

## Stoke-on-Trent Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the Meeting on Thursday 13 November 2007

## People who were at the meeting

John Mawman	Reach Parliament	Co-Chairs
Alan Coe	Adult Social Care and Health	
Colin Marsh	Adult Social Care and Health	
Amanda Lovatt	Adult Social Care and Health	
Patsy Corcoran	Reach Project	
Tony Johnson	Mencap	
Paulene Collins	University Hospital of North Staffordshire	
Gordon Bromage	MP, Reach Parliament	
Karina Johnson	North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust	
Debbie Curless	Children and Young People's Services	
Adrian Ball	Asist	
Andrea Renner	Asist	
Dianne Underwood	North Staffs Carers Association	
Lynne Crockett	Children and Young People's Services	
Kevin Day	Joint Commissioning Unit	
Chris Herbert	Brighter Futures	
Carolyn Astwick	Connexions	
Stephen Robbins	Supporting People	
Simon Edgely	North Staffs Carers Association	
Angela Lightfoot	Adult Social Care and Health	
Celia Challis	Joint Commissioning Unit – Notes	

## Visitors

Joanna Stanaway                      Stoke on Trent Community Services (Housing)

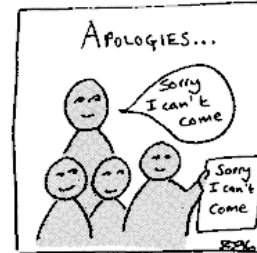
## People who said sorry they could not come to the meeting

Tina Cookson	Stoke on Trent Primary Care Trust
Stephen Parker	MP, Reach Parliament
Sharon Brissett	Supporting People
Victoria Griffiths	MP, Reach Parliament
Lyn Ure	Stoke on Trent Primary Care Trust
Jane Tipping	Joint Commissioning Unit
Suzanne Withington	Joint Commissioning Unit
Irene Abbots	Active Carer
Councillor Anne James	Elected Member, Stoke on Trent City Council
Councillor Roger Ibbs	Elected Member Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Older People

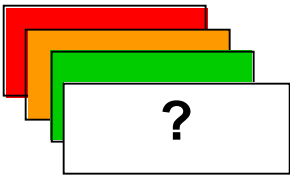
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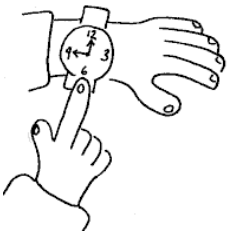
We all said hello



Apologies were given for the people who could not come.



John reminded us to use the traffic light cards.



Alan said he would keep an eye on the time.

## Notes of the Meeting / Quick Catch Up With What's Happened



### Were the Notes OK?



People said the notes were OK.

## What's Happened Since the October Meeting?



### Keeping People Safe / Bullying and Hate Crime

*Alan will ask Bill James to contact the Reach Parliament.*



### Meeting with City Council Adults and Older People's Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Commission

*Kevin Day, Councillor Ann James and Celia Challis will meet with the Overview and Scrutiny Officer to talk about support needs.*



## Page 9 – Acute Liaison Nurse at University Hospital of North Staffordshire

**ACTION**

*Paulene will send an update to the December meeting.*

## Page 12, letter to Julie Smith, University Hospital of North Staffordshire

**ACTION**

*Alan will make sure someone writes to Julie about the Safeguarding Board.*

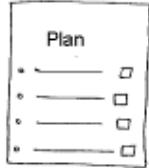


## Rowan Village

Joanna has contacted the Reach Group.



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## Learning Disability Strategy

Adrian reminded us that Marian from the Reach Group asked what will happen if she does not want to leave Pittsburgh House. Marian would like Partnership Board to answer her question.

Alan said that people will be able to talk about future choices and possibilities.

## Things People with Learning Disabilities Want to Tell Us



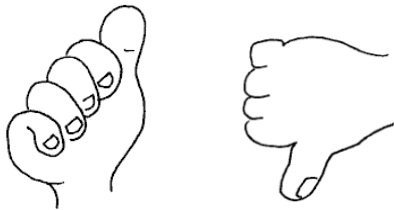
### Valuing People – Living a Full Life Thoughts and Questions from Gordon Bromage

We watched a dvd made by Gordon and Adrian. In the dvd, Gordon talks about how feels about the plans in 'People as Partners'.



Gordon talked about

- The planned Centre of Excellence;
- The plan to get more people jobs; and
- The support that people will need



Gordon thinks that a lot of the plan is good. But some things – such as people losing their key workers or not seeing their friends are not good.



Gordon is worried that making a Centre of Excellence at Shelton will mean that some people will have nowhere to go. About getting jobs, he thinks that some people will not be able to get a job because they are too old. He thinks that if this happens, these people will have nowhere to go.





Gordon thinks that the plans are OK *if* Partnership Board says

- People will have the support they need; and
- They keep the day service so that people can keep on seeing their friends

Gordon wants Shelton Day Service and the Centre of Excellence to operate from the Shelton building.

To help people get ready for the changes, they need to know if they have a job, where it is and that it will last for more than a few weeks.

Organisations need to think about



People's ages



Making sure that there is good support and that people can meet their friends.



Gordon has six questions for the Partnership Board to think about

- How will the plans make sure that people have a named person to go to for help and support?
- How will the plans make sure that people have the support to maintain friendships and relationships?
- What opportunities will there be for people who are older and close to retirement age?
- Where will all the job opportunities come from for the people who leave the day service?
- What support will there be for people who have extra needs and who may need to have medical support while they are at work
- What support will there be for people who are upset or scared by the changes happening?



We talked about what Reach had to say about the October meeting. We took the point about the meeting room. We will try to arrange a better venue for the 2008 meetings.

**ACTION**

***Alan and Celia will meet with Reach to talk about the report.***



There was a proposal from Michelle Parker. This was about starting a Community Safe Places Scheme.

The Community Safe Places Scheme started in Dorset.



Lots of people with Learning Disabilities have said they do not feel safe when they go out. This is because they experience harassment and crime. Dorset People First is running a citizenship project to look at ways people can feel safer when they are out.



We talked about Michelle's idea about starting a Community Safe Places Scheme.



Partnership Board thought it was a really good idea.



*Alan and Colin will look at how we can take this forward.*

## Things Carers Want to Tell Us



Dianne said that Irene was worried because she has not had any information about sub-group meetings. She wanted to know if the groups are up and running.

Colin talked about what is happening with the Fulfilling Lives and Places to Live Groups later in the meeting.

**Dianne**

Dianne said that North Staffs Carers Association is setting up a Parent Carer Forum. This is in partnership with Face2Face. This group have said that would like to have a representative on the Partnership Board. The Parent Carers Working Group is no longer meeting so parents and carers of young people in transition have nowhere to raise their concerns.

**Alan**

Alan said that we will be looking at Partnership Board membership.

***ACTION***

***Lynne Crockett will look how we can include this group of carers better.***

**Dianne**

Dianne talked about the old Carers Group. She said that she is concerned that the group is still meeting but does not report anywhere. The group is working on producing a service directory.

**ACTION**

***Alan will follow this up.***



Dianne talked about the Changing Places campaign. Changing Places are toilets with enough space for disabled people and their carers and the right equipment. There are almost no public Changing Places toilets in this country. Having these toilets in public places would make a dramatic difference to the lives of thousands of people.

Dianne said that Day Services are the only places that disabled people can go to if they need changing when they out of the house. The nearest accessible toilet is in the Trafford Centre in Manchester.

Tony said that he will talk to Dianne about what Mencap are doing about this.

**Tony**

The need for better toilets has been raised with Cllr Jean Edwards

**ACTION**

***Alan and Colin will talk to the City Council Managers and Councillors about the need for accessible toilets.***



Dianne asked about the people who provide home care. She asked if they have experience of and know about working with people with learning disabilities.



*Alan will ask Lynne Gammon, from the Adult Social Care Contracts and Commissioning Team to talk to Dianne about this.*

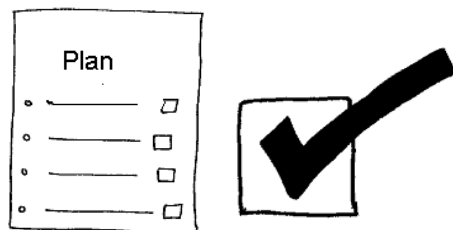


Dianne talked about the Hamilton Centre Carers Support Group which is supported by North Staffs Carers Association. She said that the group has not had any funding for 9 months.

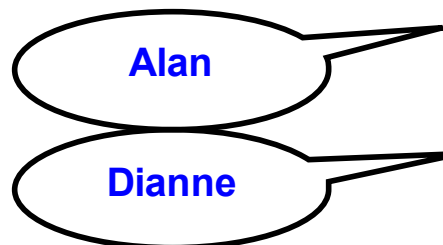


*Alan will talk to Dianne about this.*

## Learning Disability Strategy



Alan said that the Councillors are happy with what the plan says. Alan will ask the Primary Care Trust to support the plan at the Trust Board meeting in late November.



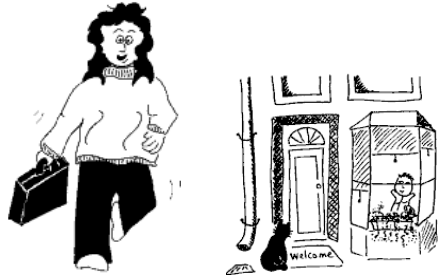
Alan said that we now need to set up groups to put the plans into action.

Dianne reminded the Partnership Board that carers are worried about the changes. Organisations need to make sure that carers fully understand what the changes will mean.



***Alan and Colin will meet with Dianne to talk about the areas of concern.***

## Update from Sub-Group



### Fulfilling Lives and Places to Live Group

Colin said that we have been waiting to get a clear direction from the strategy

For 'Places to Live', a social work team manager will make sure that work is done. A project worker has also been appointed.

Alan and Colin are talking about having a social work team manager to lead on the Fulfilling Lives work.

Colin said that now that we have people to do the work, we can restart the Places to Live and Fulfilling Lives Groups. This answered Irene's question raised earlier in the meeting.



Colin said that he will ask Partnership Board to agree and sign off the work areas for the Places to Live and Fulfilling Lives Groups at the December meeting.



Colin said that things have been happening. Social Care is working very closely with housing providers and Supporting People.

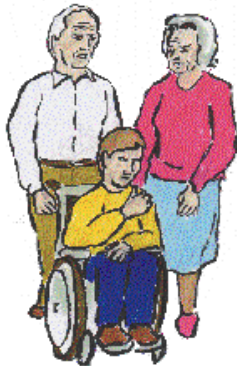
Social Care is working with Supporting People to make Lovatt Court into centre where people will get proper training so that they can live independently. There will be more information about this.

## Rowan Village



Joanna Stanaway gave a presentation about Rowan Village. Information was presented about:

- The ideas behind the development;
- How the building is progressing;
- The layout and management of the scheme; and
- How customers are involved



Rowan Village contains 75 private apartments for people over 55. There is a range of communal facilities.

Six of the apartments are designed for the older carers of an adult with learning disabilities. Staffordshire Housing wants to make sure that people get to hear about the development.

Joanna

There is a support group called 'Friends of Rowan Village'. This is a group of people who want to live at and support the scheme. The group has been meeting for a few months. The next meeting is on 6 December. Contact information is available from Joanna Stanaway at [Joanna.Stanaway@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:Joanna.Stanaway@stoke.gov.uk) or telephone 01782 236349.



Articles and information about Rowan Village will be in the local press and on local radio. People can go to look at a show flat.

Joanna

Joanna explained that some of the flats are for sale and some for rent. We talked about people being able to buy a flat outright, buy on a shared ownership scheme or rent. Flats can be bought outright or on a shared ownership scheme. The 100% sale prices are between £83,000 and £93,000.

We talked about buying and renting a flat means. We talked about could happen when a person with learning disabilities is left alone in a rented flat after their parents die. Joanna said that she will be happy to talk to people about this if they get in touch with her.



**Paulene**

Joanna explained Staffordshire Housing's buy back arrangements.

Paulene said she was concerned that people fully understand their legal position.



**Joanna**

Joanna agreed that the legal points can be very complex. She said that there is a Manager in Staffordshire Housing who looks after the contract arrangements.

Joanna said that there are plans to develop more places like Rowan Village. The City Council is bidding for money to provide another 3 schemes.

Joanna said that if older carers do not want all of the 6 flats reserved for older carers of a person with learning disabilities, Staffordshire Housing will let people from other client groups take the flats. Joanna said that people will know if they have a flat in January / February 2008.



We thanked Joanna for the interesting presentation on Rowan Village.



## Keeping People Safe

A copy of an information pack from the Department of Health was sent to people before the meeting.

The pack is to help people who are members of Partnership Boards to better protect adults with learning disabilities in their communities. We all have a responsibility to protect people and uphold human rights.

The ideas and suggestions contained in the information pack come from the views and experiences of many different people and organisations. These are people who are experts and people who have personal experience.



We said hello to Angela Lightfoot. Angela is the temporary Safeguarding Adults Co-ordinator for Adult Social Care and Health.



Angela explained that there are different types of abuse. The Learning Disability Partnership Board needs to make links with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board. This will help make sure that both Boards are kept up to date.

Angela has also met with Bill James. Angela will do some work with Bill in the New Year



We talked about keeping people safe and some of the things that have been done. We talked about hate crime. Patsy said that there are not enough ways for people to report incidents. The forms people have to use are not up to Valuing People standards. People do not have support. We need to make sure that this area is brought in line with what Valuing People says.

Angela, Dianne Underwood and Alan will make sure that information is passed between the Learning Disability Partnership Board and the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board.



We will ask Bill James to give us an update report on his work. This will come to the March meeting.

***Celia will invite Bill to the March meeting***



Angela has more information about safeguarding people. Angela can be contacted at [Angela.Lightfoot@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:Angela.Lightfoot@stoke.gov.uk)

Alan suggested that it would be a good idea for Angela, Bill and someone from Adult Social Care and Health to talk to the Reach Parliament.



Patsy's idea was to organise a public meeting so that a lot more people could go. Reach will help to arrange.



**Anything Else???**

### **2008 Meeting Dates**



Patsy said that next year's meetings will take place on Monday afternoons. Patsy said that this was not a good time for Reach MPs.

***ACTION***

**Celia will talk to Reach about the 2008 dates and where we have the meetings.**

### **Update from Children and Young People's Services**

**Lynne**

Lynne Crockett talked about what is happening in Children and Young People's Services. There will be a major Joint Area Review inspection in 2008. It is expected that one of the main areas will be Children with Learning Disabilities and Difficulties. Lynne will let us know more about the inspection at a future meeting.

## Date and Time of Next Meeting

Our next meeting is

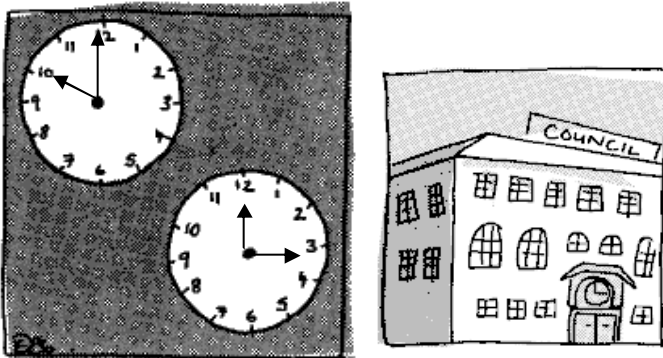
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**Tuesday 13 November 2007**

**10:00 – 12:15**

**At**

**Committee Room,  
Civic Centre  
Glebe Street  
Stoke on Trent**



*Thank you to Valuing People and Changes  
for some of the pictures used*