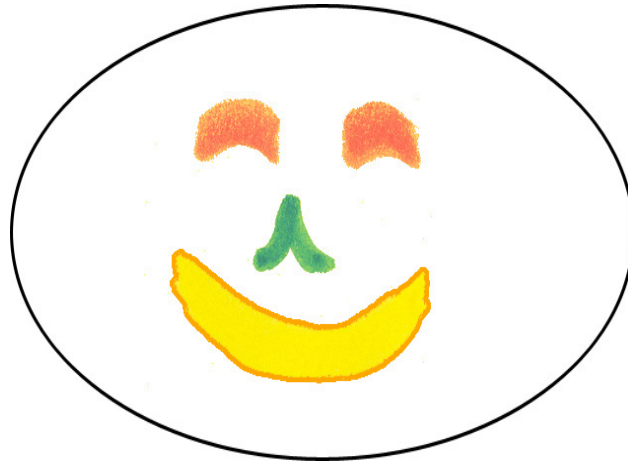


**Minutes of Partnership Board
21st May 2007**

Southampton Learning Disability



Partnership Board

Agenda

- 1. Meeting people**
- 2. What are the important things to do for the year?**
- 3. Who should sit on the Board?**
- 4. Learning Disability Development Fund money**
- 5. Human Rights and Learning Disabilities**
- 6. Anything else?**

1. Starting the meeting

We had some new people to join us and so we all said who we were and explained the rules of the meetings.



We said we wanted to send flowers and a card to the people who had left. Councillor Simpson did not stand for re election and Councillors Milton and Matthews were not at the meeting. Councillor White who is the cabinet member for Adult Care and Health came along.

2. What are the important things to do for the year?

We had agreed some priority areas at the last meeting and we checked out that these were still the most important things to change. We thought about what we needed to know for the different subjects.



❖ Transport

We decided to look at this in July

Hilary told us about the draft information that she and Sue Harris had put together which is with people with learning disabilities for a final ok. We need to remember to have it in bigger font and think about some of the pictures. Hilary and Alan Tobutt said they would try to contact the Isle of Wight ferry.

We also want to hear about how day services are making sure people keep in touch as they move out to the new community centres.

We had some questions to ask. Why bus passes cannot be used before 9, or why transport for a 2-year education course does not go on automatically after the first year. There are also problems for people using taxis.

❖ Holidays and short breaks

People who live on their own find it difficult to find out about holidays.

Adrian Littlemore and Sue Harris are finding out about what people with complex needs might want for short breaks.

We thought there were problems in periods of transition for example when someone is 18.

We wanted to know what all the services were doing to make sure there are enough breaks.

We also wanted to know how things would change with individualised budgets.

❖ **Leisure and having friends**

We said that having leisure opportunities that people with a learning disability are able to use is very important.

We do not know what the people who provide leisure are doing to make sure it is easy for people with learning disabilities to use them.

We said people should not have to rely on their family to get them to places.

We wanted to know how organisations helped to make sure that friendships made - for example at school- are kept.

❖ **Housing**

Although the housing subgroup is writing a booklet to help people know what opportunities there are in Southampton, people had not seen it and wanted this information.

We also thought it was important to help carers to think about what they wanted to happen for example as they got older.

The Primary Care Trust and Adult social care are hoping to employ a “housing enablement officer” to help specific people. Those with challenging behaviour, older people with a learning disability, and those with profound needs.

❖ Keeping safe

The meeting had some ideas about who to ask for information. The City Safety team for example but were not sure what plans there already were to make sure people were safe and if these plans included people with learning disabilities.

We thought it was a very important area.

❖ Health

We have a health subgroup that has had one meeting. There are a lot of areas that the group is looking at like primary care and hospitals.

We decided to ask Adrian and Alan to come later in the year to tell us what is happening.

❖ Money

We thought this heading was about a lot of different things.

Making sure people know what benefits they should be getting.
Making sure they know what happens if they get a job.

Asking commissioners to tell us more about how money is being spent.

Thinking about how to managing money.

3. Who should sit on the Board?



We were thinking about whether the right people come to meetings. Charles had given Claire some ideas that she read out of people who should be at the meetings.

- ❖ People with learning disabilities
- ❖ People who support adults and young people to be involved

- ❖ People who are relatives/carers
- ❖ People whose job means that they should help the Partnership Board reach the objectives in “Valuing People”
- ❖ People who have the power to make things happen/change. People like Councillors, Senior Managers who control the money
- ❖ The very important people

He also suggested some ideas about people who do not need to come.

- ❖ People who do not understand what we are trying to do through “Valuing People”
- ❖ People who cannot change things because their job has not got the power to say “Yes”
- ❖ People who only come because their Boss told them to

We thought it was important to find out how the Partnership Board fits in with other strategic meetings in the City.

We decided that it was important that some people come to all meetings but that we could invite others when we are talking about something they can help us with.

We also wondered about how to include children, and there is a new post for 6 months at Barnados, which might be able to help.

4. Learning Disability Development Fund money



We all voted to agree to spend £6,000 on helping the Ethnicity work in the City when we had looked at the paper that Steph had written. There were questions checking out how the money would be spent and what differences there would be.

We also voted to give £250 to Valuing People so that they can carry on running the meetings for the family carers who sit on Partnership Boards.

5. Human rights for people with Learning Disabilities



Eddie told us that the Government are asking people to fill in a survey to tell them if people with learning disabilities think they are getting their human rights.

The forms had gone to the self-advocacy groups and to all the people at the meeting and the closing date is 31st May.

6. Anything else?



Sue Allan said that children's services are having a big inspection in June, which will include voluntary services and health and city sectors. There will be a special focus on children with learning disabilities and people might be asked what they think.

Hilary, Drew and Allan Tobutt said they would not be at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Monday 9th July 2007



What time it starts: **1•45**



What time it stops: **4•00**

**Where it is: Mencap 187a Portswood Road
Southampton SO17 2NF**

**Please 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
Ivan White	Councillor/ Cabinet Member Adult Care & Health
Hilary Linssen	Valuing People Implementation Manager
Judith Clayton	Choices/Supporter
Becki Badger	Choices/Supporter
Alan Lebas	Self Advocate
Jeremy Secchi	Self Advocate
Allan Tobutt	Self Advocate
Drew Bradley	Self Advocate
Jeffrey Parker	Self Advocate
Alex Iles	Mencap
Adrian Littlemore	Primary Care Trust
Eddie Leach	Parent Carer
Jenny Strevens	Mencap
Sue Allan	Head of Children's Services
Sukwinder Singh	Self Advocate

Visitors

Cecilia Agbaje	Housing
David Griffiths	Education
Claire Royal	Choices Advocacy
Steve Cavill	Health

People who could not come

Ann Milton	Joint Chair/Councillor
Barbara Compton	Housing
Malcolm Ashton	Hampshire NHS Trust
Jamie Schofield	Children's Health and Social Services
Charles Hodgson	Choices
Clare Petrie	Self Advocate
Heather Aspinall	Chief Exec Bradbury Centre
Kay Labon	Parent Carer
Mark Wilford	Self Advocate
Ena Conway	LD City Council
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
Richard Pearce	Parent Carer