

Minutes of Partnership Board

6th April 2009



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5. Primary Care Trust report to Government
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1. What we talked about last time / Minutes

Jamie said he would find out about the changes to the Learning Skills Council (LSC). They will be part of the City Council next year.



We thought of some extra questions for college principals. One was why do they cancel courses without much notice? A lot of colleges have made plans to modernise as they thought they would get money from the LSC. The newspapers have said there might not be any money, so what is going to happen?

2. Regional Valuing People Now event

Ivan, Matthew and Hilary went to the 2 day conference run by the Valuing People team in March.



Ivan said that Southampton was doing ok. Other places had lots of plans but did not seem to be doing very much. We do not tell everyone what we are up to but we are making changes. People from other places said we were doing ok as well.

Matthew said that lots of people had similar problems to us. They shared some of the different things they had done to solve them. Some of the problems were with housing, work, education and transport.

3. Priorities for PB

We all said which eight of the twenty priority areas were the most important to us. We choose eight as we have eight meetings in a year. Some things got a lot of votes like employment and making friends.



Ivan suggested that he meet up with Hilary to think about which priority could go on the agenda for each meeting. It might be possible to think about more than 1 thing at a meeting. Ivan said

he would then send the ideas around to everyone. We all voted to say this was a good idea.

Hilary has updated our priority plan to show how many votes different idea got and how important we thought it was.

4. Learning Disability Development Fund

At the last meeting we agreed all the bids for this year's money except the one to have 2 workers to help people with learning disabilities to get a job. This was because we did not have enough money.

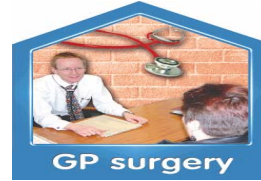


Jane Brentor came to our last meeting. She and Ena said they thought they could find some extra money. They were not at the meeting but Carol was there and she said that they would find £15,000 from the Learning Disability budget. This means that we have enough money and so we voted to agree the employment bid.

We also thought about how we make sure all the money is spent well to change things for people with learning disabilities. Pete, who is the person centred planning co-ordinator, had written a report for the board. We all looked at the report and thought it was good. We said it was also important to hear how it made a difference to people, what changes had happened.

We also talked about other ways to monitor and check out what services who have the money are doing. For example, for leisure we have a contract with Mencap to provide this. The contract means they have agreed to do a list of different things in the year. Hilary will meet with them to see how they are getting on. We agreed that Hilary would tell members of the Partnership Board when the meetings were so they can send questions in. We also said it was important to know when things were not going well.

We said we wanted to hear what is happening (monitoring report) in October after people have had the money for 6 months. We have a meeting on October 19th.



5. PCT report to Government

Vicky came to tell us about the report she has done for Government to tell them about the health plan the Primary Care Trust (PCT) has written. It says what they are going to do to make things better for people with learning disabilities. It is a 3 year plan.

The health strategy group meets 4 times a year and one of the things it checks on is how well this plan is going. The PCT has also written an action plan for the Strategic Health Authority to tell them how it is going to meet the 10 recommendations that the report 'Death by Indifference' talks about. Southampton seems to be doing ok. Vicky can send a copy of the plan to anyone who wants one. Vicky also told us about some of the new things that are happening.

The Intensive Support Service – This is to help people who are in crisis. At the moment they often end up going a long way from home for help. This might be because services are not good at supporting the person or perhaps their needs have changed. The Community Team is good at helping people but there are only there from 9 to 5 Monday to Friday. Extra money is going to the team so they can support people in crisis at any time. The hope is that they can stay in their home. They are paying for this by modernising services. The PCT pays for beds at Tatchbury but they do not need so many. They are taking this money to give to the community team.

Annual Health Checks – This is also known as a Direct Enhanced Service (DES). 27 of the 36 GP practices have said they want to start doing annual healthy checks for people with learning disabilities. They have had workshops to think about this. Vicky is talking to the other practises to see if there are any problems. We wondered how people with learning disabilities would know to ask for a check. Vicky said doctors would be contacting people to ask them to come in. We thought about advertising. Hilary asked the Valuing People Team if they were going to advertise nationally.

They said they would find out and let her know. We thought of ideas of things we could do locally.

Vicky said she would talk to Ivan if there were problems as he had suggested he could write to the doctors.

Hospital, acute care – Julie who is the associate director for nursing has said that she would come to a meeting to tell us what she is doing. She is keen to develop services for people with learning disabilities. She is new. The PCT is going to employ a nurse in the hospitals to help make things better. They are deciding what the job description should say.

Annual health checks are paid for by Government if someone has a moderate to severe learning disability. Vicky said that the PCT would pay for checks for people with a mild learning disability. If the doctor checked with them and there were health issues.

6. Anything else

- S. Links. Last time we thought about this new service, the Southampton Local Information Network. Hilary went to a meeting and we talked about how we might want to link to what they do.



We decided to invite them to the Health Strategy Group to tell us what they do and how they are going to involve people with learning disabilities.

- Ivan said he was interested to know more about dentistry in Southampton. There is a specialist service at the Royal South Hants service, but people said it can take a long time – perhaps months, if someone needs an anaesthetic as well. The health group is looking at this at the next meeting.

Next meeting Monday May 18th 2009



What time it starts:

1.15

What time it ends:



4.00

Apologies from Allan Tobutt

**Where it is: The Meon Room Bradbury Centre
300 Alder Moor Road Lordshill Southampton**

People who were at the meeting

Ivan White	Councillor/Joint Chair
Matthew King	Joint Chair /Self Advocate
Clare Petrie	Self Advocate
Hilary Linssen	Valuing People Implementation Manager
Heather Aspinall	Chief Exec Bradbury Centre
Jenny Strevens	Mencap
Mark Wilford	Self Advocate
Alan Lebas	Self Advocate
Justin Dunkason	Self Advocate
Claire Royal	Choices/Supporter
Richard Pearce	Parent Carer
Sukwinder Singh	Self Advocate
Vicky Thew	Health
Jamie Schofield	Children's Health and Social Services
Kay Labon	Parent Carer
Barbara Compton	Housing
Carol Valentine	Assistant Head Adult Services City Council
Jeremy Secchi	Self Advocate

People who could not come

Jane Odgers	Councillor
Daniel Fitzhenry	Councillor
Parvin Damani	Councillor
Jeffrey Parker	Self Advocate
Allan Tobutt	Self Advocate

Mike Geernaert	Hampshire NHS Trust
Kate Dench	Commissioning and Service Development Manager
Ruth Chiva	Head of Service Safeguarding
Chrissie Dawson	PALS Manager
Charles Hodgson	Chief Executive, Choices Advocacy
Ena Conway	Service Manager, City Council
Alex Iles	Manager, Mencap
Becky Badger	Choices
Alan McDougall	Self Advocate

Visitors

Rob Gall