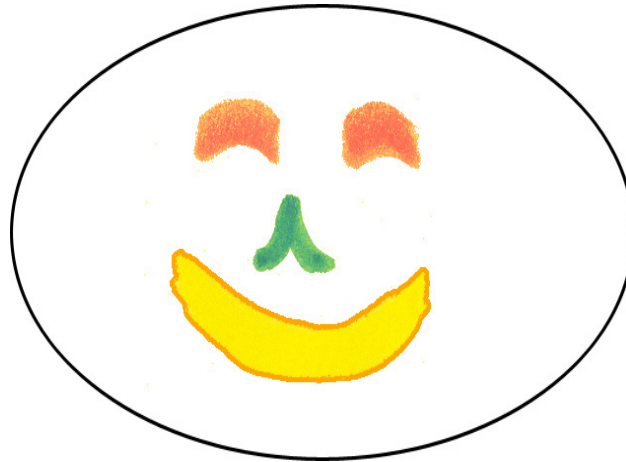


**Minutes of Partnership Board
9th July 2007**

Southampton Learning Disability



Partnership Board

Agenda

- 1. Meeting people**
- 2. Transport**
- 3. Anything New from Regional Carers**
- 4. Questions about short breaks and leisure**
- 5. Anything else?**

1. Starting the meeting

We welcomed everyone.



2. Transport

We had asked people who provide transport to come and answer our questions



Sue Harris let us know about a web site called “Getting Around” where you can plan all your journey. It tells you what bus to get, what time it arrives, and when to get off.

Matthew put our questions about transport to Geoff Cornford and Christine Seddon.

People wanted to use their bus pass before 9am to go to work. In Surrey there is free bus travel before 9am but this is not possible in Southampton as the cost would be too great. In Portsmouth and Hampshire they have commission fares, – Geoff Cornford is going to ask how they manage this scheme.

Carers’ travel with the person they support for free but have to pay to get home this is being looked at. It is very difficult to resolve. Geoff Cornford said one way to help might be using a “smart card” to make a ticket for return journey.

How to make sure special seats are kept for people with mobility problems – most buses have notices but people still sit on the seats, often young mothers with their children in buggies blocking the way. Geoff will take this back to the bus companies as this is the responsibility of the drivers. Matthew suggested poster campaign or possibly radio or TV. Sue Harris suggested taking questions and queries to a group of people with learning disabilities and physical disabilities to look at putting together a drama production and hopefully find a college that could produce a DVD to take out – working with Blue Star staff as they join the Company maybe starting at the end of the year. All buses will have to be accessible by 2016 so it is important to find an answer.

Geoff Cornford agreed that bus timetables are not easy to read, he will talk to the bus companies, as this is their job and see what they can do.

People said it was hard to see what bus is coming in enough time and some times buses go too fast. Geoff Cornford will ask bus companies to tell the drivers to slow down when coming to bus stops. The signs on the buses are changing to yellow and will be lit up this will help. Sue Harris said that they are making a card with Blue Star buses to hold up which says what number the person wants.

School transport

Transport for young people has to be applied for every year as courses could change and length of courses varies. The form could be made easier to understand

We wanted to know how flexible school transport is. Christine Sudden explained that the policy regarding school transport is set by the Southampton City Council.

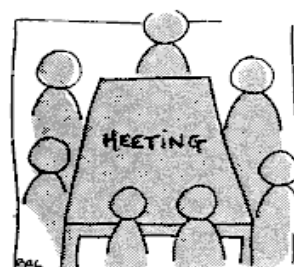
David Griffiths told the meeting that when children want to join in extended school programmes they are picked up at the same time and when possible children from the same area go together. Christine Seddon said that this is a complicated issue and a review has just been completed for all schools not just special needs. David Griffiths and Christine Seddon will tell us what was said.

3. Anything new from the Regional Carers meetings

Eddie went to this meeting in London, housing and employment were on the agenda but the main subject was “In Control”.

Jane Brentor said that Southampton is part of “In control total” where most people will be offered individual budgets. The adult learning disability team is one of the first pilot areas for the City.

The aim of the scheme is to allow people to decide how they wish to spend their money, this could affect day care services should people decide not to access them and respite services – the



effects of this are not yet known. 2 Conferences are going to be held for services with Southampton City Council.



4. Questions about short breaks and leisure

We are going to be talking about short breaks at the next meeting.

Please let Hilary or Trudi know the questions you want to ask the providers for children and adult short breaks so we can let them know before the next meeting.

5. Anything else?



- ❖ Councillor Brian Parnell will speak with Councillor White so that we know who will co-chair the meeting with Matthew King.
- ❖ Richard and Eddie felt that morning meetings would be better – most people felt that starting earlier would be a good idea. No decision was made
- ❖ Steve gave out the Hampshire Partnership NHS document that talks about a becoming a foundation trust.

Next Meeting

Monday 10th September 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)

We are meeting somewhere different next time

People who were at the meeting

Matthew King	Joint Chair /Self Advocate
Becki Badger	Choices/Supporter
Drew Bradley	Self Advocate
Alex Iles	Mencap
Eddie Leach	Parent Carer
Jenny Strevens	Mencap
Sue Allan	Head of Children's Services
Sukwinder Singh	Self Advocate
Clare Petrie	Self Advocate
Heather Aspinall	Chief Exec Bradbury Centre
Kay Labon	Parent Carer
Mark Wilford	Self Advocate
Ena Conway	LD City Council
Richard Pearce	Parent Carer
Brian Parnell	Councillor

Visitors

David Griffiths	Education
Christine Seddens	Transport Co-ordination Unit
Steve Cavill	Health
Geoff Cornford	Traffic and Transport Manager
Sue Harris	Manager Southampton Day Services
Jane Brentor	Head of Health and Community Care

People who could not come

Ann Milton	Councillor
Barbara Compton	Housing
Malcolm Ashton	Hampshire NHS Trust
Jamie Schofield	Children's Health and Social Services
Charles Hodgson	Choices
Carol Valentine	Assistant Head Adult Services City Council
Justin Dunkarson	Self Advocate
Terry Matthews	Councillor/cabinet member workforce planning
Amy Hobson	Primary Care Trust
Paula Evans	Education
Ivan White	Councillor/ Cabinet Member Adult Care & Health
Hilary Linssen	Valuing People Implementation Manager
Judith Clayton	Choices/Supporter

Alan Lebas	Self Advocate
Jeremy Secchi	Self Advocate
Allan Tobutt	Self Advocate
Jeffrey Parker	Self Advocate
Adrian Littlemore	Primary Care Trust