

LDPB Sub Group - ETHNICITY
13 Green Lane, Leigh.
21st April 2008



Present: Raveen Walton, Bridget Whittle, Angela Seddon, Michelle Hayes, Sharon Leadbetter and Ash Mahmood – Wakefield

Apologies: Jennifer Mills

Minutes of last meeting:

Raveen re-capped on the notes taken at the last meeting 3rd March 2008.

Raveen welcomed Ash Mahmood to the meeting it was hoped that he could assist the group to explore the role of the Development Worker Post in Wigan.

Presentation

Sharon shared with the group the work that had been completed with the presentation, it was agreed that the Presentation was a work in progress and group members offered suggestions how this could be developed. Raveen thanked Sharon for the work which had been completed up to date.

Raveen also reminded the group that the presentation will be presented on **24th September 2008**. It would be much appreciated if people could be available to attend this partnership board meeting in support of the group.

LD DF Bid

Angela informed the group, that the group had been successful in their bid for a development worker they have been allocated the cost of the post + £2,000.

PCP Update

Raveen updated the group regarding the ongoing issue of payment for the completed PCP's. Raveen to contact Ann Bailey and Bridget Hollingsworth after discussions with Mark Knight to see how this situation can be resolved.

Developmental Worker Post

Ash Mahmood was welcomed by the group, he explained that he was new in post in Wakefield and was currently in the post of LD BME Development Worker, the group shared with Ash that this was the role that the group were hoping to recruit to. Ash offered the group his job description and job specification for consideration, to see if this could be modified to meet the needs of the Wigan population.

Ash explained that the population of Wakefield was 321,000 in addition to his post the partnership board had also allocated £10,000.00 to pay for translation services, conferences and servicing meeting.

His particular post lay within the commissioning area of the Authority and he personally was line managed and supervised by a senior commissioning manager.

Ash shared his experience of starting the group and promoting his role within the Wakefield area. Ash had sought opportunities to speak at Mosques to promote his role and also promote learning disability services in general. He had also targeted local radio stations and free newspaper with a view to advertise his role and work.

Ash went on to talk about the level of user / carer involvement, and his experience of developing an action plan to meet the specific tasks identified for this role.

It was hoped that representatives from this group could possibly in the future go out to Wakefield to see first hand how this role can work.

The group thanked Ash for his information and for visiting Wigan.

Date of Next Meeting
12th May 2008

Agenda Items to include

- Action Plan
- Terms of Reference