

Minutes of Partnership Board

18th May 2009



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1. What we talked about last time / Minutes

Rae Barwick joined the meeting, she is a family carer. Councillor Brian Parnell has rejoined us as a member, as Councillor Jane Odgers has not been able to make the meetings because of her work. She did not feel it was right to have a place if she could not come to all the meetings.



- Hilary has written to all 3 college Principals in Southampton to ask them to our meeting. So far only City College have replied and Liz Thornhill, the Equality and Diversity Coordinator is coming.
- The Valuing People Now guidance for Partnership Boards is due at the end of June. Hilary will send it on as soon as she has it.
- Hilary has started the monitoring meetings for the money we have given out under the service framework.
- We wanted to know which Doctors have signed up to do health checks, and also what they are checking up on. Hilary to check with Vicky. One carer had asked her doctor for a check up and the doctor thought that the carer would be monitoring the person's health. They did agree to do it though.

2. Employment

Skillnet were not able to come to the meeting but sent us some information to help us



We know that a lot of people want to have a job but the question is how to help them get one. City Limits help a lot of people. We want to see simpler job applications and adverts and employers thinking about how they could change jobs.

We said that we already thought about employment and asked the City Council to tell us what they were doing but had not had any serious answers. The local hospital employs people with a learning disability and we wanted to ask Vicky more about this.

We also talked about the “hidden barriers” to employment. People's attitudes can get in the way if employers look at the

disability and not the person. Rae suggested asking the Council to think about a disability day like the other days they have, for example when parents take their children to work.

People with a mild learning disability have a difficult time. They do not have good experiences of Jobcentre Plus – The Hampshire Board is trying to do something about this.

We thought about what we can change locally and did not think having a bigger event would help us. We did not have a champion for employment at the moment.

We decided to ask some people with learning disabilities, with the help of Choices to go along to the Council meeting on July 15th to tell the Council what they want to see change. They would have the chance to talk for 7 minutes.

3. A report about the training for Carers

Alex and Rae told us about the training carers had. They gave a presentation which Hilary will send to people who would like it.

We thought about some of the things they said were difficult. Carers want to have one professional to talk to, who does not change. Ena said that when the adult teams join together this is something she is hoping will happen.

Transition is also a hard time as lots of things change, for example benefits and carers do not always know what help to ask for. This links for 'Aiming High' for children where parents said information was patchy and poor. Heather said there is a new website called Parents Voice. The address is www.parentvoice.info

4. Workforce Update

Vicky has been doing some work with the Strategic Health Authority thinking about the people that are employed to support people with a learning disability. Alex and Charles have been in contact with a family carer who would like to know what is planned, especially around training. Unfortunately, Vicky was not at the meeting, Hilary will ask her for an update.



5. Plans to spend campus money

Ena showed us the information about how they plan to spend the money that the Government has given this year to support the people that have moved out of hospital. A copy is attached to the minutes. As we are ahead of some areas and most of the people have moved out of hospital we can think about how to spend the money to support them where they are.

People thought a lot of the money was going to the new care management posts and to the Primary Care Trust (PCT). Ena said the money was to help the PCT who had already spent a lot of money on moving people on, especially as they did not have much money at the moment. In the past the money would go straight to the PCT.

There are 2 care managers who have supported people to move. There is also going to be a new team of staff for intensive support, helping people in their homes rather than going into hospital when things get difficult. It seemed that there were a lot of new care managers and less was being spent on person centred planning (PCP), advocacy, and other ideas like the housing support worker.

We also wondered what would happen when the money ran out in another year. It is hoped that some of the grant money will carry on.

We thought:

- Valuing People Now talks about the importance of PCP, advocacy and housing support. We asked the people deciding how the money is spent to think about this.
- We thought a lot of money is being spent on staff and want to know what happens when there is no more money.
- We wondered how the money was spent last year



6. Anything else



Last year we gave some money to a project called MATP. This was to help people with complex care needs to take part in sport. There are now 8 people who are members of the group, so with support that is 16 people.

1 person is going to Leicester to compete in the national games. This is a first for Southampton as it has never been possible to support someone with complex needs.

The group wanted to thank the Partnership Board for the support.

Next meeting:

Monday July 6th



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 Aldermoor Road Lordshill Southampton**

People who were at the meeting

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| Ivan White | Councillor/Joint Chair |
| Matthew King | Joint Chair /Self Advocate |
| Brian Parnell | Councillor |
| Hilary Linssen | Valuing People Implementation Manager |
| Heather Aspinall | Chief Exec Bradbury Centre |
| Jenny Strevens | Mencap |
| Mark Wilford | Self Advocate |

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| Alan Lebas | 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 |
| Charles Hodgson | Chief Executive, Choices Advocacy |
| Jeffrey Parker | Self Advocate |
| Ena Conway | Service Manager, City Council |
| Alex Iles | Manager, Mencap |
| Becky Badger | Choices |
| Alan McDougall | Self Advocate |

People who could not come

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| Jane Odgers | Councillor |
| Daniel Fitzhenry | Councillor |
| Parvin Damani | Councillor |
| 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 |
| Clare Petrie | Self Advocate |
| Barbara Compton | Housing |
| Carol Valentine | Assistant Head Adult Services City Council |
| Eddie Leach | Self Advocate |
| Jeremy Secchi | Self Advocate |
| Justin Dunkason | Self Advocate |
| Richard Pearce | Parent Carer |

Visitors

Rae Barwick