

# NOTES OF LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD



Wigan Learning Disability  
Partnership Board

HELD 7 May 2008-

**PRESENT:**

Bridget Hollingsworth  
Chris Lynas  
Rosanne Patterson  
Lynne Hamnett  
Sue Seager  
Andrea Greally  
Dave Clarke  
Julie Davis  
Mark Fagin  
Graham Frost  
Angela Seddon  
Anthony Hobson  
Elizabeth Hawkes  
Bridget Whittell  
Sharon Eid  
Sheila Richardson  
Louise Sutton

Paula Daley  
Dave Westlake  
Sheila Robinson  
Sheila Richards  
Jim Barton  
Irene Longbottom  
Stuart Parsons  
Nathan Robinson  
Steve Sargeant  
Ken Smalley  
Janette Riley  
Debbie Moore  
Ian Spurr  
Claire Graham  
Susan Bannister

**APOLOGIES:**

Vincent McDonnell  
Raveen Walton  
Marysia Welsh

Dave Chisnall  
John Clarke

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**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** 9 April 2008

**GUIDELINES READ OUT BY SUSAN**

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ICE BREAKER**

“How old was I when I left home and what were the consequences?”

**MAIN AGENDA ITEM: HOUSING**

More than Words Theatre Company presentation on housing issues.

- Presentation about 'Housing Options by Paula Daley. Paula updated the LDPB on the work of the Housing Sub Group and 'housing options.'

- Update on 'Housemates.'

Less formal type of housing support has been piloted. Mark pointed out the inequality in support.

- Introducing the housing strategy.

Valuing people now – housing remains a priority.

Priorities:-

- Regular training and open information sessions setting up a not for profit organisation.
- Trying out different formats for planning for the future for housing.
- Extend shared ownership.
- Continue to learn.
- The subgroup should be parent/family led.
- At present there is no self advocacy representation on the subgroup it is hoped that as the group becomes more accessible this will change.

Beth spoke about moving into her own house, her excitement at living her

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dream, but also the trepidation about moving out of her family home.

Break

### **FUNDING UPDATE** by Angela

Presentation attached

### **PARTNERSHIP BOARD 'PATH'**

The PATH was introduced to those Board Members who weren't present last Tuesday.

Issues around health representation at a sensor level on LDPB was raised. Questions were asked about the health sub group and was informed that they no longer met as they had achieved the terms of reference. It was discussed at the Board the need to reinstate the group. Louise will write to Stephanie McComb. At the next LDPB meeting health will do their presentation. It was agreed to ask Senior Management to attend.

### **UPDATE FROM WIGAN & LEIGH PEOPLE FIRST**

Advocacy subgroup – Bridget has sent out an e-mail to all subgroups clarifying who their advocacy champions are. Stuart will be sending an e-mail out inviting people to become associate members of the group.

Stuart to send e-mail

### **SELF ADVOCATES FORUM**

- Big Chat is on the 4 July.
- Sexuality workshop planning is ongoing. The workshop is on the 12<sup>th</sup> September.
- Fulfilling Lives group is doing a Big Ideas event focusing on young people who will be leaving school soon. Andy Burnham MP is interested in attending. the event will be in September.

### **FAMILY FORUM UPDATE**

The forum met last Friday, only 4 people attended. Plans are being made for a 2<sup>nd</sup> June event. The target is for 25 carers/family members to be invited to discover whether they want a family forum. Lowton Mencap has agreed to donate £150 towards the event.

The forum was worried that Goodbodys Café was losing its funding, Graham stated that all they were looking at was the building i.e. environmental health and costs.

The forum was also concerned that funding for people to attend Skelmersdale College was being stopped. No-one heard anything.

Young friends together group at Amberswood was going very well. This included a sports day on 25 July. Fundraising for children in need in November. They are attending Frogstatic on 18 June. Mary Poppins musical in December. A true partnership between self advocates, family members and professionals.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

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Beth read out the minutes of the meeting of 9 April.

Dave mentioned the fact that if Social Workers are given a leaflet they will make sure that self advocates and carers receive them.

Adult services have offered the family forum a room for free to meet in.

The carers centre issue will be discussed at a meeting later this week

9-15 June is carers week:

Monday – Information bus in Leigh

Tuesday – Health walk – Viridor Wood

Wednesday – Information bus in Hindley

Thursday – Health walk – Mesnes Park

Friday – Information box in Wigan

The Board thanked Angela for her hard work in looking at the funding issues.

The Board suggested that the drama group look at the day to day issues of moving into their own house.

Next meeting 4 June at Robin Park Arena in the Olympic Suite, 10am-12.30pm.  
Followed by lunch.