

**Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting
Wednesday 18th November 2009**

Present: Nicki March (Ethnicity Co-lead), Pauline Mawson (PCP Co-lead), Vivienne Monks, Terry Mann, Chris Lawler, Tommy Bell, Joan Crook, Hayley Whyte, Michelle Ryan, Martin Davies, Anthony Mohammed, Ken Smalley (LDPB Co-Chair & Fulfilling Lives Co-lead), Olive Haliwell (Advocacy Co-lead), Rosanne Patterson, Sue Seager (Accessible Communication Lead), Anthony Hobson, Carl Bridden, Lesley Teasdale, Paula Daley (Housing Co-Lead), Chris Rudd (Employment Co-Lead), Susan Bannister, Anita Wheldon, Carol Williams (Employment Co-Chair), Julie Davies, Angela Seddon (PCP Co-lead), Louise Sutton (LDPB Co-Chair), Rob Hamlett, Debbie Moore, Elizabeth Hawkes, , Sheila Richards, Linda Taylor (Sheila's support), Marysia Welch, Abida Niaz, Peter Harrison, Dave Clarke, Jane Stephens

Apologies: Raveen Walton (Ethnicity Co-Lead), Lesley Austin, Steve Sargent (Housing Co-lead), Lynne Hamnett (Advocacy co-lead & Family Forum Co-lead)), Bridget Hollingsworth (Fulfilling Lives Co-lead), Kath Jolley, Liz Parkinson (Transition Co-Lead), Roy Potter, Sheila Robinson, Gill Whittle (Transition Co-lead)

LDPB Guidelines

Guidelines were read out

Minutes

The 'easier to read' minutes were read out

Ice-Breaker- Memorable Moments of 2009, what you have enjoyed most?

More Than Words performances at the WOW Festival and the 'Perceptions' Event
'Never Watch Alone' Launch
Enjoying getting to know people
Presentations
Sub Group developments
Development work progression
Information network
Hearing 'service-user' views
Involvement in the advocacy sub group
Meeting people
Sharing success stories
Enjoyed development work
Equal voices demonstrated in presentations, shows we are connecting
Getting involved in NWA
Employment Website: looking4work.org.uk
Enjoyed meeting reps from sub groups and finding out about they are doing
Hearing about the good work that is going on

Commitment and attendance
Successes of the board- how people have benefitted from the work of the board
Enjoy the meetings
Enjoy giving feedback and being involved in consultations
Taking part in the re-structure of the board
At the heart of what self advocates wants
Partnership working
Quality of the chips at lunch time
Keep trying to make it better to include self advocates
Family Forum re-inventing itself has been invigorating for people involved
Connecting
Getting to know about projects

Matters Arising

The issue concerning PA's who support people in day services is being looked into

In relation to councillors Cunliffe and Ash attending the LDPB meeting, Louise will raise this matter at the Scrutiny Committee to see how useful their attendance at LDPB meetings would be considered to be.

Family Forum – Four Questions

Hate Crime Report – will the LDPB approve this?

Self Advocate Feedback

Self Advocate Parliament:

Concerns were raised about the lack of attendance at the launch and how we can better advertise the parliament in future so that we have a greater representative voice from across the borough.

Those who attended said they enjoyed it.

At the next parliament meeting a lead will be elected, this is a paid position.

It was suggested that this might be an evening meeting to ensure that those people who have important day time routines are also able to attend.

Family Forum Feedback

The Family Forum is planning two 'Personalisation' events, one at either end of the borough. One will be held at Lowton Civic Hall and the other at St. Peters Pavilion. The events will be facilitated by family members for family members – ie Personalisation from a Family member perspective.

The Family Forum is purchasing a lap top and projector for use in producing and delivering presentations.

It has been agreed that the family Forum members who sit on various sub groups will update the forum on progress.

Family forum members will attend local, regional and national events to represent the forum and to inform forum members of developments.

The Family Forum are supporting the Postural Care Day, which is an awareness raising event to be held at Leigh Sports Village in the room on the 5th February.

It was agreed that the national information regarding 'individual budgets' placed on the LDPB website is to be removed as it is causing confusion, it will be replaced by local guidance which is being produced by the Accessible Communication Team (ACT)

The Family Forum has requested that examples are provided within the personalisation leaflet, suggestions have been made to use recent examples used in presentations that involve computers and mobile phones. It has been requested that more specific information is required eg a clear can and can't list in relation to how a Direct Payment can be used.

ACT will support by making this information accessible. ACT to link in with the Councils communication officer.

It was noted that the Direct Payments team will change their processes in line with Transforming Social Care agenda.

A support plan should be signed off when it clearly indicates how the direct payment is to be spent to meet the assessed needs

A request was made to provide clarity about other funding streams and how they might affect benefits.

It was requested that there is more consistency in the advice given by the DP Team. Of particular concern were contract of employment issues.

Concerns were raised that some people were not spending their Direct Payments within the timeframe due to lack of clarity on spend and now had to give the money back.

Disability Hate Crime

The paper (sent out with the previous minutes) produced by Paul Whitemoss was approved by the board.

The pilot site for the Disability Hate Crime Reporting Centre (DHCRC) will be Wigan & Leigh People First. WLPF will be the 4th Hate Crime reporting centre.

Paula mentioned that through the Housing Options work someone has made contact with a DHCRC.

There is a need for effective reporting centres to ensure that people engage. There is still an opportunity for organisations to register and access the training programme:

The other Hate Crime Reporting Centres are:

SWAP- BME

LASARS - BME

W & L Housing – Disability

WLPF – Disability

Town Centre – LGBT

Abida offered to bring the statistics to the next LDPB meeting, either all hate crime figures or specifically disability hate crime.

Training will be advertised once the lead officer has been recruited.

2009 Celebration Presentations will be uploaded onto the LDPBB website very soon: www.wiganldpb.org.uk

The 'new look' Employment Website can be found on;
www.looking4work.org.uk/test

Dates for 2010

Next Meeting - Wednesday 13th January

Wednesday 24th February

Wednesday 7th April

Wednesday 19th May

Wednesday 30th June

Wednesday 11th August

Wednesday 22nd September

Wednesday 3rd November 2010

Wednesday 15th December 2010