

**MINUTES**  
**LD Partnership Board**  
**Wednesday 9 March 2011 @ 9.30am**  
**Youth Room, Livesey All Age Centre**

**Present:** Rosemary Molyneux (Chair), Angela Allen, Stephen Power, Cllr David Foster, Karimeh Foster, Peter Soothill, Gemma McMullan, James Hughes, Chris Truckle, Cllr Shahabuddin Solkar, Nigel Braithwaite, Tom Noone, Janet Lord, Julie Leverton, David Entwistle, Yasmin Khalil, Ann-Marie Pickering

**Apologies:** James Allerton, Chris Cash, George Kennedy, James Syson, Lori Homayon-Jones, Lynette Harwood, John Rowan, Susan Kelly, Claire Ramwell, Lin Cutforth, Dawn Gray, Gill Cousins, Isabel Robinson, Jackie Clarkson, Hugh McNamee, Alison Westwood, David Kerambrum, Mohammed Ilyas Patel

Item No	Item	Action By
1	<p><b><u>Opening of Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Rosemary opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.</p> <p>The “traffic light” card system was explained.</p> <p>Apologies were given for the absence of an agenda and minutes from the last meeting on 26.01.11.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Update on Health</u></b></p> <p><b>Health Self Assessment</b></p> <p>Peter advised that we have sent a report to the Strategic Health Authority. The Department of Health have followed this up by sending us a letter. Gemma has put this letter into an easy-read document which Peter will talk through with the Board today. A copy will be circulated with the Minutes.</p> <p>Peter explained that he will find out if people from this Board can attend the Regional Events.</p> <p>Janet Lord thanked Julie Clift (Hospital Liaison Nurse) and Denise Gaffing for all their hard work and help.</p>	<b>Peter</b>

3	<p><b><u>Citizen Involvement</u></b></p> <p>Peter explained that in order for people to fully understand the needs of people with learning disabilities some training is being organised.</p> <p>3 separate sessions will take place towards the end of the month. The venue will be NHS Blackburn with Darwen, Guide Business Centre, School Lane, Blackburn, BB1 2QH.</p> <p>Wednesday 30 March 6.30 – 7.30pm</p> <p>Friday 1 April 10.00 – 11.30am</p> <p>Monday 11 April 2.00 – 4.00pm</p> <p>If anyone is interested, please contact Peter on <a href="mailto:peter.soothill@bwd.nhs.uk">peter.soothill@bwd.nhs.uk</a> or 01254 282092.</p> <p>It is a free course. Hoping to get between 10 - 12 people who are interested.</p> <p>Parents, carers and people with learning disabilities will be trained up. These people will then be able to go and provide awareness training and get paid for doing so.</p> <p>Need to look at therapeutic benefits.</p> <p>Need to bear neighbourhood learning in mind.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Update on the Learning Disability Website</u></b></p> <p>Gemma has worked on developing two new buttons. News button and a learning button. These will be ready by the end of April.</p> <p>Rosemary encouraged the Board to view the website <a href="http://www.bwdld.org.uk">www.bwdld.org.uk</a></p> <p>It was suggested that this website be viewed at the next Board meeting.</p>	

5	<p><b><u>“Your Support Your Choice”</u></b></p> <p>Rosemary advised that the Council website has been updated and encouraged the Board to view it <a href="http://www.yoursupportyourchoice.org.uk">www.yoursupportyourchoice.org.uk</a></p> <p>David Foster suggested doing a piece of work with the wider voluntary sector to help people with learning disabilities feel part of the community.</p>	
6	<p><b><u>Update on Transition</u></b></p> <p>Peter advised that we are running two separate projects.</p> <p>1 of projects is working with 6 families with young children. This has started and we are working together with the Strategic Health Authority. We will work with and support the families to design their own package of support as a family. Peter to keep this Board updated on progress.</p> <p>The other project is about social care money. Peter met with interested families last week at Newfield School. Waiting for final clarification, possibly up to 12 families involved, aged 16 - 19. Will have a personal budget and plan for the future which they will design and produce.</p> <p>These pieces of work are direct results of issues raised within this Board 18 months ago from parents and carers in transition. At the time a half day workshop with parents and carers took place and formally raised a number of issues and questions.</p> <p>Janet Lord expressed a view about BwD not being the same as it used to be. Rosemary advised that one way of making your opinion heard about your local communities was through voting. Karimeh Foster suggested that those people who are interested could go down to the Town Hall and see where Council members sit and make decisions.</p>	<p><b>Peter</b></p>

7	<p><b><u>Open Discussion</u></b></p> <p><b>Accrington Road &amp; Tower View:</b></p> <p>Stephen Power said he is upset that Accrington Road is closing as it's his favourite place to go. Rosemary advised that both Accrington Road and Tower View are closing as the Council has to make savings. The people who attend Accrington Road and Tower View, along with a small number of people who go to ILS at Mill Hill, will now start going to Stansfeld Centre and Hopwood Court.</p> <p>People will be taken to visit Stansfeld Centre and Hopwood Court so that they can become familiar with their new surroundings and who else is going. Stephen has already visited the centre he will be going to.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b></p> <p>Angela Allen advised that she had to pull out of a Food and Hygiene course due to Dial-A-Ride letting her down. Rosemary to contact Brian Bailey about this issue.</p> <p>David Foster advised that Dial-A-Ride will be reducing their vehicles from 6 to 4. More flexible transport is needed to respond to needs - an important piece of work needs doing.</p> <p><b>Agenda Items:</b></p> <p>Need to add "Housing" &amp; "Personalisation" to the next Agenda.</p>	<p><b>Rosemary</b></p> <p><b>Rosemary</b></p>
8	<p><b><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 25 May 2011</b></p> <p>9.30am refreshments.</p> <p>Prompt start at 10.00am.</p> <p>Lunch at 12.00 noon.</p> <p>Agenda Personalisation, self directed support</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>