Isle of Wight Learning Disability Partnership Board



Minutes Learning Disability Partnership Board

held on Thursday 12 March 2009 at 12pm Riverside Centre, Newport

People who were at the meeting:

John Phillips, Co-Chair Scott Watkin, Co-chair Tony Hands, Support for Co-Chairs Ali Barton-Smith, PCT Maureen Sutton, LD Transport Officer, IWC James Barnikel, Service User Graham Campbell, Support for James Barnikel Sam Martin, People First Vicky Jones, Project Officer, IWC Elizabeth Sturton, Parent Carer Jan Gavin, IoW Advocacy Trust Lindy Wyman, Parent Carer Dave Downer, Advocacy Trust/Mencap Pat Ready, Person Centred Planning, IWC Elaine Garrett, RCC Claire Foreman, Head of Sustainable Communities, IWC Mark Howell, Head of Housing, IWC Jane France, Isle of Wight College Graeme Burnett, SWHA Sarah Mitchell, Director, IWC Kevin Wood, Service User Suzanne Wixey, IWC Louise Foley, National Autistic Society, Isle of Wight Branch Arthur Maslen, National Autistic Society, Isle of Wight Branch David Hunt, LD Team, IWC Debbie Wood, LD Team, IWC Helen Shields, PCT NHS

People who could not come to the meeting:

Bob Marks
Joanne Kiff
Ann O'Brien
Al Wyman
Paul Smith
Anna Roberts
Alix Woodford
Sara Perkins
Tina Harris
Christine Law
Teresa Day
Cllr Dawn Cousins

Jacqui Hogg, Secretary (Minute Taker)

1. Welcome and apologies John and Scott welcomed the group. John asked everyone to introduce themselves. Jacqui read out the apologies. The rules of the meeting were read out. Everyone was reminded about how important it is for people to say their name before talking. This is so that anyone who cannot see or remember people's names knows who is talking. Themed Discussion: Healthcare for All 2. (Ali Barton-Smith) Ali did a presentation on Healthcare for All, and talked about Annual Health Checks. The presentation, the Healthcare for All report (both Minute full and easy read) will be emailed out with the Taker minutes. A meeting on Annual Health Checks was held. Lots of GPs from different surgeries went to the meeting. The meeting was very well attended. 65% of the surgery's said they will do health checks. This is very good. Bob will talk about this more at the next My Health Sub Group. Awareness training for receptionists will be considered. Double appointments for patients with a learning disability will also be considered. There is still a lot of work to do. Helen reassured everyone that people with learning disabilities and carers will be involved in future meetings on Annual Health Checks.

The My Health Sub Group will look at how college students could receive more awareness training on communicating with people who have a learning disability. ALL Ali asked everyone to look at the report and let her know what they think about it, and to give her any comments or suggestions. You can do this by emailing Jacqui Hogg at jacqui.hogq@iow.gov.uk. The draft My Health Sub Group Action Plan will Minute also be emailed out with the minutes. Taker Dave Downer said People First are happy to help convert the Action Plan into easy read. 3. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 15 January 2009 **IWC** Website Vicky said she has done all the work for the new IWC website. The new website should be available from Monday 16 March. Internet access was available at the meeting so people could have a look during the break. Everyone thanked Vicky for her hard work with this. **LDDF** Jan said she had emailed Scott, John and Claire to request for some of the 2008/2009 money left to buy equipment. Suzanne will be taking Suzanne this forward and has spoken to Scott and John. Wixey

Adult Placement Scheme

Vicky reassured people that this has not been forgotten. Research is still being done, and things being finalised before the questionnaire is sent out. The research has been delayed, but will go ahead.

Person Centred Planning

Pat thanked everyone for the new camera's bought using the LDDF money. Pat has been able to take photos for support plans. If anyone would like to borrow one of the cameras, please ask Pat.

<u>Newsletter</u>

Dave Downer asked how many newsletters the LDPB would like done a year. The average cost is £600 per newsletter for printing. IWC have not allocated the LDDF money for 2009/2010. It was suggested the LDPB decide if they would like further newsletters and how often once the money has been allocated.

Transport

Information about transport will be on the new IWC website.

4. Transferring Money from PCT NHS to Local Authority (Sarah Mitchell and Helen Shields)

Sarah handed out a printed presentation and spoke about how money will be transferred from the PCT NHS to Local Authorities. The presentation will be emailed out with the minutes.

Minute Taker

From April 2009 the money that the Isle of Wight Primary Care Trust has for social care, will pass to the Isle of Wight Council.

From 2011 the Government will give the money for social care direct to the Council. Councillors locally and nationally are doing what they can to ensure the money is received. There are 2 contract areas that are included in the transfer. One is the contract for residential care provided by Islecare. Property leases between South Wight Housing Association and Islecare are being looked at. The other contract is the one for day services that the PCT provides. IWC has employed someone to look at the situation and money. 5. Presentation on Autism (David Hunt, Louise Foley and Arthur Maslen) David Hunt did a presentation about Social Support Groups for people with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder. The presentation will be Minute emailed out with the minutes. Taker The same people meet and do activities. The group cannot be too big. People pay for activities from their personal budget. If you would like contact David, please call him on 566011. Louise from the Isle of Wight Branch of the National Autistic Society spoke about her personal experience and why she became part of the Island branch of the National Autistic Society. A pilot website for the Isle of Wight Branch of the National Autistic Society is being paid for by the National Autistic Society. This is just starting to be put together.

An Adult Aspergers Support Group will be formed soon by the Isle of Wight National Autistic Society.

If you would like to contact the Isle of Wight Branch of the National Autistic Society you can do this by:

Email; isleofwight@nas.org.uk

Telephone Louise on; 07827 308 768

If you would like impartial and confidential information about autism, you can call the help line on 0845 070 4004, or email autismhelpline@nas.org.uk.

The National Autistic Society website is www.NAS.org.uk.

6. Sub Groups

My Health (Bob Marks)

Bob was not able to attend the meeting. The co-chairs will ask him to talk about this at the next meeting.

Co-chairs

Where I Live (Mark Howell)

Mark said this group have met. Mark chaired the first meeting, but this may change.

People from the following organisations attended:

- · Housing Benefit.
- Supporting People.
- Residential Care User.
- Student Social Worker.
- Representatives from schools.
- Representatives from psychology services.

Apologies were received, and these will be followed up.

The next meeting is being held on 27 April. Public and private providers of housing will be invited to that meeting.

Some items for the action plan are; how does housing work and how do you access.

It was raised that some people who move in to supported living housing, sometimes do not get items they need. For example; curtains, fridge. Mark will raise this at the next meeting.

Mark Howell

Paul Bakewell will be taking the lead on the Where I Live Sub Group from 18 March. This is because Mark Howell will be the Interim IWC Director of Adult Community Services. Sarah Mitchell is leaving IWC on 18 March.

Everyone Matters

Jan said that she and David Hunt do not have capacity to lead on this group. David, Jan, Scott and John and met to talk about this.

This is because there are so many people who should be part of the Everyone Matters group, that it would take a lot of time to arrange meetings.

It was suggested that someone from LINks could be involved, but they have asked for £1,000 to do this. Claire said it would not be appropriate for LINks to be paid to do this work, as IWC are a commissioner for LINks.

Claire suggested that each meeting should have a theme, and the appropriate people be invited to the meeting.

Claire and Suzanne will talk about this outside of the meeting. Suzanne will update people at the next meeting. Claire Foreman/ Suzanne Wixey

What I Do

Scott told everyone that this group has met. No chairs have been elected. The LDPB will be updated at the next meeting.

Jane said she was not invited, and she should have been. Scott to make sure Jane is invited to the next meeting.

Scott Watkin

Making it Happen

Scott and Claire will meet outside of the meeting. They will talk about how often meetings will be and who should co-chair.

Claire Foreman/ Scott Watkin

Vicky thought it might be a good idea if each sub group has their own web page on the new website. This would mean that people could see who is on the group and what work the group are doing. Vicky has spoken to Suzanne about how the web site will be kept up-to-date in the future. A vote was taken. Everyone voted yes.

7. Valuing People Now (Scott Watkin)

John, Scott and Debbie Wood went to the Valuing People Now conference in early March. One of the things they talked about was each LDPB in the region. They talked about the good and bad things for each regional LDPB. John, Scott and Debbie found the conference helpful. They were told what LDPB's should be doing about Valuing People Now and how to make sure it happens.

One query raised was how people coming out of prison with a learning disability are able to find support. There is support via voluntary organisations.

Elaine will ask her colleagues at the Rural Community Council which client groups voluntary organisations have queries from and who they aim to support. Elaine will update everyone at the next meeting. Elaine Garrett

8. Transforming Social Care Update (Claire Foreman)

A report from the Transforming Social Care Board will go to Cabinet in April with key aims for the Island. The Transforming Social Care Board know there is a gap on the Island of working with service users and carers. IWC are tendering for a User Lead Organisation to shape and deliver Transforming Social Care on the Island.

The Transforming Social Care Board will look at what help is needed and how it will happen.
There will be a further update at the May LDPB.

| | James told everyone that the Leisure Workshop took place on 20 February. Lots of people attended and the feedback was very good. It was felt that the IWC are an excellent provider for activities on the Island. Feedback from professionals was that there are not good leisure facilities for people with complex needs. | |
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| | LDDP Workshop | |
| 9. | Any Other Business | |
| | information she is able to find. This will be talked about at the next meeting. | Minute Taker |
| | The Rural Community Council may have more information and Elaine will check. Elaine will then speak to Scott and John about what | Elaine Garrett |
| | There were some concerns regarding safeguarding of vulnerable adults and CRB checks. | |
| | Time Banks Pat did a presentation on Time Banks and this will be emailed out with the minutes. Pat thinks this could be a good thing for everyone in the community, not just for people with a learning disability. Everyone talked about how this could work on the Island. | Minute Taker |
| | Vicky has produced Transforming Social Care Bulletins, one for providers and one for users in an accessible format. These are approved by the Transforming Social Care Board. These bulletins will be done regularly to keep everyone up-to-date. The Rural Community Council are working with IWC to ensure all voluntary organisations receive the information. | |

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| | The feedback will be sent out with the minutes. LDDF | Jan Gavin/ Minute Taker |
| | Jan asked about future funding for IoW Advocacy from the LDDF. There is no money to fund IoW Advocacy from 1 April 2009, which will mean no advocacy service. Claire said advocacy on the Island will probably get bigger because of Transforming Social Care. | |
| | Individual advocacy support will be paid for by individual personal budgets. Suzanne will meet Jan outside this meeting and talk to Scott and John. | Suzanne Wixey |
| | Claire Claire told everyone that this would be her last LDPB. Claire is leaving IWC. Claire thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with them and learn lots of new things. | |
| | Scott John told everyone that Scott has got an assessment for the Co-national Director for Learning Disabilities job he recently applied for. Everyone congratulated Scott and wished him luck for the assessment. If Scott does get the job, he hopes to continue to attend the LDPB, but will not be able to co-chair. | |
| 10. | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11 May 2009. The meeting will start at 11.45am for 12pm. The meeting will be held in the Hunnyhill Room at the Riverside Centre. | |