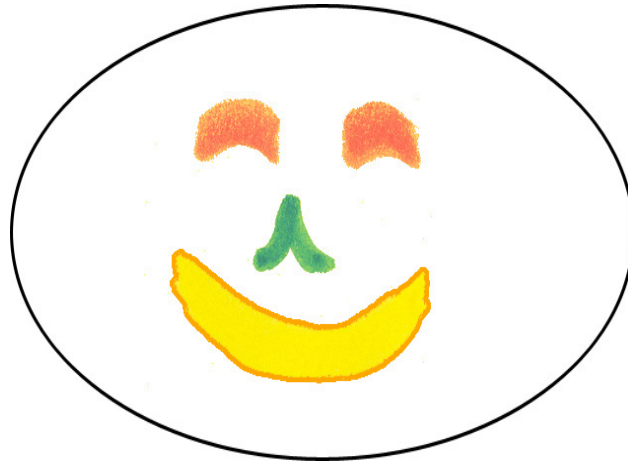


Minutes of Partnership Board 10th September 2007

Southampton Learning Disability



Partnership Board

Agenda

Minutes for September 2007 (our apologies it appears that the minutes got lost and were never sent)

1. What we talked about last time
2. And 3. Short Breaks
4. Questions for housing
5. Anything else?

1. Starting the meeting



We welcomed everyone.

The people from transport who came last time had sent their answers to the questions we asked them.

Hilary sent these out with the agendas.

2. and 3. Short Breaks



We went through the questions the

Partnership Board had written for the providers of short breaks to answer.

- People said they could not get a holiday if they lived at home. We wondered how we could help. Leon said that the care management duty team could help people to apply for grants or trusts. We also thought that people could use their In Control money to buy short breaks.
- Emergencies. In adult services there have been 14 emergencies this year. The contact has come from the family carer or the care management team. As there is no special emergency bed sometimes people are asked to change their dates in there is an emergency. Heather said it is similar at the Bradbury Centre where they try to respond flexible and straight away. She said sometimes things need to change as there might be the wrong mix of people coming in.
- Adult services usually know the people but some young children may not be known. Ena said as services get to know people it is hoped there will be less emergencies as everyone will be helping earlier on.
- For any changes it is good practice for the care managers and managers of the short breaks to work together.
- Children's services are starting to look at how children have short breaks in different ways so there is less change in transition.

- Children and adult teams are trying to work more closely together. For example by shadowing each other.
- The Primary Care Trust and the City Council buy (commission) the short breaks services together. They are thinking about how to help people with complex needs at the moment.
- At the moment the City Council does not charge for services it does not provide. So it would not charge when people cancel their short breaks. It is not always possible to fill the places.
- Some people have their short break paid for by the Council and Health. When people have their own money health are not able to give people the money and are thinking about how to change this. Perhaps using vouchers for nights might help. People will be able to make different decisions about where they want to spend their short breaks money.
- Nicki Ward phoned carers to find out what they wanted. She asked if they would like to keep some short break time to use flexibly. From April 2008 for 6 months people will be asked if they want to keep up to 4 nights to use in a different way.
- Kentish has had to close for Government training. A decision was made not to use Bank staff as they did not know the building or the people and all the regular bank staff had to go on the training. The Bradbury Centre has the same way of doing things; they book in the training in advance and do not book any short stays at the same time. What happened on this occasion was that the training department changed the day.
The aim is to set up days planned in advance and make sure everyone knows.
- When the day services close short breaks offer help to those they can. They think about older carers first.
- Most people want short breaks at similar times, like during the summer holidays. Places try to be fair but cannot give everyone a whole week each year. They try to give more one year and less the next.

- There are 7 beds in Kentish and 4 at the Bradbury Centre for adults plus some adult placement spaces. Commissioners are thinking about how to help young people who find services challenging and cannot use the ones already there. There are a growing number of young people with physical needs; however these young people seem to move on at about 25 years which is when current places at the Bradbury finish.
- 5% of people using Kentish come from different ethnic backgrounds. The figure for the Bradbury is between 8% and 10%. When there is a referral for someone from a different background then services talk to them about what they want. They said they would welcome suggestions about how to advertise the short breaks service and find out what people want.

The Bradbury has worked in the community and now runs an evening group and this has helped people to use the Centre.

4. Questions for Housing



Because there was a lot to talk about with short breaks we did not have time to think about questions for housing for the next meeting.

Hilary asked everyone to send them to her.

5. Anything else?



- Jenny talked about an issue a carer had and Ann Milton said she could help as she sits on the Southampton City College Board.
- For next year we need to set up a service framework for the Learning Disability Development

Fund. This is a way of giving work to people by asking them to say they want to work with us in advance for different things. It makes sure we are staying in the City rules. So, we might have some people who want to help on advocacy work and others who want to work with carers. Hilary will need to write an advert for the papers to see who is interested.

- Hilary will send around a list for people to say how often they want meetings next year. It has been suggested we need more meetings to get the work done.

Next Meeting

Monday 5th November 2007



What time it starts: **1.45**



What time it stops: **4.00**

Where it is: The Meon Room, Bradbury Centre, 300 Aldermoor Road Southampton SO16 5NA

Ask Hilary Linssen if you want help to find the meeting (023 80834854)

People who were at the meeting

Ivan White	Councillor/ Cabinet Member Adult Care & Health
Matthew King	Joint Chair /Self Advocate
Ann Milton	Councillor
Allan Tobutt	Self Advocate
Charles Hodgson	Choices
Becki Badger	Choices/Supporter
Drew Bradley	Self Advocate

Eddie Leach	Parent Carer
Jenny Strevens	Mencap
Sue Allan	Head of Children's Services
Sukwinder Singh	Self Advocate
Clare Petrie	Self Advocate
Hilary Linssen	Valuing People Implementation Manager
Heather Aspinall	Chief Exec Bradbury Centre
Kay Labon	Parent Carer
Ena Conway	LD City Council
Richard Pearce	Parent Carer
Barbara Compton	Housing
Malcolm Ashton	Hampshire NHS Trust
Adrian Littlemore	Primary Care Trust
Carol Valentine	Assistant Head Adult Services City Council
Alan Lebas	Self Advocate
Jeremy Secchi	Self Advocate
Judith Clayton	Choices/Supporter
Justin Dunkarson	Self Advocate

Visitors

Leon Nicholson	LD Team
Nicki Ward	Kentish Road
Louise Drury	Jigsaw
Liz Herrick	Housing
Phil Boyce	Hampshire NHS Trust

People who could not come

Jamie Schofield	Children's Health and Social Services
Terry Matthews	Councillor/cabinet member workforce planning
Amy Hobson	Primary Care Trust
Paula Evans	Education
Jeffrey Parker	Self Advocate
Mark Wilford	Self Advocate
Brian Parnell	Councillor
Alex Iles	Mencap
Rob Gall	Choices/Supporter