

**Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting
22nd October 2008**

Present:

Angela Seddon
Irene Heally
Sue Seager
Debbie Moore
Andrea Grealley
Mark Fagon
Raveen Walton
Claire Graham
Julie Davies
Susan Bannister
Paula Daley
Dave Westlake
Graham Frost
Diane Wood
Liz Parkinson
Colin Reynolds
Amilia Krajnovic (in place of Janette Riley)
Peter Harrison
Marysia Welch
Lynne Hamnett
Michelle Ryan
Wayne Hurst (in place of Dave Clarke)
Shelia Richards
Pauline Cartwright
Nathan Robinson
Sharon Glynn
Joanne Kett
Kath Jolly
Jane Stephens
Rosanne Patterson
Karen Griffiths (in place of Steph McComb)
Gillian Melling
Louise Sutton
Elizabeth Hawks
Bridget Whittell
Ken Smalley
Anthony Hobson
Terry Mann

Apologies:

Lesley Austin
Stuart Parsons
Steve Sargent
Mark Glover
Janette Riley
Steph McComb
Bridget Hollingsworth
Steve Holden
Sharon Eid

Ice breaker – Greatest sporting moments

Transition (Presentation Attached)

Dave Westlake presented the Transition feedback
Questions following the presentation:

Q. Michelle Ryan. How many people leaving school have person centred plans and can this be used as part of the costings for an individual budget?

A. Dave Westlake said he couldn't give the exact figures. Could say however that all people leaving school this year and next year will be given their resource allocation amount.

Colin Reynolds added that all social workers will be completing Person Centred Planning training in January 2009.

Q. Marisa Welsh. How many people are leaving school this year?

A. Colin Reynolds. In 2008 14/15 people left. Next year 44 people are expected to leave.

Q. Paula Daley. When is the next transition event?

A. 29th January 2009 @ Aspull Civic Hall. The people going through transition are helping to design a poster to promote the event.

LDDF Bids (Presentation Attached)

Louise added that the LDDF bids need to look wider to what the council is trying to achieve. The more evidence that can be provided the better. People need to move away from using general statements to more outcome based evidence.

Following discussions the board agreed that the deadline for completed bids would be extended to the 10th November.

Update from Wigan and Leigh People First

The group had been busy updating the accessible guidelines for the partnership board. Ken thanked the group on behalf of the board.

Drama

The More Than Words Theatre Company presented a piece named 'Straight From Us 1'. This involved feedback from the Relationship, Sex and Sexuality Workshop in the style of Forum Theatre.

Relationships, Sex and Sexuality Workshop Feedback (Presentation Attached)

Angela presented the feedback from the Relationships, Sex and Sexuality Workshop. Angela thanked all those who had been involved in making the event a real success: members of the Sexuality Policy Group: Alison Perry, Ian Spurr, Mike Fulford and Michelle Hayes,

The More Than Words Theatre Company, Wigan & Leigh People First, , The Social Group and members of the Valuing People Team.

Never Watch Alone Campaign (Presentation Attached)

Terry presented feedback on the Never Watch Alone Campaign
Questions following the presentation:

Q. Where can this information be found?

A. On the Learning Disability Partnership Board Website
www.wiganldpb.org.uk/

Q. How will it develop?

A. Planning a social evening and hopefully be signing up volunteers there and then.
Will also look at our own volunteers and how they can support the initiative.

Q. Will other sports other than football be included?

A. At the moment, just about football and looking to extend to Rugby. The longer term vision is to that all sports be included.

Q. From a Safeguarding perspective will volunteers be CRB cleared?

A. Initially all volunteers will have a CRB but the vision is that natural supports will start to develop.

More case studies can be found on the Learning Disability Partnership Board website.

Family Forum

Michelle Ryan feed back on behalf of the Family Member Forum. At present the forum is going from strength to strength and has produced a flyer. Michelle highlighted that the forum had questions at the last meeting that had not minuted or answered. These questions were again raised, with a specific request that these were minuted and responded to.

Q. Can Bridget Hollingsworth please elaborate on the answers given as the family forum felt the answers given where not detailed enough?

Q. When are Wigan Council & Social Services going to consult with groups /families/ individuals in formulating the councils proposed plans?

Q. In the future can all responses to the questions raised by the Family Forum be directed to the secretary Dorothy Atkinson at datkinson100@hotmail.co.uk

Minutes and matters arising (04/06/08)

People First have met with Karen Dunn and Sian Jay (Wigan Council). People First have requested that the Council publications be in an easy read format. The Equality Scheme has recently been published in an easy read format.

Sue Seager raised the issue that easy read is not accessible and the Accessible Communication Team were looking at this.

Andrea and Raveen informed the group they had started to look at the Equality Impact Assessment. This is quite a large piece of work and which may need to be broken down it 3 / 4 sections. Chairs of subgroups will be asked is due course to provide information to feed into the Assessment.

Any other business

Nathan raised an issue that since the road improvements in Ashton town centre had taken place the traffic lights are unsafe. They change too quickly and without warning, leaving people sometimes left in the centre of the road. Ken to contact the Highways Department to highlight this.

Beth reinforced Nathans point around safeguarding and thought the drama group could do something around this.

Ken highlighted that the Incapacity Benefit has changed to Employment and Support Allowance. Ken will provide further information on request.

Future Meetings

19th November

17th December