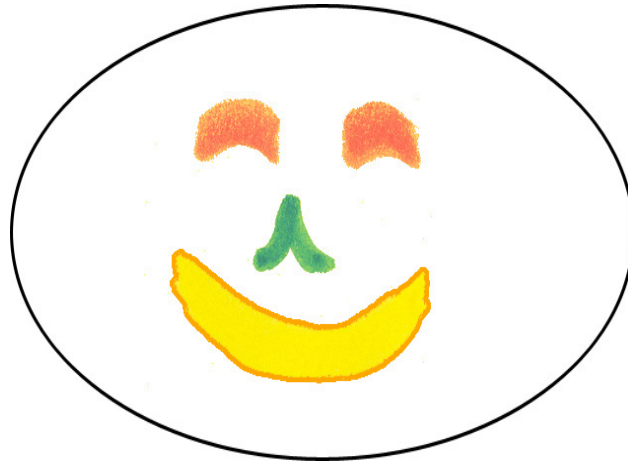


Minutes of Partnership Board 5th November 2007

Southampton Learning Disability



Partnership Board

1. What we talked about last time / starting the meeting
2. Housing
3. Refreshing Valuing People
4. Learning Disability Development Fund
5. Meeting Dates for 2008
6. Anything else?

1. Starting the Meeting

We welcomed everyone and decided to talk about housing first as Barbara had to go early.



2. Housing

Barbara and her team had thought about all the questions we had asked and prepared a list of answers. Hilary gave out copies at the meeting. Leon Nicholson also came along to talk about the ones that were about Social Care.

There were some answers to extra questions people asked.

The accommodation panel does not have anyone with a learning disability sitting on it and people thought this was a good idea if they had proper training. Barbara said she would ask about this.

Barbara confirmed that if someone goes onto the housing waiting lists then they stay on it. She also said it was a good idea to put your name on the list early on if you are thinking of moving.

We asked what happened to the money when someone bought their Council house. The City housing is not allowed to keep all the money and so they cannot build as many new houses. That is some of the reasons that there are more people on the waiting list.

We wondered how many people the City Council provided housing for and how many have a learning disability. Barbara said she would find out.

There were questions for Leon. If someone lives with their family and is not allocated a Care Manager then how long will they wait to see someone to help them think about moving and the support they might need. Leon said this was hard to answer and he knew of 1 or 2 people waiting at the moment.

Leon said that once a Care Manager was allocated he expected that person to support the person and their family. He said other agencies might also be involved.

When people need changes to their houses Barbara confirmed that it is the person who needs the changes who is means tested

(this means thinking about whether they will pay towards any changes). Heather said that there is no means testing for children. Rose Road is holding a seminar for families about planning permission and adaptation. It will be in the spring next year.

People who want the chance to learn about living alone might get help from the Day services who run courses to help people to learn new skills.

We wondered how many people who are homeless have a learning disability. There has been a review recently.

There is a homeless prevention team who help the people you might see sitting on park benches. Their job is to help people to find somewhere to live, a hot meal and anything else. Some people who are out do have somewhere to live as well. That team tends to go out early in the morning to talk to people.

Some people own an animal and have got permission to do this. When the pet has died and they want to know if they can get another. Barbara said to check with the local housing office as it is not usually a problem.

Carol said that Care Managers are talking to people in residential care and asking them if they would like to live in their own flat with the support they need.

We talked about the figures that the Government asks for and that if people move on to live in their own flats the Council is not asked to record this.

Actions

- Ask Hilary if you want a copy of the answers to the housing questions
- Hilary will ask Matthew Waters to tell us how many people with learning disabilities live in Supported living



3. Thinking about the last meeting

People said that the minutes did not make it clear that a lot of people felt that there was not enough respite for children or adults. That there was more work to do.

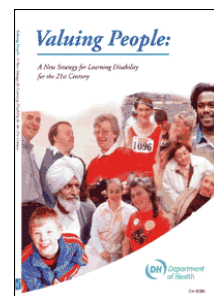
They also wanted short breaks to come back onto the agenda of the meeting for an update.

After the last meeting Busy People decided to hold a bigger meeting inviting other people with learning disabilities to meet up to think about short breaks. Choices have said they will help them to make this happen.

The carers' subgroup talked about short breaks as well. They want to meet up with other carers and find out what people want. They are going to think about what help they need to make this happen and come back to the Board.

4. Refresh of Valuing People

Jo Poynter came to tell us about the new priorities for Valuing People.



It was hoped that the update paper that has been written would be published at the end of October and she could talk to us about it.

The Minister Ivan Lewis has not published it yet. Jo said she hoped it would now come out in early December.

After it comes out we will have 3 months to think about it and let the Government know what our suggestions are.

Some of the headings will be

- Self directed support
- What people do during the day (and evening)

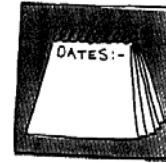
- Better health
- Housing
- Making sure change happens

5. Spending the Learning Disability Development Fund



We decided to agree the bids for the money we have left this year. Hilary sent out the ideas for spending with the agendas but if you want a copy then please let her know

6. Meetings for next year



At the last meeting we said that we were not getting through all the business in 6 meetings. We all let Hilary know how many meetings we thought would be better.

There were the same numbers for either 8 or 10 meetings. Heather suggested we try 8 meetings next year and then decide if that helped. Everyone voted this was a good idea.

Hilary will send out the dates for next year and please ask for a copy if you do not get one. All the meetings will be at the Bradbury Centre

We will be thinking about health so please send Hilary your questions.

Next Meeting

Monday 14th January 2008



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/ Cabinet Member Adult Care & Health
Matthew King	Joint Chair /Self Advocate
Allan Tobutt	Self Advocate
Charles Hodgson	Choices
Becki Badger	Choices/Supporter
Eddie Leach	Parent Carer
Jenny Strevens	Mencap
Sue Allan	Head of Children's Services
Clare Petrie	Self Advocate
Hilary Linssen	Valuing People Implementation Manager
Heather Aspinall	Chief Exec Bradbury Centre
Kay Labon	Parent Carer
Richard Pearce	Parent Carer
Barbara Compton	Housing
Carol Valentine	Assistant Head Adult Services City Council
Alan Lebas	Self Advocate
Jeremy Secchi	Self Advocate
Judith Clayton	Choices/Supporter
Justin Dunkarson	Self Advocate
Jeffrey Parker	Self Advocate
Mark Wilford	Self Advocate
Alex Iles	Mencap
Liz Herrick	Housing

Visitors

Jo Poynter	Regional Valuing People Team
Leon Nicholson	LD Team
Phil Griffiths	Hampshire NHS Trust
Jo Belcher	Southampton PCT

People who could not come

Jamie Schofield	Children's Health and Social Services
Terry Matthews	Councillor/cabinet member workforce planning
Amy Hobson	Primary Care Trust
Ann Milton	Councillor
Ena Conway	City Council
Malcolm Ashton	Hampshire NHS Trust
Drew Bradley	Self Advocate
Adrian Littlemore	Primary Care Trust

Brian Parnell
Sukwinder Singh
John Beer

Councillor
Self Advocate
Executive Director City Council