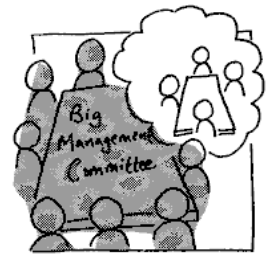


Wakefield Learning Disability
Partnership Board
Autism Delivery Group Minutes
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- Time:** 10am — 11:30am
- Date:** Wednesday 19 May 2010
- Venue:** Meeting room Caldervale
- Present:** Rebecca Squirrel — Learning Disability Partnership Manager
Sara Pearson — Admin Co-ordinator Valuing People
Gillian Quinn — Your Voice Wakefield Autism Advocate
Ann Rutter — Service Manager South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust
Anne Macareavey — South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust
Jan Bray — Connexions
Kate Pearson — Children with Complex Care Needs
- Apologies:** Jayne Gilmour (Chair) — Service Manager Strategy and Business Development
Jim Leyland — Service Manager Assessment and Care Management
Brenda Maw — Hidden Impairments Forum
Stephanie Gibson — Public Health Commissioning Manager Primary Care Trust
Rachel Margrave — Mental Health Matters
Caroline Slater — Children's Services
Caryann Sykes — SENSS
Judith Black — Admin Support Officer
- For Information:** Margaret Short — Family Carer
Karen Bulmer — Robinia
Karen McGuire — Person with autism
Martin Mullen — Autism social worker

1. Introductions and Apologies

Jayne Gilmour has sent her apologies for the meeting today and asked Rebecca to chair the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

- ◆ **Autism Alert Cards** — Caryann and Gillian have put together a training proposal. Gillian will send the proposal to Jayne and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- ◆ **Update on Care Manager post** — Martin Mullen is the new dedicated autism Social Worker. He will start in about 5 weeks and the post will last a year. Martin will have a small caseload of people that are not eligible for services under the Fair Access to Care criteria.
- ◆ **Funding for 2010/11** — The group has received £30,000 from the Learning Disability Development Fund. £15,000 is for Gillian's Wakefield Support Group for Autism. She has agreed to have a regular slot on the agenda in future to give an update. The other £15,000 is for training in terms of raising awareness and developing skills around working with people with autism.

The minutes of the meeting on 24 February were agreed as a true record.

3. National strategy

Statutory guidance will be coming out in June/July for consultation and Gillian agreed to collect feedback from professionals along with the Wakefield Support Group for Autism, but she will confirm this with her manager first.

We expect that there will be an Autism National Programme Board formed later in the year. This may mean autism will be separate from learning disabilities.

Money from the Learning Disability Development Fund has been agreed for learning disability and autism awareness training for staff in the Probation Service.

Please click on the following link to find out more about the paper.

<http://www.yoodo.org/go/newsitems/2010/05/13/nice-to-produce-adult-autism-guideline-2151/>

4. Revised local delivery plan

Jayne added actions in red from the 'Fulfilling and rewarding lives' report to the delivery plan and the group discussed them in detail.

5. Update on Needs Assessment

Rebecca brought the work plan that Paradigm have put together. Paradigm will be carrying out the needs assessment in Wakefield.

The main issues are as follows.

- ◆ Collecting the information will have to be done manually as RAISE cannot gather the right information. This will mean a significant time delay.
- ◆ Mechanisms for gathering information could be misinterpreted which would mean inconsistencies.

Rebecca has asked Paradigm to rewrite their proposal and put together some guidance to help people fill in the questionnaire.

Rebecca will add some questions from the NHS Wakefield and Districts' Healthy Lifestyle Survey, into the main body of the questionnaire.

Rebecca asked the group who would be the right people to complete the questionnaire. They agreed the following.

- ◆ Transitions Team — Liz Astley/John Cammidge
- ◆ Ruth Liley — Connexions
- ◆ The questionnaire will also be put on the internet
- ◆ 4 individual case studies — Paradigm to spend a day with them
- ◆ Rebecca will sort out the publicity — with SWYPFT and Wakefield Council

Please let Rebecca know if you have any more suggestions.

We will invite Paradigm to the group to give an update in between stage 1 and 2 of the process.

Governance issue — Connexions have a shared agreement with the Council regarding personal data.

6. Update on employment service and referrals

No update. Rachel Margrave sent her apologies for the meeting.

7. Proposals for the Relationship Service

Rebecca brought the proposal to the meeting.

There are concerns around the training element of Stars in the Sky's proposal and the group's comments are as follows.

- ◆ Gillian said training is the wrong word to use. Before going to social events, social skills development is essential for people with autism.
- ◆ Jayne has concerns around peer support.

- ◆ The group agrees that the wording is wrong. People with autism just need the support and opportunity to practice social skills in a safe place.
- ◆ The group agrees with the proposal. Stars in the Sky just need to make reasonable adjustments for people with autism.

8. Diagnosis

Rebecca asked the group how someone who believes they have autism would get a professional diagnosis, and what happens after they have been diagnosed?

The group agrees that there isn't a clear pathway and it all depends on the GP.

GPs often refer people to Digby Tantum in Sheffield for a diagnosis but nothing happens once a diagnosis has been given. They should be referred for a Community Care Assessment to make sure they are getting the right support.

The National Autistic Society can also provide a diagnosis.

We need to do a mapping exercise of pathways for people that have already been diagnosed and make sure that those who are undertaking the diagnosis are then referring people for a Community Care Assessment.

9. Any other business

Training Development Day 28 June at Sandal Rugby Club run by BiLD — We will be using some of the £15,000 to commissioning training for staff. To develop the training BiLD are holding a Training Development Day. Members of the Delivery Group and people with autism will be invited to attend. If you know anyone that would be interested in coming along please let Rebecca know. Also if you know someone with an autistic spectrum condition who would like to help deliver the training then please contact Rebecca.

10. Date of the next meeting

To be confirmed.