

Learning Disability Partnership Board



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Minutes (notes) of the meeting

12 May 2010

10am - 1pm

Youth Room, Livesey All Age Centre

People that came to the meeting

	<p>Rehana Wadee Carer</p>		<p>Sajeda Seedat Carer</p>
	<p>Joy Monga Carer</p>		<p>Carol Hartley Carer</p>



Marion Fisher
Carer



Sonia Wilson
Carer



Councillor David Foster (Chair)
Executive Member, Adult Social Care



Rosemary Molyneux
Head of Service, Transformation and Partnerships



Chris Truckle
Teaching and Development Officer



Paul Wilson
Bootstrap (Supported Employment)



Maggie Ecroyd
Workforce Development



Alison Westwood
Senior Carers Strategy Manager



John Rowan
Team Manager - Children with a Disability



Gemma McMullan
Communications and Information Officer (and easy read minutes)



Terri Haworth

Student social worker (on placement with Bootstrap)



Hugh McNamee



Andy Clift

East Lancs PCT



George Kennedy

Area Manager - Darwen Adult Social Care



Tracie Booth



Leila Whittle



Sara Ashton



Margaret Lockett

Directorate (minute taker)

Apologies (people that couldn't come to the meeting)

Stephen Sloss

Peter Soothill

James Hughes

Lori Homayon-Jones

Gary Dodds

Mandy Crabtree

Yasmin Khalil

James Allerton

Anne Marie Pickering

Jackie Gower

Tom Noone

Bernie Horne

Claire Ramwell

Denise Gaffing

Cathy Welch

Geraldine Condon

1. Hello and welcome



Councillor David Foster started the meeting.

Everyone said hello.



There aren't any service users at the meeting today because they are doing a presentation skills course.

2. Things to talk about from the last meeting



The town centre base has closed because of the new services at Darwen Leisure Centre.

James will ask people what they think about this at the 'We speak, you listen' meeting.

He will let us know what they say at the next Partnership Board meeting.



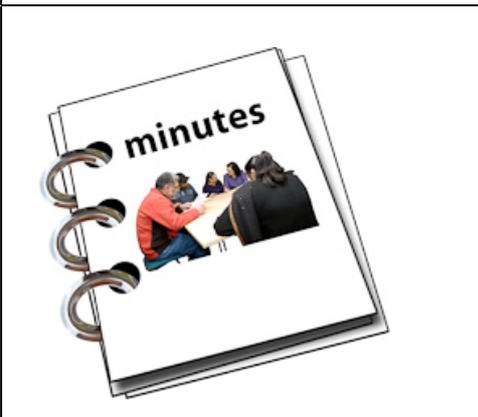
'We speak, you listen' group

Rosemary read out a letter telling us the news from the 'We speak, you listen' group.



Mandy has written a report on the Blackpool Conference.

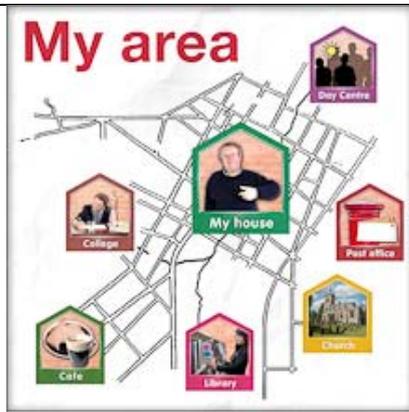
You can find this on the 'Other things' page on our website.



You can get the minutes from the 'We speak, you Listen' on our website on the 'Service users and carers' page.



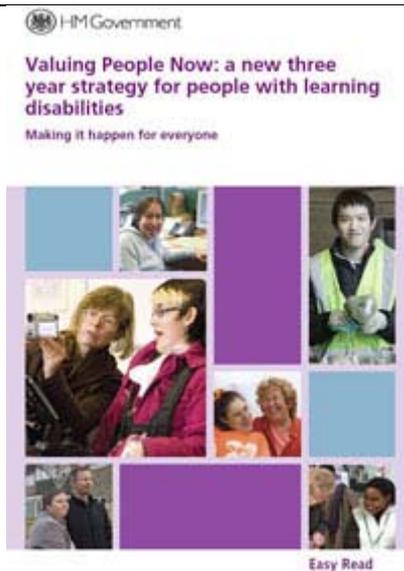
The 'Finding a place to live' leaflet mentioned by Shabir at the last meeting is on the 'Housing' page on our website.



The information about neighbourhoods is on the 'Other things' page on our website.



The link to our website is www.bwdld.org.uk



Councillor David Foster said there is a 'Valuing People Now' conference on 26 May.

5 places have been booked.

It costs £175 per person plus travel costs.

If you want to go please tell Rosemary Molyneux.



There was information about the conference for people to look at during the break.

3. Carers



Carers Week is 14-18 June.

Yasmin Khalil from the Carers Centre sent some information about the events for Carers Week.

Rosemary Molyneux asked if anyone has any more ideas for events.



Lori was not at the meeting but asked a question. What services are there for people with mental health needs in transition?

CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) is only for people who are 16 or younger. Adult services start at 18.

Rosemary said that someone had talked about this at the Transitions Workshop and they were trying to fix the problem.

John Rowan said there is an 'Early Intervention' service for young people aged 16-25.



Hugh McNamee will find out more about this from the Lancashire Care Trust.



Expenses

There is still a problem with carers getting paid expenses for coming to meetings.

Alison Westwood brought some expenses claim forms to the meeting.



If carers fill out the forms, then Alison will get their expenses paid by cheque. This is until we find a better way of doing expenses claims.



Alison Westwood is the Carers Strategy Manager and she is a member of the Carers Strategy Steering Group.



The Carers Strategy is a document for all carers and contains an action plan and commissioning plan.

Commissioning is about what services we buy for people to use.



There is a workshop on 24 May at the Carers Centre 10am - 1pm to talk about the strategy.

If you want to go to the workshop please tell Alison Westwood.

4. Housing



Shabir Elahi and Peter Soothill still need to have a meeting to think about housing opportunities for people with learning disabilities.



You can find information about housing on the Council website and the Learning Disability Partnership Board website:

<http://www.bwdld.org.uk/housing.aspx>

5. Our self assessment



Every partnership board has to do a self assessment every year.

We have to tell the regional board how we think things are going.

Peter Soothill will talk about this year's assessment at the next meeting.

6. Transition Champion



Councillor David Foster will talk to people about finding a transition champion.

He has been waiting for the elections to finish.

7. How we can make the partnership board better and include more people



Councillor David Foster, Rosemary Molyneux and Peter Soothill met with Dave Spence from the North West Joint Improvement Partnership.

Dave's job is to support Learning Disability Partnership Boards and help make them better.

Dave Spence thought our ideas for changing the board were good.



Rosemary Molyneux met Laura Wharton from the Local Strategic Partnership Health and Wellbeing Group.

Rosemary asked Laura if we could get someone to represent the LD partnership board at the forums where people make decisions.

Laura told us to think about what are the most important things we would like to talk

	<p>about at the Health and Wellbeing Group.</p> <p>Then we need to go and talk to them.</p>
	<p>Ros Davies is the Lead Officer for the People and Communities Forum.</p> <p>She has asked people from the Board to go to the meeting in June.</p> <p>The meeting is on 29 June at Blackburn Library in Rooms 1 and 2 and starts at 4.30pm.</p>
	<p>Rosemary Molyneux is also trying to contact Inclusion North for support and funding (money).</p> <p>We can work out what's most important to us from the workplan and self assessment.</p>



We need to get more people with a learning disability to come to the board meetings.

'React' support a group of people with learning disabilities. With the right support they could have more say over things.



James Allerton works on young people's transitions.

Transition is also for older people who live with parents.



Yasmin Khalil's job is to work with parents/carers of people with learning disabilities.

Carers of people with learning disabilities could get more support from the Carers Service.

Parent and carers of people with a learning disability could meet with help from the Carers Centre. They could choose people from their

	<p>group to come to the Partnership Board.</p>
	<p>We could have an 'Officers Group' for people whose job it is to make things better for people with a learning disability.</p>
	<p>We could ask people from the Disability Alliance to have a say at the Partnership Board meeting.</p>
	<p>George Kennedy said the 'We Speak You Listen' group and people interested in transitions should be members of the board.</p>



Rosemary asked every table to think about:

- Who should be on the Partnership Board?
- Who should be in the Officers Group?
- Who should go to the LSP Thematic Groups?
- Will parents attend a focussed LD parent carers group at the Carers Centre?
- If so how will they choose representatives to attend the LD Board?



Each table told the group what they thought.

A lot of people said the same thing - we need more people with a learning disability to come to the meeting.

We need help to get work ready for the meeting.

People need to come to talk about specific things.

	<p>We need a councillor.</p> <p>We need someone who is an advocate.</p> <p>Parents/carers said their children wouldn't want to come to the meeting, but they would speak on their behalf.</p> <p>We need to think about young people in transition.</p>
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8. Anything else



We have been invited to visit the Four Seasons Garden Centre in Darwen.

This is run by Motivate.

If you want to go please tell Margaret Lockett.

There are 12 places.



Kate Smyth has sent letters to people to invite them to join the Disability Alliance.

This will be a focus group made up of people with different disabilities who want to make things better in Blackburn with Darwen.





Andy Clift talked about Acute Liaison.

They support people with LD going into hospital and their carers.

They are doing some learning disability diversity and equality training for people who work in hospital.

Julie wants to know if any service users would like to help with the training.

If you want to help please tell Julie.



Hugh McNamee will talk about the mental health and learning disability liaison service at the next meeting.

9. Date and time of next meeting

 	<p>The next Partnership Board meeting is on:</p> <p>Wednesday 7 July</p> <p>at 10am</p> <p>at the Livesey Children's and All Age Centre, Blackburn</p>
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