

**Stoke-on-Trent Learning Disability Partnership Board**  
**Summary and Actions from the Partnership Board Meeting on Monday 29 September 2008**

<b>Item What We Said</b>	<b>Action / Outcome</b>
<b>What Happened Since the Last Meeting</b>	
<p><b>Riverside</b>            The service will go live on 3 November. Partnership Board will visit Riverside when we can. Colin will send out the 'Question and Answer' leaflet that Adult Social Care have done for people who use Hamilton.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Colin to send out question and answer' booklet.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Autism Spectrum Disorders and Asperger's Syndrome – A Joint Strategy for Services in Stoke on Trent</b></p> <p>The first draft of the strategy will be sent to people. Kevin Day, the person who has written the draft strategy, wants people's views and comments. Kevin wants people to answer some questions. The questions will be sent out with the draft strategy document.</p>	

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<p><b>Get Talking, Get Moving</b>            Colin said that there has been a meeting with Asist to talk about how we can make sure that things that matter to people with learning disabilities don't 'get lost'. There will be more meetings about this. Karina will also take part.</p> <p>Alan and Colin said that they would like stronger links with the Reach Parliament. Alan said that regular meetings with Reach MPs would be very useful.</p>	
<p><b>Keeping People Safe</b></p> <p>The Safeguarding Board Chair is going to talk about how it can make stronger links with the Learning Disability Partnership Board.</p>	

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<p><b>Tell it like it is</b></p> <p>Stoke on Trent Social Care is going to review all respite services. Irene said that she is happy to wait and see what the report about the review says.</p> <p>The Fulfilling Lives Group will look at the issues Irene raised about the Hanley Shopping Centre being used like a day centre. The Group will send a report to the January 09 Partnership Board.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Irene will talk about respite services after the review.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>What Happened Since the Last Meeting</b></p>	
<p><b>Joint Review of Services and support for people with learning disabilities and complex needs</b></p> <p>The Commission for Social Care Inspection, the Healthcare Commission and the Mental Health Act Commission are going to look at how organisations in Stoke on Trent plan and buy services and support for people with learning disabilities and complex needs. The Inspectors will be in Stoke on Trent from 3 – 14 November. The inspection team will include people with learning disabilities and carers and will want to meet with people with learning disabilities and carers.</p>	

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<p><b>Reports from the Reach Parliament</b></p>	
<p><b>Getting Ready For Meetings</b></p> <p>Celia Challis had written a report which set out the rest of the meeting dates in 2008 and the latest dates that papers will be sent out.</p> <p><b>What is Community?</b></p> <p>Mary Carr had written a report called 'What is Community? The Reach Parliament is working on 'Me and My Community'. 'Me and My Community' is about where people live, work and get together with other people. Reach MPs have been thinking about the different communities they belong to.</p> <p>We talked about the Reach report. People said that the work they have done is really good. People agreed it is important for everyone to be able to keep in touch especially after the changes to learning disability services. We talked about the work that Places to Live are doing with housing and leisure services to make sure that services are there for people with learning disabilities and people have a choice. We talked about the On Line Networking service for people with learning disabilities.</p>	

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<p><b>Reports from the Reach Parliament</b></p> <p>Debbie Curless suggested that the Service Development and Modernisation Team could do some work on social networking. Alan Coe asked that the Team includes people with learning disabilities in the work. We talked about the role of person centred plans and support plans in helping people to keep their friendships. These can help people keep in touch with their friends. Sharon Brissett reminded us that services provided by Supporting People help people keep up their social networks as part of the support plans.</p>	
<p><b>Things that Carers Want to Talk About</b></p> <p>Dianne talked about the Learning Disability Carers Working Group. Alan said that the working group links in to the main Carers' Group. We need to understand how the Learning Disability Carers Working Group reports to the Partnership Board. Dianne also talked about the Active Carers Forum.</p>	

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<p><b>Keeping People Safe</b></p> <p>Angela Lightfoot talked about the report on the murder of Steven Hoskin. We talked about the work the Safeguarding Board is doing to make sure that organisations talk to each other about people who need to be kept safe. Angela is working on the Safeguarding Board's new business plan. She will bring this to the Partnership Board when it is ready.</p> <p>Colin said that keeping people safe links to the issues Reach talked about in their report. Steven Hoskin knew the people who killed him. They were not strangers. People need to know the people who are friends and who are not.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Angela will bring the Safeguarding Board's work plan to Learning Disability Partnership Board when it is ready.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Individual Budgets in Stoke on Trent</b></p> <p>Debbie Curless gave a presentation about what's happening about individual budgets in Stoke on Trent. NHS Stoke on Trent and the City Council have created a new job. This is the Joint Programme Director Personalisation. The Director's name is Terry Hawkins. The work done so far shows that people want self-directed support. Everybody needs to support this work.</p> <p>We watched some of the 'Hi Impact Today' dvd.</p>	

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<p><b>Presentation on the North Staffordshire Palliative Care Project</b></p> <p>Partnership Board said hello to Heather Morris. Heather talked about the North Staffordshire Palliative Care Project. The project supports people with learning disabilities who are ill and who won't get better. People in the project help to give people emotional support and to look after their spiritual needs. The project can also support friends and family. The project is funded by the Big Lottery Fund. The funding ends at the end of March 2009. Without more funding, the service will have to end. Heather asked Partnership Board to help the project get more funding. Suzanne said that the people who run the project need to talk to NHS Stoke on Trent about funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Suzanne said that she will have a meeting with Heather to talk about what the service will look like and future funding. Suzanne will let Partnership Board know what NHS Stoke on Trent say about funding the project</b></li> </ul>

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<p><b>Anything Else??</b> <b>Stoke on Trent Strategy for Children and Young People who Have Learning Difficulties and / or are Disabled</b></p> <p>Debbie Curless said that Stoke on Trent Children and Young People's Services have done a plan about Children and Young People who have learning difficulties and / or are disabled. The plan is not written in easy words and with pictures. Alan agreed that the Children and Young People's Plan should link to People as Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debbie will find out if Children and Young People's Services are going to bring their plan to Partnership Board.</li> <li>• Debbie will find out if Children and Young People's Services are going to write their plan in easy words and pictures.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Paying Service Users and Carers to Attend Meetings</b></p> <p>Alan said that the Healthier Communities and Older People Board have talked about paying people who use services and carers to attend meetings. The Mental Health Partnership Board will start paying people who use services and carers to attend the Mental Health Partnership Board and other meetings as soon as possible. The Mental Health Partnership Board will tell the Healthier Communities and Older People Board about how this is going.</p> <p>Healthier Communities and Older People Board said that the other Partnership Boards need to look at how much it will cost to pay people who use services and carers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alan will let Partnership Board know how things are going.</li> </ul>
<p><b>November Partnership Board</b></p> <p>Everyone was asked to note that the Partnership Board meeting on 10 November will take place at <b>Newstead Day Services</b>. People will be able to see the new sensory room.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone to go to Newstead Day Services for the next meeting.</li> </ul>

## Date and Time of the Next Meeting

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**1:30 to 4:00 p.m.**



**Newstead Day Services, Waterside Drive,  
Blurton, Stoke on Trent.**