting 21 April, to see what it is being asked to do.



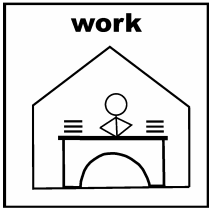
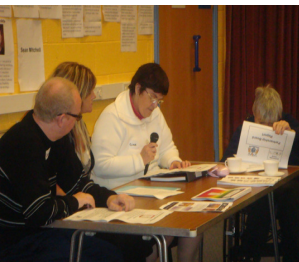
Feedback from the group work will be provided at the next meeting.

Partnership Board Annual Self Assessment Report – Lisa Keenan

Lisa gave a powerpoint presentation to explain what information will be needed for the assessment. There are 19 sections to complete and include things like

- The local picture - is it a small village or big city, how many people live there and how many people with learning disabilities are known to services
- The size and structure of the Partnership Board
- The total amount of money spent on services for adults with learning disabilities and what does it pay for
- The health of people with learning disabilities
- Employment



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents with learning disabilities • Hate Crime <p>By completing this assessment each year, it will help Partnership Boards check on their progress.</p>
	<p>Updates <u>Carers Reference Group</u> Rebecca Rooke reported back from the last meeting held 19th November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn Bailey came to talk about the Partners in Policymaking Course she attended • Carers discussed problems faced by people with learning disabilities when attending doctors appointments • Carers have been working on a project run by Leeds University which looks at ways of improving communications with people with learning disabilities and how to engage more with carers
	<p><u>Health Task Group</u> There was nothing to update at the meeting.</p>
	<p>Employment Michele Tynan told the Board she will be meeting Simon Whitehead in January 2010. Simon works for the National Development Team (NDT) and is the Employment Lead for Valuing People.</p> <p>The Employment Task Group will provide an update at the Board meeting in March.</p>
	<p>Learning Disability Reference Group As the meeting ran out of time, the Reference Group agreed to provide their report at the next Board meeting.</p>



Partnership Executive

The Executive had not met since November so there was nothing to report.

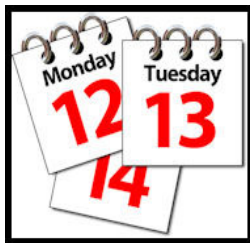


Elections to elect new representatives

Janet Wright explained that when the Learning Disability Reference Group met on 24th November, they had elections to appoint 3 new representatives.



For the last 2 years, Christine Barker, Chris Hill and Gina Gage have been attending both Partnership Board and regional events as representatives of the Learning Disability Partnership Board and Reference Group. They had worked really hard and showed a lot of commitment. The Board expressed its appreciation and wished them every success in the future.



Next meetings

Date: Tuesday 12th January 2010

Type of meeting: Board Members only

Date: Friday 29th January 2010

Type of meeting: Joint meeting with Partnership Executive

Date: Tuesday 16th March 2010

Type of meeting: Public meeting