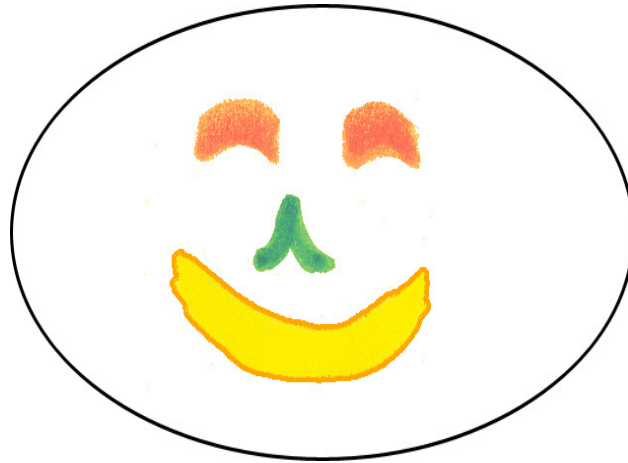


Minutes of Partnership Board
20th October 2008

Southampton Learning Disability



Partnership Board

1. What we talked about last time / Minutes
2. Update on the Education question
3. Learning Disability Development fund
4. Changes for the way services are bought
5. Anything else?

1. Starting the Meeting



We said hello and welcomed visitors.

There was some news about people who come to the meetings.

- Malcolm Ashton has retired. Mike Geerhaert is going to come to our meetings in the future and Hilary is going to meet up with him.
- Jeff has been in hospital but he is feeling better now
- Justin is part of the swimming team who are raising money so they can go to the Special Olympics summer games next year. He took round a sponsorship form and many of us said we wanted to help.

We agreed the minutes of the last meeting

2. Update on the Education question



Donna came from the LSC to help to answer the questions that we had.

She explained that the Colleges are businesses who make decisions about the type, length and kind of courses that they run. The LSC does not fund individual courses but gives money for courses for young people over 16 years, for example to Foundation Learning or in leisure and tourism.

The meeting was concerned that there was no research into what courses people with learning disabilities want, and which would help them to do the things they want in the future. If it was difficult for people to get on the courses and if colleges only ask people at college what they think then it will not get any better. They also said that courses have not changed over the years and people want to do more. There were still courses about learning to read and write which is something that is hard for people with learning disabilities.

The amount of time that courses run for has also changed. People said in the past courses were all week and now they can be as little as a day or even half a day.

People were not able to go the College of their choice, as they would need transport to go out of Southampton and do not have the money to pay for this. So, they have to go to Southampton and they thought some of the courses are not as good here. Donna said that the City colleges try to work together and make a yearly book about what courses there are.

There will be a new range of qualifications from 2013 called the “Foundation Learning Tier”. This will mean that people will be able to pass parts at different times. This will be helpful if it takes longer to do some bits.

There will also be a “learning for living and work assessment” for young people from 14 years old coming soon. The idea is to put a plan together with the young person and their supporters. The plan will be led by Connexions and should help to plan courses. This is important as children’s services want every young person to have a person centred plan. It is important for colleges to run the courses that people are saying they want to do.

Action

We decided we wanted to ask the Principals of the 3 local colleges to a meeting of the Board. We wanted the LSC to come along as well

We said we would think of questions to ask and send them to Hilary. She will meet with Donna to talk about this.

3. Learning Disability Development fund

We have about £24,000 left to spend this year. We decided to agree and bids for the money at the next meeting in December.

People who have good ideas need to talk to the lead for the area (ask Hilary if you do not know who this is). They will make sure they fit with what Valuing people and what the Board have agreed are important areas.

We did decide to spend about £3,000 on training for carers. Alex talked about this and we all voted that this was a good idea.





4. Changes for the way services are bought

Kate and Carol talked to us. The Government has said that the money for learning disability social care that is held by health (at the PCT) should move to local Councils. They have been meeting to think about the best way to do this. It has to happen by December.

They wanted the Board to know and to have a chance to ask questions.

Kate did a presentation, and Hilary has a copy if you want to see it.

The PCT employs the people in the specialist teams and these contracts will be included. To make sure that there are the right skills to help people the PCT are writing some criteria (outcome measures) asking

- How many people have been helped to live in the community?
- How many planned moves have helped people to become more independent?
- How many people had to move because of issues about their behaviour?

Southampton is also hoping to be part of a pilot looking at how health costs can become part of someone's individual budget. This should make things easier as people will only need to talk to one key worker, as happens for children. It is also hoped it will make it easier for people to access their money.

We asked what would happen about the money health have in buildings (capital assets). Kate is finding out what properties there are and how much money is involved.

5. Anything else?



- Terri Hardcastle, who works for City Limits, has been appointed as the Athletics coach for the National Team going to the Special Olympics in Warsaw in 2010

- Valuing People Now. The date this is to be published has been put back. There is a new minister called Phil Hope and it is waiting for him to say ok.
- Justin has raised over £45 sponsorship from people at the meeting .Thank you.
- On December 4th there is a conference in Southampton called “It’s my Life”. It is to celebrate person centred planning and self advocacy and is for really important people. The invitation letter has been signed by Councillor White and Matthew King.
- Choices advocacy are also organising a day for people with learning disabilities to talk about paying for their care.
- The housing plan is being updated at the moment.
- The Local Authority has been given money for the next 3 years to help people who have moved out of long stay hospital in the past. It can be used for lots of different things like, Health action plans, Care management, person centred planning, housing options, employment and advocacy. Let Ena or Kate know if you have good ideas of ways to spend it.

Next meeting Monday December 1st



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/Joint Chair
Matthew King	Joint Chair /Self Advocate
Allan Tobutt	Self Advocate
Daniel Fitzhenry	Councillor
Jamie Schofield	Children's Health and Social Services
Charles Hodgson	Choices
Hilary Linssen	Valuing People Implementation Manager
Heather Aspinall	Chief Exec Bradbury Centre
Jeffrey Parker	Self Advocate
Jenny Strevens	Mencap
Kay Labon	Parent Carer
Mark Wilford	Self Advocate
Barbara Compton	Housing
Kate Dench	Commissioning and Service Development Manager
Alex Iles	Mencap
Carol Valentine	Assistant Head Adult Services City Council
Eddie Leach	Parent Carer
Becky Badger	Choices/Supporter
Alan Lebas	Self Advocate
Justin Dunkason	Self Advocate
Judith Clayton	Choices/Supporter
Alan McDougall	Self Advocate
Richard Pearce	Parent Carer
Sukwinder Singh	Self Advocate

Visitors

Donna Beckford	LSC
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People who could not come

Jane Odgers	Councillor
Clare Petrie	Self Advocate
Ena Conway	City Council
Malcolm Ashton	Hampshire NHS Trust
Ruth Chiva	Head of Service Safeguarding
Jeremy Secchi	Self Advocate
Chrissie Dawson	PALS Manager
Parvin Dimani	Health