

MINUTES CARE PROVIDERS FORUM

17 June 2005
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM
AT QUAY ARTS CENTRE

PRESENT

John Clewley	Ryde House
Marie Clements	Hazelwood House
Joanne Parry	Hazelwood House
Paul Millward	Isle Care
Kevin Harrison	Esplanade House
Paul Smith	OSEL
Spencer Wilby	Ryde House
Mandy Minshull	Isle Care – Plean Dene
Steve Harris	Esplanade House
Lyn Savin	Cheran House
Paul Lillywhite	Cheran House
Joy Smith	Esplanade House
Andrew Duckworth	I.W.H.A.
Bob Marks	I.W. Healthcare Trust
Martin Johnson	Adult and Community Services H.Q. (last hour only)
Jacqueline Jones	Minute Taker

APOLOGIES

Mandy Alsop – Wight Care Services; Dennis O' Hearne - I.W.H.A.; Trudie Manton – Kingston Farmhouse; Jenny Fuller – Hazelwood.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, 24 MARCH 2005

These were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING

None.

3. Direct Payments

It was established that the growth of direct payments on the island was small compared to the mainland. There are currently 12 adults over 18 with direct payment on the island and it has been recommended that the figure should be in the region of 35 – 40 people. The Government's thinking is that direct payment would include individual health care. Learning Disability people will be used as the test bed for this method of payment.

In answer to the question of why direct payment could not be considered for Care Homes, it was stated that it was not an option at the moment but that the Government is looking into it.

Direct Payment is in the early stages and trials are being carried out in some locations to find out the advantages and the pitfalls.

4. Quality Premium/New Quality Standards

It was stated that Quality Premiums were now frozen but that those who have been receiving it continue to receive it. Quality standards have yet to be developed and the local council is currently looking at other models. Different Councils have been observed using systems such as stars. Quality Premiums should be about added value. Providers will need to be involved.

This agenda item should be brought forward for discussion at the next meeting when there may be more to discuss.

5. Nomination of New Chair

Although it had previously been discussed that it would be beneficial for the position of "Chair" to rotate, no-one volunteered and no-one was volunteered. Therefore, John Clewley continues to be Chair. It is asked that consideration is made amongst members on this subject and that **this agenda item be brought forward for the next meeting.**

6. Fees

An offer of fees had been received and there was no contention. However, it was suggested that it would be sensible to consider the issue of fees for next year at an earlier point. To this end, John Clewley has been nominated to arrange a meeting between Steve Harris and Sandy Weller hopefully in September of this year to discuss the issue of next year's fees. Please contact Steve with anything you would like him to discuss on your behalf.

A quote that 10,000 more elderly will need care over the next five years prompted a request into whether research can be found showing how much the cost has risen over the last five years. In addition, the methods in assessing the elderly are laborious and are not used anywhere else. Might there be consideration to remove or simplify the processes?

There was a recommendation to join the LDHA who represent through successful negotiation using a uniform voice.

7. Training (LDAF)

There was considerable concern over the implication of costs and funding for LDAF training. 90%-95% of Esplanade House staff have completed LDAF training at a cost of £458 per person. This does not include the cost of lost working hours, trainers and sundry expenses. It was considered that LDAF would become a contractual obligation, which may have a knock on effect on the fees/funding on Providers. In addition, there is no time frame in place for this requirement. However, it seems that only staff employed since 2003 will need to take the training. There is also a question mark as to whether domiciliary workers will need to be trained, the CSCI has answered, "they have to be adequately trained".

There was also a question as to whether money would be released to repay people who have taken the course in addition to people who are going on it. The college is showing a reluctance to release funds for training, however they are looking into Euro Social Fund money.

It was established that Marilyn Hughes at the Healthcare Trust had been nominated as the new Workforce Development Co-ordinator.

Martin Johnson requested costs be sent from Esplanade House for him to look over. Martin Johnson is to write to the Commission for clarification on the issues raised on this matter.

It was suggested that Anne Axford be invited to the next meeting in order to provide a presentation on where the funds come from - MJ.

8. Commissioning Strategy

The Adult Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy 2005-08 (DRAFT) refers to Person Centred Housing Strategy in paragraph 8, which answered the initial question on housing supported and non-supported. Paragraph 13 refers to the LDAF.

There was agreement that confusion is starting to creep in over all the training requirements for the Providers and there is some difficulty knitting together all the training needs. Clarity and Definitive answers are needed over the requirements because it challenges the Strategy Report.

A question was raised as to how the figure of 30% - 40% of people expressing an interest in leaving residential care was arrived at. Martin Johnson stated that this figure was based on a sample survey.

It was stated that in order to make application for Golden Lane that they should be contacted directly. John Verge is the contact for this and his number is 01823 288061.

9. Any Other Business

A Workforce Development Survey has been despatched to all members. There were no questions over this.

There was a willingness to co-operate with the inspection scheduled for 26 September 2005 for 5 days. Martin Johnson was asked what Providers could do to assist and he said that he will speak about that at the next meeting when he knows more. However, it was established that there was an issue in this inspection with capacity for community care, user groups and self-advocacy. In addition an independent provider will send out user and care involvement surveys randomly.

This item is to be brought forward as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Martin Johnson distributed a copy of the Isle of Wight Partnership Board progress report. This is a pilot to see how well valuing people is doing on the island.

The date for the next meeting is Friday 29 July 2005. 2pm until 4pm.
Venue - Committee Room 1 – County Hall

Note: Anne Axford and Pat Ready will attend the next meeting.