

Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board
13th January 2009
St Matthias Church Centre



Board Members - Present at the meeting

George Wood, York Co Chair

Michael Cass, Co Chair

Board Members - (Service User Representatives)

Christine Barker, Learning Disability Reference Group

Chris Hill, Learning Disability Reference Group

Andrew Walsh, Roots Project

Gina Gage, Learning Disability Reference Group

Board Members - (Voluntary Sector Forum Representatives)

Lisa Keenan, Voluntary Sector Forum

Bill Walton, People in Action

David Hansen, HFT

Matt Stoney, People Matters

Barbara Dowling, Wilf Ward Trust

Fran Jeffries, Mencap Pathways

Cathy Wintersgill, Person Centred Planning Co-ordinator

Board Members - (Statutory)

Councillor Peter Harrand

Paul Broughton, Adult Social Care

Carol Cochrane, Leeds Primary Care Trust

Janet Wright, Joint Commissioning Service

Dave Rosser, Adult Social Care

Jenny Lewty, for Pete Vickers (VINE)

Sheila Dunham, Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust

Norman Campbell, Leeds Primary Care Trust

Jane Flaherty, Job Centre Plus

Khalid I Arian, Joint Commissioning Service

Board Members - (Carers Reference Group)

Harold Wilson, Carer

In attendance and special guests

Sue Lindsey, Leeds Advocacy

Fiona Evans, Leeds Advocacy

Louise Mills, Joint Commissioning Service

Dwight Allen, Roots

Annette Morris, Roots

Jessica Berry, Roots

Paul Zulu, Roots

Lynn Howard, Roots

Linda Randall, Leeds City Council Transitions Manager

Steve Bardsley, Service Delivery Manager

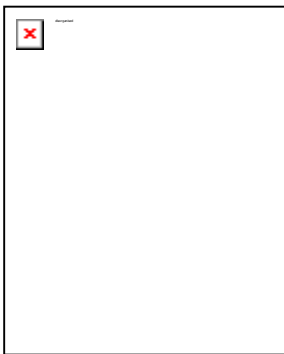
Scott Cunningham, Inclusion North

People who could not come to the meeting

Amanda Dagnall, Through the Maze

Gordon Kerr, Connexions





Welcome and introductions

Michael Cass opened the meeting and asked Board members to introduce themselves. Michael reminded everyone about using the traffic light cards and switching off mobile phones.

George Wood asked members to make sure they had signed the attendance sheet. In the event of a fire, the sheet would be used to check everybody was out of the building.

Updates

As none of the Reference or Task Groups had met since the last Partnership Board meeting, there was nothing to report.

Recruitment

Co-Chairperson

The interviews for the Co-Chairperson will take place 20th January 2009. Five people have been short-listed. The York Partnership Board Co-Chair and Partnership Board Manager have agreed to assist with the interviews as part of the Inclusion North Skills swap.

Work to do in 2009 – Next Steps

Janet Wright and Scott Cunningham

Janet Wright talked about the work the Board did at the last meeting. Members looked at the objectives (list of important things) from the Leeds Learning Disability Strategy and Valuing People Now and voted for the issues they thought were the priority.

The task for today's meeting was to look at the objectives in more detail and consider



the following:

- Where are we now?
- What are the issues?
- Should we identify a Board lead?
- Do we need a Task Group?
- Is there anything we can use or work with (such as laws, government papers or groups and organisations?)

Linda Randall, Transitions Manager and Steve Bardsley, Service Delivery Manager (Care Management) came to the meeting to share their knowledge and experience.



Members split into 3 groups to discuss 3 of the top objectives. Scott Cunningham talked to each group and agreed to take the ideas from the session back to Inclusion North. He would then write a report with suggestions on the way forward and how Inclusion North might be able to help.

The 3 groups looked at the following:



Objective One – People with learning disabilities will have more choice and control over their lives



Objective Two – People with learning disabilities will have choice about what they do during the day, evenings and weekends



Objective Six – The transition from children's to adult services is smooth and effective

Whilst Objective Three – People with learning disabilities will have better health and wellbeing, was voted the 2nd highest



priority, work has already started on making this happen:-

- ✓ Norman Campbell has been recruited as Health Improvement Manager
- ✓ The Partnership Board has set up a Health Task Group
- ✓ The Partnership Board is working on the Yorkshire & Humberside Health Assessment Framework



Objective Four – **People with learning disabilities are safe and free from abuse** received the most votes. The Board will invite people from the local authority who have lead responsibility for safeguarding to support them with this work.

The remaining objectives will be discussed later.

Next Steps

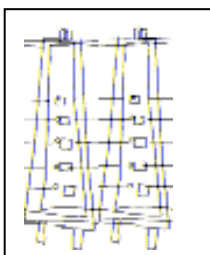
The feedback from the group work is attached to these notes and the Board will be informed as soon as the report comes from Inclusion North.

Hate Crime Training – Roots

Members of the Roots Project introduced themselves and explained what Hate Crime is. They performed a short play called 'Phillips Story' so that people could see what happens when someone is bullied.



Board members talked about the effects of this behaviour and what could have been done about it. They also looked at different attitudes towards Hate Crime. Afterwards, people made a list of ideas on how to tackle the problem including suggestions to go in an Action Plan.





Ideas the Board came up with: -

- Gather statistics on reported crimes (look at the number of times it happens and to whom and where)
- Raise awareness
- Invite the Police or Crown Prosecution Service to explain the law
- Get a copy of the complaints form and make sure it is accessible
- Talk to someone from the Hate Crime Reporting Centre and see what services they provide
- Partnership Board members who are involved/have contact with Hate Crime organisations should share the information with other Board members

People we know (who could work with us or give us advice)

- Crown Prosecution Service
- West Yorkshire Police
- Stop Hate Crime
- Leeds Community Safety
- Victim Support
- Safer Leeds Partnership
- Local Neighbourhood Watch

Skills (what we are good at)

- Roosts received funding to raise awareness (they visit Day Centres and provide training)
- The Partnership Board has representatives from many different groups of people and organisations. We are good at getting together and sharing ideas. We must make sure these ideas go back to the organisations the members represent. This is a good way of raising awareness and also provides



the opportunity for members to bring useful information (and people) back to the Board

Knowledge (what we know about)

- Borrow the skills and knowledge from established organisations who deal with Hate Crime on a regular basis

Action Plan

(What we will do? Who will do it? When will it be done by?)

- Invite experts / professionals to future meetings
- Gain knowledge of the process for reporting Hate Crime
- Look at the statistics (numbers of people affected by it)
- Invite experts by 'experience' -someone who has been a victim of Hate Crime
- Use the Inclusion North Skills Bank
- Use Stop Hate Crime UK
- A good outcome would be to see an increase in the reporting of Hate Crime and the perpetrators (bullies) brought to justice

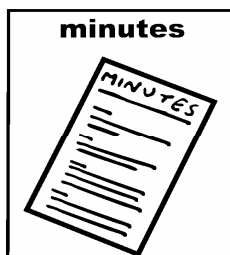
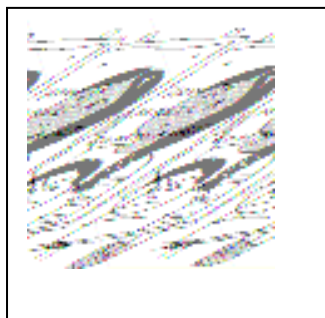
Roots also explained some of the laws around Hate Crime.

Any other business

Minutes of the meeting held 9th December
Agreed as accurate.

Learning Disability Strategy

The document will now go to the Local Authority Executive Board in March and will be sent to Partnership Board members.





Day Services Modernisation Plan

This big paper will go to the Executive Board 14th January and be available to the public. If the Executive Board approves it, the plan will be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting on 10th February.

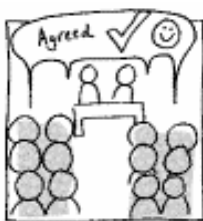


Health

Norman Campbell explained he would be holding meetings to plan for the next Health Check, which the Partnership Board has to complete. He will notify everyone as soon as the planning dates are set. The Board will then have to do the Health Check at the Board meeting in March.



Inclusion North are holding an event on 22 January to talk about the health part of Valuing People Now and what the Partnership Board can do to help change health services. 3 members from each Board are invited. Unfortunately, Norman is unable to go. Anyone interested in attending should contact Louise Mills.



Decision Form for Partnership Board

Board members were given a form to use when presenting papers to the Board for consideration. It is from Valuing People and will be used to officially record requests and decisions made by the Board.



A similar form will be developed for taking information to the Partnership Executive.

George closed the meeting by thanking everyone for all their hard work and invited them to stay for buffet lunch.



Next meetings

- ~~10th February 2009~~ This meeting is cancelled
- 17th March 2009 (public meeting)

Contact Details

Board members received a list of meeting dates for 2009 along with contact details for the people who organise the meetings. Please note that the correct phone number to contact the Carers Reference Group facilitators is 0113 2720377.

Group work around agenda planning for 2009

Objective One – People with learning disabilities will have more choice and control in their lives



Where are we now?

- Neighbourhood Networks – extended to Learning Disability
- 300 people trained as PCP planners
- In Control/Putting People First
- Bank of trained Personal Assistants
- Direct Payments – ASSIST – low numbers but rising
- Services are not flexible enough / not offering choice

What are the issues?

- Tension between carers / parent and wants of individuals
- Change of culture for staff and individuals
- People are being 'over protected'
- Low expectations from others and for themselves
- Knowing where individuals can get information about Direct Payments and Individualised Budgets
- Freeing up resources from buildings and services
- Access to independent planning
- Diverse communities with different needs

Should we identify a Partnership Board Lead?

Yes

Look at existing networks. Find a way to feed in all views from the Partnership Board

Do we need a Task Group?

No

Is there anyone else we need?

Representation from ASSIST on Partnership Board

Get someone from Self Directed Support team – (Kevin Davey) on the Board

Is there anything we can use or work with?

Raise Partnership Board profile

Pull together what support is available

See what comes out of brokerage meeting next week

Partnership Board needs to be driving things more –

What can we, the Partnership Board be doing?

What should the SDS team be doing that they are not?

Objective Two - People with learning disabilities will have choice and control about what they do during the day, evenings and weekends



Where are we now?

- Day Centres – various activities
- Osmondthorpe Resource Centre
- Shopping
- Help with Advocacy
- Colleges
- Respite
- Computers
- SLATE – Social Enterprises, unique collections (spring gardens)
- Roots, Pride of Leeds
- Bramley shop, Café Bela, Coffee Matters
- Walking groups, photography groups, gardening, trampoline

What are the issues?

- Transport
- Opportunities for progression
- Outcomes from college courses
- welcoming but content lacking
- emphasis on NVQ
- government funding
- Self Directed Support/Person centred planning
- Transfer of resources
- 9am until 4pm focus
- Maintaining friendships
- Changing Places

Should we identify a Partnership Board Lead?

Yes

Do we need a Task Group?

Yes, possibly

- Mapping exercise
- Friendship
- Employment
- People who don't use Council day centres
- Activities outside 9-4
- College liaison

Is there anyone else we need?

- College representative
- Stars in the Sky
- Employment

Is there anything we can use or work with?

- Stars in the Sky
- Other Council Departments
- Comparator authorities e.g. Oldham (Already using Self Directed Support), Sheffield, York
- In Control
- Inclusion North
- Connect in the North
- Cross party support from politicians

Objective Six - The transition from children's to adult services is smooth and effective



Where are we now and what are the issues?

Described changes in transition team

Links with health unclear

14 -18 moving to 14 -25

(Approximately 135 service users in Leeds aged 14-18)

(Approximately 504 service users in Leeds aged 18-25)

Strategic groups –

Transitions Board

Multi agency Transitions group (com)

Connexions Thematic Group IYSS Board

Transitions Service Group data base MDT link – Pathway

Gordon Kerr – Connexions – SENCOS (no meeting with Education)

Operational but not strategic links

Linkages with other transition services

Children's allocation panel? QUIPs

Health Linkages – loss of paediatrician

Problems regarding handover to adult therapists

Data transfer / information / communication database

GP isolation where there is a paediatrician
Ward link lost as adults if person becomes ill
Social model of disability not reflected in health
Cuts in education FE provision
Courses that exist not necessarily meaningful
Lack of real work experience
Self Directed Support – organisations need to advertise service
College courses part time
Assessments timely
Services timely
Changes regarding funding arrangements
Whole planning process needs to improve and all agencies take responsibility

Should we identify a Partnership Board lead?

Yes

Number of links (Gordon Kerr)

Dave Rosser – Transitions Champion

Do we need a Task Group?

Need to be clear about the role

Develop clear pathways – protocols

Engage in all developments

Identify key people across agencies – multi disciplinary

Consultation and scrutiny (need information to do this)

Education Lead – Senior Level Elected Members

Linda Randall and Steve Bardsley – therapy lead

Transition reference group – consultation representation, Ashley Wyatt

PCT strategic

Is there anything we can use or work with?

Self Directed Support

Individualised Budget

Growing up Matters

Aiming High

Learning Skills Council

Connexions strategy – Leeds plan

Health Care for All

Employment National Indicators (Disability Employment & Advisor)