

Stoke-on-Trent Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the Meeting on 13 December 2007

People who were at the meeting

John Mawman	Reach Parliament	Co-Chairs
Colin Marsh	Adult Social Care and Health	
Tony Johnson	Mencap	
Stephen Parkes	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	
Lynne Crockett	Children and Young People's Services	
Kevin Day	Joint Commissioning Unit	
Chris Herbert	Brighter Futures	
Stephen Robbins	Supporting People	
Ann James	Stoke on Trent City Council Elected Member	
Sally Reston	Adult Social Care and Health	
Niamh Reilly	Adult Social Care and Health	
Celia Challis	Joint Commissioning Unit – Notes	

People who said sorry they could not come to the meeting

Alan Coe	Adult Social Care & Health
Gordon Bromage	MP, Reach Parliament
Victoria Griffiths	MP, Reach Parliament
Sharon Brissett	Supporting People
Lyn Ure	Stoke on Trent Primary Care Trust
Jane Tipping	Joint Commissioning Unit
Suzanne Withington	Joint Commissioning Unit
Irene Abbots	Active Carer
Councillor Roger Ibbs	Elected Member Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Older People
Amanda Lovatt	Adult Social Care and Health
Patsy Corcoran	Reach Project
Paulene Collins	University Hospital of North Staffordshire
Dianne Underwood	North Staffs Carers Association
Carolyn Knight	Connexions

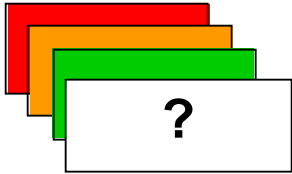
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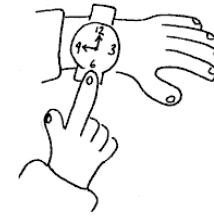
We all said hello



Apologies were given for the people who could not come.



John reminded us to use the traffic light cards.



Tony was time keeper.

Notes of the November Meeting / Catch Up On What's Happened



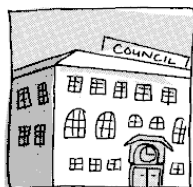
Were the Notes OK?

Debbie Curless was not at the November meeting.

Apart from this, people said the notes were OK.

What's Happened Since the November Meeting / Catch Up on Actions?

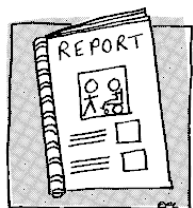
Meeting with the City Council Adults and Older People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Meeting to take place in January 2008. Feedback to be provided at the next Partnership Board meeting.

Report from University Hospital of North Staffordshire

It was agreed at the last meeting that Paulene would send an update to the December meeting. The update report was sent out in the meeting pack. Partnership Board agreed to talk about the report.



Partnership Board was pleased to receive the report from Julie Smith at University Hospital of North Staffordshire. The report was about what happened at Hospital's Learning Disabilities Steering Group's first meeting and some plans for the future. People said that this is a good, positive start. We look forward to more reports in the future.



Partnership Board noted that the Hospital is organising a one day event for Hospital Staff to raise awareness and share information about what is happening with learning disabilities. Partnership Board agreed that it is important that University Hospital of North Staffordshire get the right people to do lead the event. Karina said she will find out who is doing the training.



Lynne

Lynne Crockett said this is also an issue for Children and Young People. North Staffs Asperger Autism Association want separate medical facilities.

The Caudwell Foundaton is funding a separate Children's Centre for children with learning difficulties and disabilities. Plans for the Centre are nearly finished.



Colin

Colin said that we all welcome the work people are doing at University Hospital of North Staffordshire. Partnership Board would like to have some feedback on the one day event for Staff and for the proposals to the Trust Board to be shared. Feedback on what is happening in Children and Young People's Services.



ACTION

Celia to ask Paulene to provide some feedback on the staff event and Lynne to provide an update on what is happening in relation to Children and Young People.



ACTION

Celia to ask for the report to the Trust Board to be shared with the Partnership Board.



Things That People with Learning Disabilities Want To Tell Us

Valuing People – Living a Full Life: Thoughts and Questions from Gordon Brommage

Alan and Colin will make sure that Gordon's questions are answered.

Comments about the October Meeting

Celia reported that in 2008 we will try to use the Rose Price Room at the Dudson Centre for Partnership Board meetings. The January and March meetings will be at The Rose Price Room.



Community Safe Places Scheme

Alan and Colin will bring a report to either the January or March Partnership Board meeting.





Things Carers Want to Tell Us / Changing Places

Colin said that he and Alan are talking to other people in the City Council. Changing Places is now in the Neighbourhood Agenda. The Planning Department has been reminded about the policy.



A fully accessible public toilet is being developed at Longton Park.



Learning Disability Strategy / Meeting with Carers

Colin said that a meeting to discuss carers worries will be rearranged for early in the New Year.



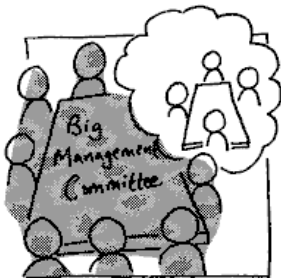
Places to Live

Adult Social Care and Health have appointed a Social Work Team Manager to make sure that the plans for Places to Live happen. There will also be a project worker. There will be more news about this at the next meeting.



Colin said that Adult Social Care and Health will use the Learning Disability Development Fund to turn Lovatt Court into a training resource for people with learning disabilities. People will learn the skills to help them live independently.

John asked about what will happen if he doesn't move out of residential care. Would he still be able to go to Shelton Day Services?

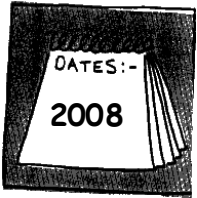


The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee wants to have more information about people who live in residential care and whether they are able to use Day Services as well. We talked about how decisions can affect people. We talked about decisions being made in a clear transparent way. Partnership Board agreed that the information about living in residential care and using day services to come to Partnership Board.



Keeping People Safe

Bill James is coming to the March meeting. He will give an update on his work on hate crime and bullying.



2008 Dates

Reach will bring a report to the January meeting.

Things People with Learning Disabilities Want To Tell Us



Reach Parliament Report

Reach MPs had written a report for Parliament Board.

Stephen Parkes and Victoria Griffiths had done a report about Having Good Health.

Stephen had done another report on supporting people with the changes.





Adrian reminded us that the Partnership Board plan said that we would be having a report from the Good Health Group. He said that the plan has been changed. Reach MPs had worked hard on writing their reports about Having Good Health.



Having Good Health

Stephen's report said:



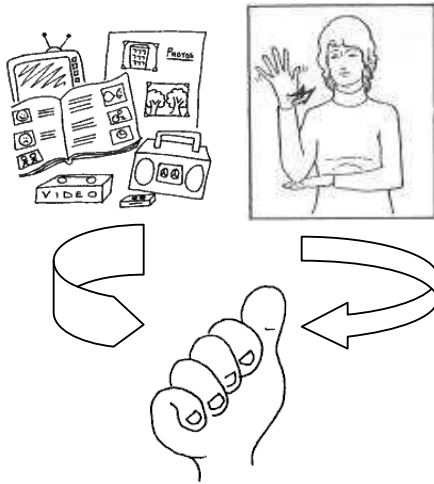
It is important for people to get to see the same health worker so that they can get to know them.



If you see different doctors and nurses each time then you have to say things all over again.



Some people take a long time to explain how they are feeling especially if they do not use words



It would be good if doctors and nurses were trained to use different ways of communicating with people



Stephen read Victoria's report.

Victoria agreed with what Stephen had to say.

She also said



“People who I speak up for in the Stoke Central area have told me about how difficult it can be to speak to doctors”.

“Some doctors speak English as a second language and can have accents that make it hard to understand what they say”.

“One person that I speak up for is in hospital at the moment and he can communicate very well. Even though he can speak up for himself the doctors and nurses keep speaking to the staff from where he lives.”



“It is important to make sure health workers only speak to staff if they have spoken to the person first”.



Stephen had done another report. This was about Supporting People with Changes.

Stephen works with people with learning disabilities at the Hamilton Training Service.



He said “People at the Hamilton Training Service are hearing lots of different things about changes that will happen. At the moment people seem to be confused and not sure what the future will be like”.

“There was a meeting to talk about things but not everyone could go — I couldn’t go because I was at work.”



“People with learning disabilities need to be supported while the changes are happening and need more meetings to talk about it”

People are worried right now about the changes so support for people needs to be happening now as well



We talked about Victoria and Stephen's reports.

We agreed that Celia would send the Reports on Having Good Health to Lyne Ure. Lyn is the chair of the Having Good Health Sub-Group.

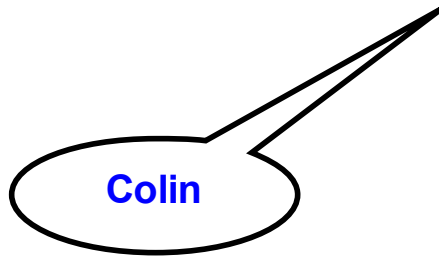


Celia will send Victoria and Stephen's reports about Having Good Health to Lyn Ure, the Chair of the Having Good Health Group.

We talked about Stephen's report about helping people with changes.



Colin said that Adult Social Care and Health have given an award to the staff and people who use Hamilton. The award recognises their hard work in helping make change happen. Colin said that he will make sure that everyone who goes to Hamilton knows about the changes and is included.



Colin asked people to note that Hamilton is not closing but the service will change. The new service is about giving people training to go out to work. This will start in January.

The new service will continue in the same place but Adult Social Care and Health is looking for better premises.



Lynne

Colin said that 60 people have moved into work since Hamilton opened. This year, 22 people have found paid employment. This is a big change.

Lynne Crockett talked about young people who are not in education, employment or training (these are called NEETs). She said that young people with learning disabilities or difficulties are more likely not to be in education, employment or training. She said that the work being done at the Hamilton could perhaps join with the work being done by Children and Young People's Services.



Anne

Adrian said that the Reach Parliament is looking at the things that will prevent people having a life. One thing the Reach Parliament is concerned about is the low numbers of wheelchair accessible taxis.

The Reach Parliament will do a report for the Fulfilling Lives Group about the things that will prevent people living a full life.

Anne James said that the City Council is doing a consultation on taxis. Comments and information about taxis in Stoke on Trent should be sent to Councillor Joy Garner.

Things Carers Want To Tell Us



Colin said that work on developing the Active Carers Forum will start in January.



Sally Reston reported on the work of the Learning Disability Carers Group. The Group was a sub-group of the Partnership Board but now links to the Carers Strategy Group.

Sally said that the Carers Group is using money from the Carers Grant to develop a service directory. Some carers have also had IT training to help them take part in the work. The service directory will be available on the internet in early 2008.



Sally will send details of the web site, when available.

We talked about how important it is to know what the Carers Group is doing. Debbie Curless said it was important for Partnership Board to understand the Carers Strategy structure. She will forward a copy of the Carers Strategy Structure for information.

Sally also talked about a pilot project, which provides training for carers about person centred planning.



John

John was concerned that the Person Centred Planning Group had not heard anything about the pilot. John co-chaired the Person Centred Planning Group.

Partnership Board noted that this had highlighted an important issue about how groups link together. We must make sure that topics do not get 'lost'.



ACTION

Sally will ask the person leading the pilot project to contact the co-chairs of the Person Centred Planning Group.

Self Directed Support / Person Centred Planning / Individual Budgets



Debbie Curless reported on the Hi Impact Project, which is about personal budgets. Debbie talked about the structure of the project and the work each group is doing. A set of slides was sent with the meeting plan and other meeting papers.

Important points to note are:

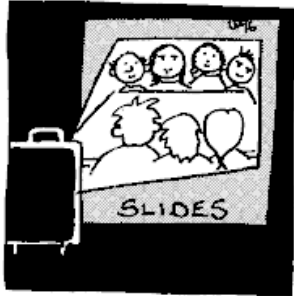


The main group is called the 'Project Board'. Members are senior people from Adults Social Care and Health and Children and Young People's Services.

There are six work areas - there is a work group for each area. The groups are:



- Person Centred Thinking Group
- Hi Impact User Group
- Hi Impact Carers Group
- Finance Work Group
- Professional Development Group
- Provider and Brokerage Group



The work that each group has done so far was set out in the slides.

Other points noted included:

- The Person Centred Thinking Group is to be expanded
- More training and work is needed around person centred thinking
- Person centred thinking is central to Transition

- The User Group is producing a dvd – this has come out of the work done workshops held at Abbey Hill last summer. The dvd will be available at the end of March 2008.

- The Carers Group is just starting. Irene Abbots will lead the Group. The group will feed into the Carers Forum and the Carers Strategy Group. Debbie also talked about Alan's comments that the Learning Disability Carers Forum will include parent carers – this will help give parent carers a voice.



The Provider and Brokerage Group held an event, facilitated by Paradigm. More information about the group's work will be available by the next report to Partnership Board.



8.6% of the people who use services in Stoke on Trent have a personalised budget. This compares well to other councils in the West Midlands region. Most other councils report that about 1 – 2% of people who use services, use a personalised budget.

Debbie

There are a number of issues that need to be sorted out. These include:

- Children and Young People's Services decision not to continue with 'Taking Control' – people were disappointed that Children and Young People's Services were not continuing with Taking Control.
- The bid for the 'Aiming High' money – this is a one-off amount of money the Government is providing for services for disabled children. Debbie will let Partnership Board know what happens with Stoke on Trent's bid.

Colin

Colin stressed that Stoke on Trent views the use of personalised budgets seriously. This increases the need to do things differently in the future.

Colin

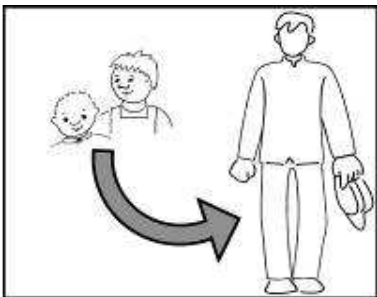
Colin said that Adult Social Care and Health want to see everyone who comes into Adult Services by the end of 2008, assessed and offered services provided around personalised budgets. Adult Social Care and Health realise that not everyone will want to take up a personalised budget – but people were asked to note that personalised budgets do reflect Government thinking.

Partnership Board agreed that 'Actions on Personalised Budgets' will be a standing item on each Partnership Board agenda.

ACTION

Celia to include a section called 'Actions on Personalised Budgets' on each Partnership Board agenda.

Transition



Debbie Curless talked about what is happening in Transition and went through the actions from the recent Transition Forum. The action plan from the Transition Forum will be sent out with the meeting notes.

Other points were:

- Miriam Downing will revise the Transition Pack
- Issues will be addressed around continuing healthcare funding
- Work will be done to make sure everyone understands eligibility criteria



Colin

Debbie talked about the policy and procedures for Transition. These have been written in one document Children and Young People's Services need to formally sign off the policy and procedures. Senior managers in Adult Social Care and Health will talk to senior managers in Children and Young People's Services about this.

Colin talked about the need for Adult Social Care and Health to know who is coming through the transition process. He said that names of children leaving school in July should be sent to Adult Social Care and Health by the end of March at the latest. Alan Coe would like the names of the young people coming into adult services in 2009 to be sent to Adult Social Care and Health by October 2008. Karina asked for the list to be shared with Health, where it is appropriate to do so.

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Anything Else???

Children and Young People's Representative

Debbie

From January 2008, Debbie Curless will work for Adult Social Care and Health. We will need another representative from Children and Young People's Services (Social Care).



Co-Chairs to write to Children and Young People's Services (Social Care) to ask for representative to come to Partnership Board.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Our next meeting is

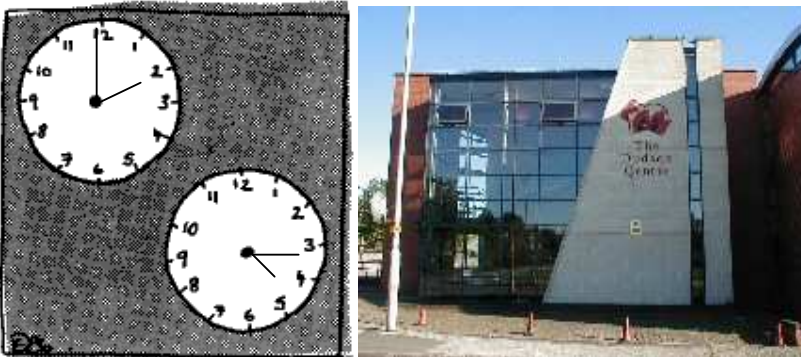
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Monday 28 January 2008

2:00 – 4:15

at

**The Rose Price Room
The Dudson Centre
Hope Street
Hanley
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*Thank you to Valuing People and Changes
for some of the pictures used*