

MINUTES

LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Monday 5th October 2015 – 10.00am
(coffee 9.30am - lunch 12 noon included)

Blackburn Enterprise Centre Blackburn

Name	From
Rosemary Molyneux (Chair)	Community Engagement and Wellbeing (assistant chair)
Angie Allen (Chair)	Service User (Chair)
Mandy Crabtree (Chair)	Service User (Chair)
Paula Spence	BwD - Head of Strategic Commissioning and Procurement
Gemma McMullan	BwD – Communications and Information Officer
Denise Gaffing	Community Nurse LCFT
Sonya Rustidge	Community Wellbeing Co-ordinator
Geraldine Condon	Creative Support
Richard Mason	Service User
Stuart Sheridan	LD Commissioner
Tom Noone	Carer
Cheryl Sandford	BwD Connect
Wendy Howarth	Dyspraxia Foundation
Denise Cottam	Environment Housing and Neighbourhoods
Stephen Gallagher	Service User
Tom Baron	Parent
Susan Kelly	Housing
Phyllis	Creative Support
Valerie	Creative Support
Yasmin Khalil	BwD Carers Service
Laura Dobson	Student Nurse at Bridge House
Julie Walsh	Alternative Futures Group
John Wynn	Service User
Angie Allen	Service User
Caroline Grimshaw	Service User
Andrew Gove	Preston New Rd
Christine Ibbotson	Preston New Rd
Paula Lomas	
Ryan Thornton	BwD – Contracts team
Graham Jones	Bootstrap
David Cotton	Service User
David Entwistle	Service User
Lynn Wilkinson	Stansfeld Centre
Craig Watson	Alternative Futures Group
Sarah-Jane Kent	BwD Admin Support Team Leader
Helen Coates	BwD – Admin Support – minute taker

APOLOGIES:

Name	From
Sally McIvor	Executive Director
Sarah Ward	Community LD Nurse
Pam Lally	BwD SDS
Anne-Marie Pickering	BwD – Children Support Officer
Paula Pritchard	Learning Disability Team Manager
Karen Beveridge	BwD –Service Development Manager
Maggie Ecroyd	Volunteer
Julie Clift	Hospital Liaison Nurse
Michael Turner	Service User

Item No.	Item	Lead
1	<p>Welcome, apologies, introductions and traffic lights.</p> <p>Angela (AA) and Mandy (MC) to co-chair the meeting alongside Rosemary (RM)</p> <p>AA and MC welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were noted.</p> <p>The traffic light system was explained and the chair went through the Agenda of the meeting.</p>	SMc
2	<p>News Items and Events:</p> <p>Advocacy and the Care Act - feedback</p> <p>Rosemary and 4 people went to the North West Training Development day in Preston. The event was about Advocacy and the Care Act. Rosemary said it was a good meeting but some of it was difficult to understand. Stephen said he agreed and he thought it wasn't very well planned. Stephen said the writing on display was very small and not very clear.</p> <p>Angie said the first half of the meeting was complicated as it was presented by a solicitor but the second half was better.</p> <p>Rosemary had a document from the day about Advocacy and the Care Act but it was very long and had too many words. She will meet with Angie, Stephen and Janet to decide the main points and will feed back to everyone.</p> <p>Health and Social Care Day</p> <p>Stuart said the Health and Social Care Day went well. About 70 people came. This was more than last year. The Refresh Team were there and you could do things like Yoga/ Tai Chi, dancing and a penalty shoot-out.</p>	

They told people about the new About Me cards which can be used at doctors/opticians for help and support. You can get the cards from Bridge House or you can ask your Social Worker or Community Nurse to help you get a card.

Co-Chair Workshop – 29th September

Rosemary and Tom had a workshop on how to chair a meeting. Tom showed people how to keep order in a meeting, how to keep the discussions moving and how timing is important.

Craig who goes to Stansfeld and the other 6 people who attended the workshop would all like to chair the meeting. They agreed that 2 people would chair this meeting and 2 different people next time. They wanted everyone to take a turn.

Rosemary said that people could co-chair the Sub Group meetings.

Vulnerable Adult card and Now Star card

Cheryl talked about the Vulnerable Adult card. The card was launched in June and 61 people are using them so far.

If you want a card there is an easy read form fill out. Cheryl can help you fill out the form. To find out more see Cheryl.

You can show the card to the bus or train driver and they will know to give you extra time and help. If you use a wheelchair they will get a ramp out for you.

Cheryl is working with the taxi firms. She is going to the taxi forum to tell them how they can help people with a disability who use taxis

Cheryl hopes that the Vulnerable Adult card can be used with taxis too.

Cheryl is going to ask the taxi firms to include learning disability training as part of their safeguarding training.

Paula Lomas asked if carers could help to do the training. Cheryl is going to find out.

Cheryl talked about the new Now Star Card. The Now Star Card is a top up card. You can put money on the card to pay for your bus. This means you don't have to carry money onto the bus.

Mohammed said he has a friend who tried to apply for both of these cards and she was told that she needed a doctor's note. Cheryl said you don't need a doctor's note to get these cards.

Cheryl has been working with the Blind Society. People who can't see well won't be able to read the number on the front of the bus. Cheryl

said people can get a sign which says the number on the bus they want to catch. When the driver sees the sign they will stop. Cheryl said that people with a learning disability could get a sign for the bus too, she will ask about this at the next meeting she goes to.

If you are not used to going on the bus and are nervous about it then see Cheryl. Cheryl is running a course to help people get used to going on the bus. The course starts next year and there will be a trip to Skipton and other towns outside of Blackburn and Darwen.

Cheryl is looking for models to go on posters. If you live in Blackburn or Darwen and use buses, trains, walk or cycle and would like to be on a poster tell Cheryl. Everyone who takes part will go into a prize draw to win £100.

Blackburn Rovers

Angie said that Christine from Blackburn Rovers came to the Inclusion/Personalisation sub group meeting. Christine's job is to help people with disabilities who go to the football matches at Blackburn Rovers. Christine will be invited to our meeting in December.

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Things to talk about:

Draft Report from Review Day

Paula said they talked about the review day at the Personalisation / Inclusion Sub Group. Vicky from the North West Training and Development Team asked some questions that will help us write our action plan for the next 12 months.

Resolve Update

Stephen, Angie and Mo talked about what Resolve have been doing. Resolve have got some money to buy 6 iPads. They helped to recruit the Safeguarding Panel chair and the 2 new Heads of Service.

Nominations for February Regional Learning Disability Conference

The regional conference is in Blackpool in February next year. The Inclusion/Personalisation group have talked about who should go. More people want to go than the council can afford to pay for. In November there will be an opportunity for people to come and talk to Rosemary, Stephen, Angie and Michael about the conference. This will help people to decide if they want to be considered to go the conference. If you go to the conference you have to come and tell the board what it was like. People who would like to go will have their names put in a hat. 3 names will be picked out and they will be the people to go. A fourth name will be picked out in case enough money

can be raised for 4 people to go.

£52 donation – account with ELSI

TB said the Inclusion/Personalisation group had decided that the money will be kept in a separate account by ELSI so that any other money donated can be saved with it.

Update on the LD Action Plan

Sub Groups – actions and next steps.

Health – Sarah Ward (Community Nurse Specialist)

Denise Gaffing said they talked about the Mental Capacity Act at their meeting in September. The next group will be on 18th November from 1pm til 3pm at Bridge House. They will talk about Speech and Language Therapy.

- **Personalisation / Inclusion – Paula Spence**

Paula gave people the minutes from the Personalisation/Sub Group meeting. In the meeting, Christine from Blackburn Rovers came and gave a talk on what she does. They talked about the agenda for the Learning Disability Board meeting. The wrong day had been put on the flyer for the next Sub Group, it is on Thursday 5th November and NOT Wednesday.

- **Employment – Graham Jones**

Graham said the Employment Sub Group have written a strategy but it is too long to go through it all at this meeting. Stuart ran a focus group for people at Bootstrap on what is important to a person with a learning disability.

Benefits – people feel like they are forced into temporary work and then this confuses things with their benefits. Everyone felt like mixed messages are being given by different people. It's not just about the money; it's about self-esteem and having a fulfilling day. Graham said we need to look at volunteer work as well as evening and weekend work.

Caroline Grimshaw said her partner suffers with Cerebral Palsy and has behaviour problems. He is a fully qualified chef but cannot get a job because of how he looks and comes across. The more he doesn't get a job, the more down he feels.

Stephen said he has not worked since 2013 when he was made redundant. He doesn't like going to 'sign on' as he is made to feel like a criminal.

Stuart said he will talk to the Job Centre and find out if they have training to help them learn how to support people with a learning disability.

A list of things has been put together on how everyone would like to be treated:

- Everyone deserves a job.
- People with a Learning Disability need understanding and support when using a computer.
- Everyone deserves to be treated equally – no discrimination!

The next Employment Sub Group is on **Friday 16th October at 10.00 at Bootstrap.**

Carers Service – Yasmin Khalil

Yasmin gave an update on a meeting held last week for parents and carers where the Health Action Plan and screenings were discussed.

Yasmin said a vaccine is being offered to girls in school to prevent cervical cancer. Denise said people can speak to their doctor about the vaccine.

Stephen said he had come across people that have pretended to be carers when they weren't. Yasmin said you have to register to be a carer and you get an ID badge. Caroline Grimshaw asked what support is available out there for young carers –Yasmin said there is a group for young carers and she give Caroline Grimshaw the details.

5. **Anyone other business**

Caroline Grimshaw introduced herself. She is a self- advocate for people with disabilities; this is the first time she has come to the Learning Disability Board meeting. Caroline felt that some changes need to be made for example the paid staff shouldn't be doing the speeches. Caroline said she is open to new ideas and can offer 1-1 meetings. She will leave her details with Helen Coates. Stephen invited Caroline to Your Support, Your Choice.

Rosemary said that Patsy had asked at the Review Day in June why there was not a board for people with Physical Disabilities. This might be something people want to discuss further at another meeting as the learning disability board has always been for people with a learning disability.

The next meeting is **Wednesday 2nd December 2015** at The Enterprise Centre. This will be a Christmas meeting with a small agenda, crackers and music and maybe a raffle.

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