

Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday 26 November 2013

Time : 10.00am

Place : Youth Room, Livesey Children's Centre

Present:

Name	Organisation
Rosemary Molyneux (RM)	BwD (Chair)
Pete Soothill (PS)	BwD – Head of Social Work and Social Care
Denise Gaffing (DG)	Community Nurse LCFT
Cllr Solkar (SS)	BwD Councillor
Angie Allen (AA)	Service User
Sonya Rustidge (SR)	Community Wellbeing Coordinators
Maggie Ecroyd (ME)	Workforce Development
Dawn Cooper (DC)	Darwen Town Hall
Yasmin Khalil (YK)	BwD Carers Service
Mandy Crabtree (MC)	Service User
Lori Homayon-Jones (LHJ)	Parent/carer
Gillian Ellison (GE)	Blackburn College
Gabby Holihan (GH)	Blackburn College
Michael Turner (MT)	Service User
Jennifer Lapa (JL)	Children with Disabilities Apple trees Hub
Geraldine Condon (GC)	Creative Support
Liza Preston (LP)	YSYC (Student Placement)
Jackie Cumpstey (JC)	Community Wellbeing Co-ordinator
Christine Preston (CP)	Shared Lives
Naomi Wood (NW)	ASC -CWC
S M Gallagher (SG)	
Dawn O'Rourke (DO)	Jobcentre Plus
Julie Clift (JC)	Acute Liaison Nurse
Jennifer Walsall (JW)	My Step Up
Alex Halsal (AH)	My Step Up
Tony Mill (TM)	My Step Up
Angie Allen (AA)	
J Noone (JN)	B S H
D Enwistle (DE)	
Ibrahim Mayat (IM)	Bwd
Cathy Welch (CW)	Creative Support
Nasreen Chaudhry(NC)	BwD – Business Support Officer (Minute Taker)

Item No.	Item	Action By
	<p><u>Welcome All</u> Rosemary led introductions and welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>The traffic light cards were explained to all.</p>	
	<p><u>Minutes from last meeting</u> Rosemary went through the Minutes & Matters Arising from the last meeting with the group. All agreed that minutes were an accurate record.</p> <p>Actions from last meeting: Peter explained Transitions, when someone</p>	

	reaches the age of 17 they get a social worker from Adult Services.	
	<p><u>SAF Self-Assessment Framework/ Health and Social Care Return</u></p> <p>Pete talked through the Self-Assessment Framework and how it fits in with the Adults Health and Social care return.</p> <p>The Self-Assessment and Health return together explains if people with Learning Disability are happy with the services they receive and can also improve services for them going forward.</p> <p>Pete went through the three main areas that have been identified as areas that need to be correct for people with learning disabilities. Staying Safe. Being Healthy and Living Well.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staying Healthy –this includes things like getting a good service from the doctor, chemist, dentist or the hospital. 2. Being Safe –this is about people being safe when using health services such as being in hospital or getting support from social services at home. 3. Living Well –this is about people with learning disabilities and their families having a say about how services should work. <p>See attached presentation.</p> <p>Action: Nas to add Personal Health Budgets as a discussion item on a future agenda.</p> <p>Michael said that he would prefer an easier read version of the Easy read, a little difficult to follow he would prefer words and pictures. Gemma advised that she has taken his comments on board and will ensure that this is done for future documents and will try to make the details available on the “Your Support Your Choice” website.</p> <p>Pete to look up what HES means and not to use abbreviations (letters instead of the full word)</p> <p>The board all agreed that easy read should always be made available and minutes accessible on website.</p>	Nas
	<p><u>Access to Hospital Care and Hospital Passports</u></p> <p>Julie Clift introduced herself to the group as the Hospital Liaison Nurse she supports people with Learning Disabilities who come to hospitals across Lancashire. Julie advised that she helps the hospital to work with staff.</p> <p>Julie provided the group with an easy read presentation which explained her role and hospital passports. The hospital passports help to show what is needed that is different/extra, it allows staff to know about any issues or additional support a person with Learning Disabilities may require. Helps people put a plan together. Can help to provide accessible information for people with Learning Disabilities.</p> <p>Julie advised that there is a Safeguarding Team at the hospital. The team help to make others aware on the ward; they make sure your voice is heard.</p>	

	<p>Hospital passports are easy to read and fill in. Julie passed around copies for all to view.</p> <p>Angie talked about her experience with a hospital passport, how it helped staff to support her when she was a patient and will be bringing a copy of the passport to the next meeting for people to see.</p> <p>Michael said a lot of people do not like food at hospitals. He asked if it was possible to bring own food and whether food could be stored at the hospital. Julie said that people do bring their own food, but we do not have facilities to store food due to hygiene reasons.</p> <p>Julie is there to help and make sure problems are resolved. There is also a flagging system in place and accessible information</p> <p>Yasmin advised the group that the hospital passports are for people admitted to hospital and not for people coming for day services. Julie added that there is a flagging system for people who have problems with outpatients.</p> <p>A board member asked if someone with a Learning Disability can go with a parent/ carer. Julie advised that there is one room on ward C that offers overnight stay.</p> <p>The flagging system can identify areas that staff may need further developing or training, and is helpful in monitoring information.</p>	
	<p><u>Day Services –Employment Work Experience</u></p> <p>Anne Heckingbotton, Mandy and Justin talked about employment/ volunteer work at the Day Service.</p> <p>Anne talked to the group about the work opportunities that are available through the Day Services. Ann said the Day services offer voluntary employment to people with Learning Disabilities allowing them to change job roles at day Services. There is also a dedicated person at the day services who help people who are in employment. Anne advised the group of the Day Service working in partnership with Darwen Leisure Centre, there are currently 7 people on part time work placements working Monday- Friday.</p> <p>Justin told the group about the work that he is involved in doing. Justin works Monday and Tuesday mornings. He has worked for 3-4 years until 2:30. Justins dad takes him to work. Justine really enjoys work and finds it a positive experience.</p> <p>Mandy works Tuesdays mornings. Her work ranges from setting the tables and then cleaning tables. She really enjoys this work and is able to speak to people when she is there. It gives Mandy the opportunity to meet new people and develop her skills. A very enjoyable experience especially likes speaking with customers.</p> <p>Anne advised that all placements are voluntary work placement.</p>	

<p><u>Disability Employment Advice –Job Centre Plus</u> Dawn from Blackburn job centre introduced herself as the Disability employment advisor for Job Centre. Dawn informed the group that job centre has a disability employment advisor.</p> <p>Work Choice can give you support to get a job. Specialised network of support for people with learning disabilities, special needs and health conditions.</p> <p>You can get help from Work Choice if you are over 16 years old and have left school or college and you are disabled.</p> <p>Work choice can help you to get better skills, get the right training to do your job so you can get better at your work and get support when you need it and be told you are doing a good job.</p> <p>Dawn informed the group that although the job centre is open planned there are private areas for discussions.</p> <p>Work choice has many partners. Remploy/ Bootstrap. Remploy still exists even though we have seen a closure of a factory in Blackburn.</p> <p>Work choice gives you access to work, it can put in place transport solutions from when you leave your front door to get to work. We can also budget a workplace mentor.</p> <p>Action: Dawn to send Nas a copy of the Easy Read leaflet so it can be distributed to the group.</p>	<p>Dawn</p>
<p><u>My Step Up</u> Tony Mills, Jennifer and Alex introduced themselves and introduced My Step Up. My Step Up run by Tony is a farm based learning centre for people with learning difficulties or other special needs. The Care Farm – look after 14 horses, 2 pigs, some chickens, ducks and goats.</p> <p>Tony talked about his own life experiences and how My Step Up came into existence. Tony has two children with Autism and is a parent and carer.</p> <p>My Step Up is a paid for service and all profits go back into making My Step Up a fit for purpose organisation. My step up is situated in the Brownhill Area of Blackburn.</p> <p>Jennifer spoke about her experiences at My Step Up. Jennifer has been involved in flower arranging and looking after animals. She has thoroughly enjoyed the experience, it has helped her gain new skills, increased her confidence and improve her own personal health and wellbeing needs. Jennifer spoke about her own personal issues she had before she came to the farm and has now been able to deal with her personal issues in a positive way. Jennifer pays using Direct Payments.</p> <p>Jennifer supports Alex at the farm 2 days a week; parents pick her up and drop her off. Also has occasionally used dial-a-ride.</p> <p>Through the structured progressive activities it has significantly improved the health and wellbeing of people with special needs and enabled them to develop their maximum potential.</p> <p>Tony advised the group that they support people on Direct payments or</p>	

	<p>Personal Budgets.</p> <p>Tony was asked by the group if My Step Up charged extra for PAs. Tony informed that he does not charge extra for PAs. Jennifer spoke about her experiences as a carer and how it has helped Alex. Jennifer has found the whole experience very positive.</p> <p>A full day is from 09:30-3:30 at £48.00 ½ day £28.00</p> <p>£7.00 per hour.</p>	
	<p><u>Blackburn College: Gillian Ellison –Support manager</u></p> <p>Gillian and Gabby introduced themselves to the group. They spoke about the Get Set internship that they offer at the college which is available for 16-25 years.</p> <p>The scheme currently has 24 students, 14 interns. The aim is to teach independent skills. Interview techniques, basic life skills, what to say/ not to say. The scheme offers a period of unpaid work and can then lead to a proper job. The college provides opportunities for interns sometimes a period of unpaid work with a proper job.</p> <p>The scheme has in the past provided various group activities i.e. went to Keswick where they spent 5 days together, they did a 10 mile walk in the pouring rain. The group had a really positive experience.</p> <p>On another occasion a group went to Poland, a cultural trip, The group together helped to prepare meals and gain basic life skills they also painted the library in Poland.</p> <p>The Get Set programme works with employers and parents to put in place activities/ events students would like to do; it helps set goals to achieve identified outcomes. It helps students gain the skills that are necessary for paid work. It helps people get into paid work. The programme is about forgetting labels and developing skills, it provides help and support to transform lives.</p> <p>The Get Set Programme is for 16-25 years old and available at Blackburn College</p>	
	<p><u>Bootstrap</u></p> <p>Graham introduced himself as the manager for Bootstrap. Bootstrap works closely with both the Job centre as well as other organisations. Bootstrap delivers services to people in Blackburn with Darwen.</p> <p>In the past Bootstrap has looked for voluntary work for people but has now stopped. Bootstrap can look for voluntary work for people if it is a route into paid employment.</p> <p>Sometimes we ask people to consider a job that is slightly different than what they might have been thinking of. Bootstrap negotiates things for people, for example working in a supermarket. The job may require some work at the checkout but instead have negotiated it, so that work only involves stacking the shelves.</p> <p>Angie said that she likes working with children; in looking for a job in this</p>	

	<p>area would I be treated as normal person?</p> <p>Graham advised that it depends what skill an employer requires. There are Jobs in places that may not require a full placement and have in the past created placements for people who wish to work with children. He hoped that any employer would treat her as an adult.</p>	
	<p><u>AOB</u> Stephen talked to the group about his life experience in employment. Stephen worked for Remploy for 29 years, and is now looking for a job since the factory closed. Stephen is still trying to keep himself busy. Never had time off when working at Remploy. Stephen attends various centres that help him to find work. Many of the venues are spread out, Your Support Your Choice, Earcroft Children Centre, Blackburn Library and the Job club. Stephen spoke about Your Support Your Choice and has found his experience very positive.</p> <p>Lori and Dawn to have discussion outside this meeting about NEAT.</p> <p><u>Blackpool Conference –Self Advocacy</u> Next February, annual regional conference.</p> <p>Representatives from the Learning Disability Partnership Board –Angie, Lorrie and daughter Rosie, Stephen and Michael are all interested in attending.</p> <p><u>Carers Rights Day</u> Friday 10 December 2013 at 12:30 all are welcome to attend.</p> <p><u>Moorgate Mill</u></p> <p>Alison Westwood advised the group that Blackburn with Darwen borough council, are working together with Inclusion Housing, and Lifeways (SLC) to develop 20 supported living flats for individuals with complex needs. These flats will be available from May 2014. If you are interested in the scheme for yourself or a family member, and wish to find out more about how to be considered for a flat, or if you want to help design the outside space or décor, or to recruit staff, please contact me on Alison.westwood@blackburn.gov.uk or on 01254 666895.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meetings:</p> <p>Tuesday 28 January 2014 Topic: Transport –Rosemary asked the group if they had any suggestion of what they would like to discuss regarding Transport or whether they wished to discuss any particular services. All to let Nas know so that we can try to get them to attend.</p>	<p>ALL</p>