

MINUTES

Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday 28th May 2014

Time : 10.00am

Place : Youth Room, Livesey Children's Centre

Attendees

Name	Title
Rosemary Molyneux	Community Engagement and wellbeing Manager
Pam Lally	Office Manager – Self Directed Support
Angie Allen	Person who uses services
Rachael Whittaker	Business Support Officer – Minute Taker
Stuart Sheridan	Service Transformation Manager
Thomas Noone	-
Catherine Ganner	-
Lois Fitzpatrick	-
Sumayya Musa	Senior contracts manager, Integrated contracting & procurement
Yasmin Khalil	Bwd Carers Service
	Team leader –Transport Team
Stephen Gallagher	Service User
Michael Turner	Service User
Heather Maw	-
Lorri Homayan Jones	Parent/ carer
Rose Marsden	Service User
Michelle Libbey	-
James Holme	-
Julie Leverton	-
Pauline Smith	-
Tony Mills	My Step Up
Gavin Boait	-
Alex Halsall	My Step Up
Julie Foote	-
Ann Marie Pickering	-
Nigel Braithwaite	Parent/ carer
Dorothy Braithwaite	Parent/ carer
Pamela Price	Deputy Team Manager, Complex Needs Service
Pauline Bradley	Service User
Michael Calfont	Service User
Mohamed Patel	Service User
Cathy Welch	Creative Support
Apologies:	
Marion Fisher	-

Catherine Bentley	Equality & Inclusion Business Partner
Gemma McMullan	Communications and information officer, Adult Management

Item No.	Item	Lead
	<p>Minutes from last meeting & matters Arising Minutes from the last meeting were discussed and all agreed that they were an accurate record.</p> <p>Rosemary explained about using the traffic light cards so that one person could speak at a time.</p> <p>Nas wrote on previous agenda to talk about how decisions are made, and how money is spent. This will be discussed in the future at one of the LD Board meetings.</p> <p>Action: Jackie Clarkson from transport has emailed link regarding NOW cards, a lot of service users are not on email, so the information will be printed out and handed out at the next meeting.</p> <p>The board was informed that carers could travel free on community transport with service users. Although the service user must inform care network of this when ringing to book.</p> <p>Michael asked what proof do you need to prove they are your carer? Rosemary explained that no proof was needed. Angie said that you need to tell community transport they are with you when you book.</p>	<p>Rosemary Molyneux</p> <p>Rachel/Naz</p>
	<p>Update / feedback regarding Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Review.</p> <p>Discussion took place in the big groups and in small table discussions.</p> <p>Rosemary explained what happened at the review. How they talked about what was good and not so good. As well as what could be improved. She informed the meeting that Dean Donalds came and helped with the discussions. Also senior managers from the council and from health came and listened to the points made and questions asked. Dean wrote a draft action plan. Laurence Clark is producing a report, making sure to include what they said and agreed.</p> <p>Rosemary also let the meeting know that this is the last chance to change the action plan before the report is completed by Laurence.</p> <p>Action: Rosemary to give the information collected from flip</p>	<p>Rosemary Molyneux</p> <p>Rosemary Molyneux</p>

	<p>charts today and any added comments to Laurence.</p> <p>Rosemary explained that Stuart Sheridan will be regularly coming to the board, as he is the link between health and social care and the LD board. And that Sally McIvor will make it happen. Stuart shared with the board that the NHS make decisions, and so do the council. And will be asking people directly so they can have input, gain information and give their opinions. No assumptions will be made in relation to what people want.</p> <p>Angie asked if it would be best for a person with LD to go to their meetings and be there.</p> <p>Stuart said that it is important and where appropriate it would be good to invite people who have a learning disability, although they may only be able to attend part of the meeting.</p> <p>Stuart also said that the decisions made at the board will be passed on.</p> <p>Angie asked how would we know?</p> <p>Stuart said because we will do it. You will be able to tell by the actions and we will keep people informed.</p> <p>Stuart also clarified the fact that if we remain realistic regarding future services, feedback to the council and NHS, we can influence and ask why not, if it didn't happen.</p> <p>Nigel would like to be re-assured that it will be a 2-way process, and that decisions and information will be reported back to the people of the LD Board.</p> <p>Stuart said that he does have some power to make decisions, and that most of the decisions are down to councillors.</p> <p>Rosemary informed the group that no councillors were able to attend this meeting, due to the elections, but that another council member would probably be identified by Cllr Khan.</p> <p>Action: Rosemary will find out who Councillor Khan would want to come to the LD meeting.</p> <p>Michael asked about funding, and if it is in the public domain? How much money?</p> <p>Stuart acknowledged that there is money in the public domain, and that we will continue to use the money that is available, but we also need to find ways in which to stretch it. We are not able to set budgets, but the board can discuss how to use them.</p> <p>Nigel said he feels that our power over budgets etc. has been taken away.</p> <p>Yasmin informed Nigel that the Carers service can provide help.</p> <p>Action: Yasmin to put together an easy read information sheet regarding attending the Learning Disabilities meeting and expenses for carers.</p> <p>Action: Rosemary to ask Gemma to put on together for people with Learning Disabilities.</p>	<p>Rosemary Molyneux</p> <p>Yasmin Khalil</p> <p>Rosemary Molyneux/Gemma McMullan.</p>
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	<p>Self-Directed Support Team: Information on Personal Budgets.</p> <p>Pam Lally came to the meeting to let the board know about the new easy read Direct Payments Guide. Pam asked for four or five people to work with her in discussion regarding the guide. As well as this Pam will work with social workers.</p> <p>Action: A group, including Pam will meet to discuss this very soon.</p> <p>Rosemary said that there seems to be a lack of understanding around the process and assessments of people eligible for social care. More information is needed about the process, as well as identification of needs, support plans and how to spend personal budgets.</p> <p>The Board would like to know what is needed to get to the end result, and why the assessment seems to rely on Social workers interpretation rather than the assessment itself.</p> <p>It was felt that feedback was needed regarding this point. James Holme suggested that some of the group could sit down with social workers to get clarification about the process, through assessments made.</p> <p>Stuart also suggested that there should be an easy read to show how to spend Direct Payments.</p> <p>Action: Pam to look into what to spend Personal Budgets on, so easy read can be produced.</p> <p>Action: Rosemary will contact the team manager of the Learning Disabilities team to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Integrated Commissioning & Procurement team: Consultation on Service Quality.</p> <p>Sumayya Musa came to the meeting and explained that her team has looked into the service Bootstrap provides and what they can do. An additional service is now being provided to help vulnerable people get into jobs or find volunteer work. This will start on 1st July 2014. Sumayya also explained that vulnerable people will also be able to contact Bootstrap themselves or ask their social worker or support worker to contact them. Bootstrap can now help with: Finding a job that matches what you want to do. Educating employers about supporting people in work who might have special requirements. Also giving on the job support where needed. Bootstrap can now help people who are in the process of losing their benefits or who are dealing with appeals regarding the loss of tenancy.</p> <p>Action: People interested in offering their opinion on improving services should contact Sumayya on: Telephone: 01254 666916.</p>	<p>Pam Lally</p> <p>Pam Lally</p> <p>Rosemary Molyneux</p>
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	<p>Email: Sumayya.Musa@blackburn.gov.uk</p> <p>Rosemary asked who would be willing to participate in small groups in order to discuss some of the areas identified in the LD Review.</p> <p>The key issues that people wanted to look at in smaller groups were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Quality • Autism Board • Training & Employment • Relationship / socialisation • Personal Budgets • Mental Health / Health needs • Transport 	
	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting – Yasmin Khalil asked the board who voted and if they received any help. Not a lot, voted and help was not generally given. A suggestion was made that maybe someone from the elections team could attend the board in future. • Yasmin also talked about Carers week, which started on 9th June this year. Asked the board for future ideas, promoting and raising awareness, so that maybe next year events could take place within the borough. 	

Next Meeting: Tuesday 22nd July 2014.