

East Midlands Regional Learning Disabilities Programme Board



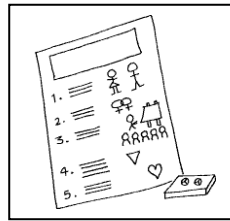
Meeting held on Monday 12th October 2009



October

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Minutes – What people said at the meeting



Apologies – Who couldn't come to the meeting

Dave Marsden, NHS East Midlands
Abby Johnson-Brennan – Government Office East Midlands



Present – The people who were at the meeting

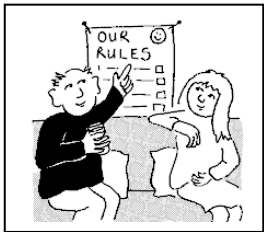
Councillor David Sprason, Chairman
Ian Davies, Co-chair / Regional Forum Representative
Dawn Crawford, Supporter
Helen Mycock, Regional Valuing People Lead
Ranjit Singh, Regional Self Advocate Representative
Aaron Keen, Supporter
Stephanie Chapman, Family Carer Representative
George Harvey, Family Carer Representative
Rachel Holynska, Department of Health East Midlands
Mick Connell, Lead Director, Adult Social Care
John McIvor, Chief Executive Lincolnshire PCT
Tom Smith, NHS East Midlands
Sue Wilson, Health and PCP Lead, Valuing People Support Team

Judi Thorley, Health Lead, Valuing People Support Team
Heather Shahman, Children's lead , NHS East Midlands
Carol Peacock, Note taker and meeting secretary



Introductions and roles of each board member

Everyone introduced themselves and talked about their roles



Ground rules and how the meeting will be run (paper 1)

Ian reminded everyone of the Ground Rules for the meeting.

Sue Wilson and Judi Thorley were asked to take on the Word Police role.



Notes of the last meeting held on 23rd July 2009

Everyone agreed these were a correct record.



Matters Arising

Voting on the extra regional priority (paper 2)

9 Learning Disability Partnership Boards and the 3 regional forums / networks for self advocates and family carers have voted on what they think the extra regional priority should be.

The Votes were:

- 4 for What people do in the day, evenings and at weekends
- 3 for Relationships
- 2 for Transport
- 2 for Hate Crime
- 1 for Family Carers

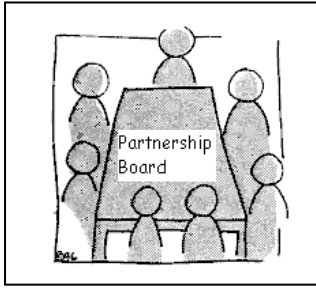
Board members agreed that as it had got the most votes that 'What people do during the day, evenings and weekends' should be the extra regional priority for 2009/10.

An extra section on this priority will be added to The regional Valuing People Now delivery plan.

Sue Wilson and Justin Hammond are leading a new regional network, which brings together employment and development of daytime and leisure services leads; they have their first meeting in November and will take a lead on this priority.

Action : Helen Mycock and Sue Wilson to give an update at the next meeting.





Partnership Board Peer Review pilot

Helen Mycock, David Sprason and Robert Templeton (from the Improvement and Development Agency) are still working on the plan to support a pilot peer review for Partnership Boards.

It is hoped that the first pilot will begin early in 2010. This will be based on the Partnership Board best practice guidance which is in its final stages of approval.

Helen and David will provide another update at the next meeting.

Action : Helen Mycock and David Sprason



Information on Direct Payments

Mick Connell has received information from all Local Authorities and should be able to circulate this to the Board at the next meeting in January.

Action: Mick Connell



Final Version of the Regional Delivery Plan (paper 3)

The final version of this plan was sent out with the agenda. Helen told the group she was still waiting for final numbers to be added into Appendix 1.

The group agreed to sign off the contents of the delivery plan with the following final changes to be made:

- Page numbers to be added
- An index page to be added
- Numbers to be added when ready to Appendix 1
- Glossary page number to be added at the side of any difficult words.

It was agreed that the delivery plan is a 'live' document and will have extra information added as it develops during the next few months.

Action : Helen Mycock and Carol Peacock to make changes and send out the final version.

Number of jobs for people with learning disabilities in Councils.



- Justin Hammond (regional employment lead) was asked to collect this information from the big item on 'getting a job' at the last meeting.
- 8 out of 9 replies have been received from Local Councils.
- There are 10,828 people with learning disabilities known to Social Services in the region
- 447 people with learning disabilities are in paid employment (around 4% or 4 in every 100)
- Councils employ 119 of these 447 people.
- This means that around 1% (or 1 in every 100 people) of people with learning disabilities who are known to Social Services are employed by County or City Councils.
- This information shows what a big priority 'getting a job' is for the region.

Helen agreed to check if these numbers include Borough and District Councils and feedback.

Action : Helen Mycock

This information would also be useful to take to the Regional Efficiency Improvement Programme (REIP)

Action : David Sprason



Letters to Regional Lead for the Care Quality Commission and the Special Olympics

- A letter has been sent to Frances Carey the regional lead for the Care Quality Commission to invite them to become a member of the board, no reply has been received as yet.

Action: Carol Peacock to follow up

- Letters have been sent to Sheila Locke from Leicester City Council and Steve Humphries, Special Olympic Director congratulating them on the Special Olympics held during the summer in Leicester.

Contact with Chair of the Aiming High Board

Mick Connell has spoken with Bruce Buckley (Chair of regional board for children) and a meeting is taking place between Mick, Bruce and people leading on Transition for young people with learning disabilities in the region on the 30th November.



Updates:

Regional Valuing Families forum (paper 4)

Stephanie Chapman and George Harvey gave a presentation on what had been happening for family carers locally and nationally (see attached rolling presentation) the main messages were:

- Not many carers came to the last network meeting
- A lot of areas in the East Midlands are now using the Keep Safe Card.
- 3 Partnership Boards feel the Shaping the Future document is mainly for older people. Rachel said a representative could attend the Open Forum to discuss this further and that 'demonstrator' sites had been set up.

- Carer support is not felt to be clear in personalisation.
- Guidance to support Learning Disability Partnership Boards to implement the National Carers Strategy was circulated
- Regional family Carers Open Forum is to be held on the 20th October in Leicester and the theme will be 'work education and leisure'. 40 people have registered to attend.

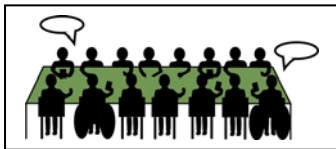
Feedback from local learning disability Partnership Boards (paper 5)

- All 9 Partnership Boards have returned their communication forms (see attached rolling presentation for a summary of news and issues).
- Key issues that the board agreed to raise with the Department of Health were:
 - Companion travel passes and changes to concessionary travel in some areas.
 - Funding and support to implement Valuing Employment Now locally (particularly with the impact of the recession)

Action – David Sprason to write to key people at the Department of Health

- It was agreed that it would be useful to put together a table of responses to share with Partnership Boards.

Action: Helen Mycock to provide table (see attached)



Better Health – The Regional Health Delivery Plan and progress on the key health objectives (paper 6)



Helen showed the Valuing People DVD on 'better health' for people with a Learning disability. This shows how Blackpool Partnership Board's health sub group has linked with their local general hospital to provide learning disability awareness training for their staff.



As Dave Marsden could not be at the meeting Helen Mycock and John McIvor gave a presentation on Better Health in the East Midlands with help from Tom Smith (see attached rolling presentation).



This showed a collection of information saying what is happening now and what is expected to be happening by December 2010. The big messages are:

- Health Campus homes - 15 people may not move house by the end of 2010. Helen Mycock and Tom Smith are visiting each health campus support team to get an update on their plans. Dave Marsden is keen to make sure people move in a reasonable time but also into suitable accommodation and with support that is based on their individual PCP's.
- The number of people having Annual Health Checks has increased by 3 times during the last year.
- There were only 6 Primary Healthcare Facilitators in post in September 2008, now there are 18. It is expected that there will be 23 in post supporting access to primary care by October 2010.
- Acute Hospital Liaison posts have not been supported as well. There was only 1 part time post in 2008, now there are 4 posts. It is expected there will be 15 posts by October 2010.



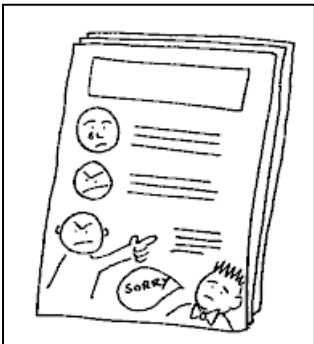


- The Strategic Health Authority are asking the Primary Care Trusts every 3 months for figures to show how each support and health outcomes for people with learning disabilities are improving.

Judi Thorley and Sue Wilson spoke to the board about the regional health Self Assessment. 9 regional 'Big Health' days have taken place in the East Midlands. Key messages from these days and the assessments filled in by Primary Care Trusts are:



- There are some good examples of training for healthcare staff in primary care and general hospitals.
- Some big mainstream health plans are not thinking about the needs of people with learning disabilities.
- There needs to be better learning from complaints and serious incidents to make sure they don't happen again.
- A lot of health services are not meeting the Disability Equality Duty.
- There are some good examples of accessible health information, but its not available everywhere.



Each area will produce a local 'better health' action plan by January 2010 and a celebration event will be held in early 2010.

John Mc Ivor told the board about the 'Next Stage Review' and gave a local view of what is happening in Lincolnshire:

- The Strategic Health Authority are bringing health leads together to agree a 'Big Plan' to improve health services for everyone.
- Special funding is being used to carry on the work during 2010 and provide a regional health lead for people with learning disability
- Lincolnshire have put some new arrangements to help keep people safe when they are in hospital.





- Awareness training and health checks are taking place in GP Practices
- A health check form that can be filled in on computer has been developed.
- Extra health facilitator and liaison posts are being provided
- Different ways of supporting people in crisis and people who have high levels of need are being developed.
- The NHS, Local Authority and Users are working together to get services right

Questions / comments from board members:



- How is information shared with other groups such as police, housing and leisure?
Through partnership boards and the work of local health sub groups
- Is the message getting through about the needs of people with learning disabilities in Acute Hospitals?
This is patchy in areas and some cultural changes need to be addressed through training. Health and Local Authorities will have to make a local response to the 'Six lives report' by Spring 2010.
- Need to make sure that other good practice for vulnerable groups is used to benefit people with learning disabilities i.e. Dignity in Care for older people and practical help such as the 'red tray' scheme to show some one needs help at mealtimes



Shaping the future of care together: Green paper (paper 7)

- The Government is collecting views until 13 November
- Everyone was encouraged to respond
- Ian Davies fed back that the proposals are very difficult to explain and understand.
- Key message to the Department of Health is that the proposals are not clear regarding how they will affect people with learning disabilities and the easy read version isn't helpful as it tries to translate every word rather than gives key messages

Action : Rachel Holynska to feedback

Agenda items for the next meeting

Agreed as:

- Housing
- Person Centred Planning
- Update from the regional forum for people with learning difficulties and regional self advocates network.

Dates for meetings in 2010

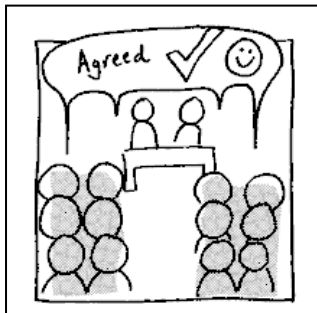
Agreed as:

- Thursday 28th January 2010
- Thursday 22nd April 2010
- Thursday 22nd July 2010
- Thursday 21 October 2010

All meetings will begin at 1.30pm and finish by 4pm.

Any other business

- Ian asked that brightly coloured paper isn't used for board papers in future , pastel shades are better for people with visual disabilities
- Valuing Employment Now regional launch booking form handed out.





January



Date : Thursday 28th January 2010

Time : 1.30pm until 4pm

Place : Gluxathon Committee Room at
Leicestershire County Hall