

# Minutes of Partnership Board

12<sup>th</sup> January 2009



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## 1. What we talked about last time / Minutes



- **Quality** – we decided to put this onto another agenda to give everyone the chance to think about what we wanted to do.
- **Workforce**. We have no lead or subgroup which is something that we have been asked to think about by the Regional implementation Group (RIG). Skillnet who are doing some work for the RIG have asked to come and meet us to talk about the plans for the workforce network and see what we are doing .They have suggested that there should be 2 leads, someone with a learning disability and a professional.

Vicky is doing some work with the Strategic Health Authority and will be asking all Partnership Boards what they are doing about workforce. One area has done a lot of work and she is asking if it is ok to share this. If they say yes she will send the packs on to all of us.

We voted to ask Skillnet to come and see us later in the year.

We agreed the minutes of the last meeting

## 2. Update from the Health sub group



Vicky came to tell us what has changed since our meeting.

The first meeting of the health subgroup was in December. It was chaired by Allan Tobutt but unfortunately Terry Matthews was not asked to co chair but he will be asked to all the meetings in the future.

They looked at the plans that had been written and updated what had changed. For example children's services had done everything they said they would.

Vicky said one of the very important areas was acute care, for example what happens if you need to go into hospital. Vicky is meeting with people from the hospital to start working with them.

There are 37 Doctors surgeries in the City and 22 have said they want to do annual health checks for people with a learning disability. This is called direct enhanced services. Vicky will start the training later this month. The money for doing these checks

starts on 1<sup>st</sup> April. She is hoping the other surgeries will sign up soon.

The paper which says what the group is going to do (terms of reference) has been updated.

Vicky asked if we had any other ideas and we talked about carers, and how they might want to be involved.

### 3. Valuing People Now

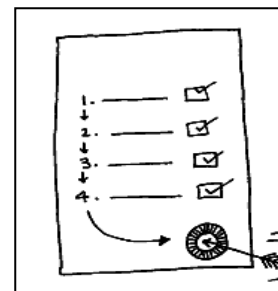


This has not been published yet and so we said we would wait to see it and then think about what we wanted to do in Southampton.

### 4. Priorities for work plan in 2009

We thought about what we wanted to concentrate on next year.

Hilary wrote this out afterwards and sent it to everyone to add to and change.



We wanted to also think about what other people in Southampton are doing, to know about what they want to achieve and whether there are things that would help us and help them

### 5. Learning Disability Development Fund



We had an update on how the money we voted has been spent. These are brief notes but ask Hilary if you want to know more.

- Carers and grant to Mencap. There is a subgroup that meets regularly and involves carers. In fact more people are coming along. There is also a regular newsletter which gives general news on current issues. The money

- Grant to Choices. This money allows staff from Advocacy to be involved in Valuing People. For example leading on Person Centred Planning, user involvement and clearer information.
- Person Centred Planning. This post is now permanent in the Council. Over 100 plans have been written and training for people has also taken place. Children's services have put money into a part time post and there may be more money to come for people who have lived in Locally Based Hospital Units.
- The family link worker is funded with the City carer's grant. Over 150 carers are known, and in 2008 55 new carers have met the family link worker. They have been encouraged to write emergency plans, given information about other services. They are asked annually if anything has changed.
- Paying for meetings, we have spent all the money we voted as we decided to have more meetings.
- Paying people. There is still some money in this budget , between £500 and £1,000.
- Valuing People Implementation Manager. This money will all be spent.
- Admin help, not all this money will be spent but Hilary has moved some so that we can pay for all our meetings.
- Opening doors all the money for this leisure project for young people will be spent.
- Employment for vulnerable people. There is someone working on this but unclear how many people have been helped so far. There may be some money left.
- Floating money, this has paid for books, leaflets, DVDs the rest will go to update the website.
- Diversity. Not all this money has been spent. There are plans for someone to start work with the Chinese community as they have said that would be good. There are also posters being written. The first talks about hurtful words in different languages. It is hoped that the Board will agree for the rest of the money to be spent in 2009.
- Independent advocacy. This money helps people that other services do not help. For example parents who are having problems parenting, where the courts are involved, or people who may have debts. There are a lot of new referrals for help every week.

- Hate crime. The draft leaflets have been printed and Hilary showed people. They will be given to people with learning disabilities so they can give ideas about how to make them better.

Ivan suggested that as we had only just voted on the other money there would be little to tell us.

We also talked about how hard it is for the voluntary organisations to take part in the City Councils tendering process. We wondered who made the decision about what happens. How they decide how to give out the money. It takes a lot of time and is not always relevant for them. We agreed it was important to have good contracts that agree what is to happen but thought there should be a middle ground as there is so much work to do.

Ivan said he would see if he could find out more

We said we would think about how we want to spend the money we get from April at our next meeting.

### **Next meeting Monday February 23rd 2009**



What time it starts: **1.15** What time it stops: **4.00**



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

## **People who were at the meeting**

<b>Ivan White</b>	Councillor/Joint Chair
<b>Matthew King</b>	Joint Chair /Self Advocate
<b>Allan Tobutt</b>	Self Advocate
<b>Jane Odgers</b>	Councillor
<b>Daniel Fitzhenry</b>	Councillor
<b>Charles Hodgson</b>	Choices
<b>Clare Petrie</b>	Self Advocate
<b>Hilary Linssen</b>	Valuing People Implementation Manager
<b>Heather Aspinall</b>	Chief Exec Bradbury Centre
<b>Jeffrey Parker</b>	Self Advocate
<b>Jenny Strevens</b>	Mencap
<b>Kay Labon</b>	Parent Carer
<b>Barbara Compton</b>	Housing
<b>Alex Iles</b>	Mencap
<b>Carol Valentine</b>	Assistant Head Adult Services City Council
<b>Becky Badger</b>	Choices/Supporter
<b>Alan Lebas</b>	Self Advocate
<b>Jeremy Secchi</b>	Self Advocate
<b>Justin Dunkason</b>	Self Advocate
<b>Claire Royal</b>	Choices/Supporter
<b>Alan McDougall</b>	Self Advocate
<b>Richard Pearce</b>	Parent Carer
<b>Sukwinder Singh</b>	Self Advocate
<b>Vicky Thew</b>	Health

## **People who could not come**

<b>Parvin Damani</b>	Councillor
<b>Jamie Schofield</b>	Children's Health and Social Services
<b>Mark Wilford</b>	Self Advocate
<b>Ena Conway</b>	City Council
<b>Mike Geernaert</b>	Hampshire NHS Trust
<b>Kate Dench</b>	Commissioning and Service Development Manager
<b>Ruth Chiva</b>	Head of Service Safeguarding
<b>Eddie Leach</b>	Parent Carer
<b>Sukwinder Singh</b>	Self Advocate
<b>Chrissie Dawson</b>	PALS Manager