

# Haringey Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Meeting Minutes 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 Room 15, Winkfield Resource Centre



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Beverley Tarka	Head of Service LD Partnership
Farzad Fazilat	Commissioning Manager
Gwen Moulster	Nurse Consultant
Elif Alpar	Sports and Leisure Champion
Sook Kwan Ma	Haringey Mencap
Diane Smith	Haringey Mencap
Khushboo Puri	Champion Support
Sebastian Dacre	Champion Support
Robin Betts	Community Nurse
Lynn Dawson	Carer
Pam Duprez	Carer
Wayne Haywood	E-Directory
Mary Langan	Carer
Sue Hessell	Haringey Federation of Residents Assoc.
Jill Darnborough	Carer
Rene Harrison	Commissioning Manager
Victoria Demanga	Carer
Patricia Charlsworth	Carer
<b>Apologies</b>	
Michael Brookstein	Eija Sinitalo
Julio Teles	Kuda Chiweda
Anthony Paul	



## 1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies & Good News

Welcome, introductions and apologies were made and a warm welcome was extended to Patricia and Ann.



Michael was unable to attend today due to work experience. Eija and Kuda are on annual leave. Lisa Redfern sent her apologies.



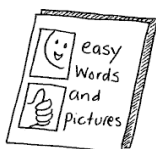
Good News - The number of annual health checks carried out in Haringey for people with learning disabilities has risen to approximately 56% from 25% in just over one year. appreciation was given to the Community learning disability nursing team for their work in supporting this improvement.

## 2. Green Cards / Red Cards

### Communication



Everyone is now using the green/red cards for voting, ask a question or raising their card if they do not understand.



Gwen put to the group a communication game. Team A (professionals) and Team B (clients and carers). The Score was 7 – 1 to Team B. Congratulations! The game showed the group that pictures are a good form of communication even if the language is not understood.

The agenda has changed so that service users can work in smaller groups and are able to contribute and speak about issues being raised.



### 3. Note/Actions from last meeting

#### Carers Grant

Mark to forward the letter sent to the PCT to Farzad (Farzad to follow up with the NHS commissioner manager, Kuda Chiweda). Sue said that £500,000 was given to the PCT for carers to have respite breaks, none of this money has been received by learning disability services. She has written to Lynne Featherstone MP but neither of them had received a satisfactory reply .



#### Commissioned Services

Mark has requested from Barbara Nicholls how the figure £72,900 for carers was broken down.

#### LD Housing

The housing strategy policy is being looked at to ensure the needs of people with learning disabilities are taken on board. New build proposals to take into consideration people with learning disabilities. Sue has sent an email to Lisa regarding this. Mark to forward the community investment plan to Mary.



#### Attendance payment

Mark told us that Service Users

will now be paid at St Ann's hospital, through vouchers. Mark is still waiting to hear whether the promised funds from the PCT and Council will be forthcoming.

### Council's Website

Farzad has scheduled a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00 a.m. in River Park House to talk about how to make the Council's website more easier to understand and will be looking at the communication policy. Farzad to send a reminder to board members.



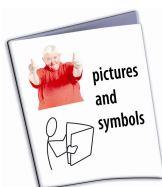
### Disability Hate Crime

Ralph Coates, Community Police Officer, was unable to attend this PB meeting but is hopeful of attending the next one and finding someone from the police to attend later in the year instead of him as he is moving on.



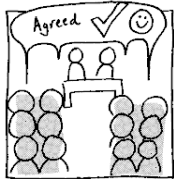
### **Presentation – Wayne Haywood**

Wayne came to the group to ask what pictures we would like to use for the website. He also said that the launch would be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of September. Diane asked if there will be a button on the computer to make a page more accessible. Wayne said that the font size can be changed. Where Haringey owns the information this can be made accessible, but if the information is from another site, this cannot be changed.





Local libraries have computers to use. Haringey Adult Services used to run a computer course. Beverley to check with Haringey Adult Learning Services.



The group looked at various pictures and voted on their favourite ones. If anyone has more appropriate pictures, please email the picture to Wayne Haywood.

## Reports from Forum

### Service User Form

- Diane reported that there were 2 service user forum's this month. 12 service users attended over two days from Mencap, Choice Support and Keston.
- Gwen talked to the group about Keeping Healthy Delivery Group. 2 service users would like to attend. If anyone else is interested, please speak to Gwen.
- More delivery group presentations at service users forum so that the clients can be involved.
- Downhills Community Café is ready, but some work needs to be carried out in the kitchen and staffing need to be arranged.
- Haringey Council has given £500 to buy 4-5 oak trees.
- There is a festival at Lordship





recreation ground on 11<sup>th</sup> September from 1pm to 5pm.

- Issues of using public transport to get to delivery groups was discussed.

### Carers Forum Feedback

- Steve Chawner from Whitehall Street came to the group to give an update. The carers had concerns about respite and were unsure on where to find respite service.
- It was acknowledged that there is a waiting list for respite at Whitehall Street.
- Learners Log books are being filled in at the day centres.
- Monday Night Life will reopen on 13<sup>th</sup> September as it is closed for the Summer.
- Carers asked if it was statutory for clients to have a week's holiday per year. Client's have also been asked to pay for their carers/support staff to go on holiday with them. It was felt that this should be written in as part of a care package.



### Feedback from the groups

- Someone senior from London Transport to be invited to come to the Partnership Board.
- It was explained that holidays are not a statutory responsibility. However it was



plan for buying services

- acknowledged that an annual holiday follows good practice guidelines.
- People that have an individual budget could “buy in” their own services such as respite. This is ongoing work within LD at the moment.
  - Current packages of care are being scrutinised by the Care Funding Calculator. Contracts are also being looked at.
  - The theme of the delivery group should be regulated at service user forum. Now 6 weeks notice is being scheduled for each group. ‘What I do during the day’ will be delivered at the next partnership board.
  - Other forums for people with learning disabilities such as Markfield, HAIL could feedback into the delivery groups.



## Delivery Group

### My Rights

- Local police think that the work of the group is a good idea, but they have no money to support it.
- Mark to ask the Equality Commission if they would be able to fund buying a red reporting box on where people can report their hate crimes. These boxes could be put up in libraries around the borough, Markfield and perhaps at Winkfield Centre.

- One member of the group helped to interview 3 people who had applied for a post as a psychologist within the Learning Disabilities team. They asked 4 different questions which the board felt were very useful.
- St Ann's have agreed to be the place where service users can be paid for their partnership board work. Mark is waiting to hear back from PCT/Council.
- The group are going to start making notes and paperwork that will explain about money payments in an easier and more accessible format.



The Group split into groups to give their feedback and look at the newsletter.



### Group Work Feedback

- The red box was applauded. Positive feedback formally from the Board to People First.
- Mark to contact Deborah from Valuing People Support Team to see if they can also help.
- The newsletter could have a section which captures "What's hot off the press".
- The newsletter could also be used for people to find contact numbers for other organisations or where they could go for each section.



## Partnership Board Working Group Report

### Partnership Board Away Day



- This has been moved from November to February 2011.
- It was felt that a graphic facilitator would be needed and sponsorships and fundraising ideas to be looked into to raise money for the away day.
- Each delivery group could look at one activity for the away day “fun things to do on the away day”.

### Report back on Respite Plans

Mark, updated that Eija has informed him, that the consultation paper is still in progress at the moment and will be made available to the group when it has been completed.



### Date of next meeting

29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 (9.45 a.m.)