

Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting Wednesday 7th April 2010

Present: Angela Seddon (PCP Co-lead), Paula Daley (Housing Co-lead) Carl Bridden, Olive Halliwell (Advocacy co-lead), Sheila Robinson, Carol Williams (Employment Co-Lead), Rosanne Patterson, Dave Clarke, Louise Sutton (LDPB Co-Chair) Julie Ryder, Abida Niaz, , Nicki March (Equality lead, **Minutes**), Ken Smalley (LDPB Co-Chair and Fulfilling Lives Co-Lead) Bridget Whittell, Elizabeth Hawkes, Ziggy Gill, Joan Crook, Marysia Welch, Susan Bannister, Julie Davies, Lynne Hamnett (Advocacy Co-lead & Family Forum Co-lead), Michelle Ryan (Embrace), Steve Field and Ceri Woodrow (Clinical Psychologists)

Apologies: Steve Sargent (Housing Co-lead), Bridget Hollingsworth (Fulfilling Lives Co-lead), Kath Jolley, Liz Parkinson (Transition Co-Lead), Roy Potter, Sheila Robinson, Gill Whittle (Transition Co-lead) Pauline Mawson (PCP Co-lead), Sue Seager (Accessible Communication Lead) Anthony Hobson,

Apologies to Elizabeth for not being noted as present in the last minutes.

LDPB Guidelines

Guidelines were read out

Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting (24th Feb) were read out

Matters Arising

Paula to gather all the flip chart questions from the smaller group discussions relating to the Health Subgroup presentation at the previous meeting (24th Feb) and submit them to Peter Harrison

Julie Ryder to send information to Angela about community health services / in-patient as information in the minutes was felt to be unclear, **please see below**

The Learning Disability Health Service in Wigan has purchased a screening tool LDSQ which staff are using if they are unsure that someone has a learning disability. The tool does not diagnose but can help to screen by using specific key questions. Psychology services will need to assess/diagnose a learning disability.

The screening tool cannot be uploaded as it has to be purchased (copyrights)

It is WWL that the LDPB need to be hold to scrutiny **NOT ALWCH**

Self Assessment Report

Family members and staff alike expressed their concerns with the LDPB Self Assessment Report.

Staff expressed their concerns with the process in that it was very resource intensive with unrealistic time periods for completion. A consequence of the lack of time was that it did not allow staff to collate all the required information or validate and check that the information obtained was correct. Even more worryingly was that it did not allow time to feed back the report in an appropriate format to self advocates and family members.

Family members were concerned that the Self Assessment was something of a “tick box exercise”. As a result the family forum refused to sign the final document and have decided to continue to work through the document in more detail making comments that they will later feedback to the partnership board.

Actions regarding Self Assessment Report:

- A feedback report and comments will go the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (June /July 2010) This is to include an action plan of what needs to happen next.
- Bridget Whittell to contact Dave Spencer (North West Regional Co-ordinator) to ask him “What happens to the report now?” The Partnership Board needs to be aware of how our performance and the performance of other partnership boards will be fed back. This will help us to determine how well we are doing in comparison with other boards. It will be interesting to see if they struggled with the same aspects of the self assessment as ourselves.

Family Forum Feedback

As mentioned previously the family forum commented upon the LDPB Self Assessment Document and read out the letter they produced justifying their decision not to sign the document off.

The Family Forum also had questions they wanted to raise as despite being asked at previous partnership board meetings they felt such questions remained unanswered.

1. Firstly the family forum wanted to know if the PCP subgroup was to expand it’s remit and become acknowledged as the “Personalisation” subgroup? **Action:** LDPB members voted on this and the decision was made to support the development of the PCP subgroup to one of

Personalisation.

2. The subgroup wanted to know how a target of 30% Personalisation was going to be achieved? **Action:** To keep members of the family forum informed of progress minutes from the Transforming Social Care Board and any progress reports of Personalisation / easy read versions will be made available to the family forum and placed on the LDPB website.
3. The family forum wanted answers about the future of the workforce planning subgroup as it is clear that the group has not been in existence for sometime now? **Action:** The LDPB Self Assessment also highlighted that workforce development was an area that we needed to improve on as a Partnership Board

Self Advocate Feedback

Self Advocates signed off an easy read summary version of the key points from the report that related to each LDPB Subgroups. Self Advocates will look at other sections which are felt to be most relevant to them in more detail at the next pre-meeting.

Julie Announced that Wigan and Leigh People First with the support of Wigan's Valuing People Support Team have been involved in setting up a Self Advocate Parliament. This is to enable people with learning disabilities to not only have a greater say but also be part of the local decision making process that influences change. The first Parliament event is scheduled for April 23rd

Any Other Business

In relation to councillors Cunliffe and Ash attending the LDPB meeting, the matter needs to be raised at the Scrutiny Committee to ensure they uphold the commitment they made to the Family Forum.

Julie Ryder fed back about a Learning Disability Self Assessment workshop she attended for Commissioners and Partnership Boards. This is different to the recently completed Learning Disability Partnership Board Self Assessment as it is specifically related to health. It was agreed that the Partnership Board needs more clarity about expectations and next steps from Peter Harrison about this upcoming work.

Dates for 2010

Next Meeting - Wednesday 19th May

Wednesday 30th June
Wednesday 11th August
Wednesday 22nd September
Wednesday 3rd November 2010
Wednesday 15th December 2010