

Wakefield Learning Disability Partnership Board
Carers Delivery Group
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Date: Thursday 29 April 2010

Time: 10:30am

Venue: Sandal Rugby Club

Present: Chris Clark — Carers Wakefield and District
Sara Pearson — Admin Co-ordinator Valuing People
Margaret Sparks — Carer and Learning Disability
Partnership Board Member
Don Teal — Carer
Anne Peat — Carer
Tony Walker — Carer
Barrie Warner — Carer and Learning Disability
Partnership Board Member
Rebecca Squirrell — Learning Disability Partnership
Manager
Lucy Horobin — Learning Disability Carer Support Worker
Margaret Short — Carer and Learning Disability
Partnership Board Member
Sue Crossland — Community Nurse (on behalf of Leona
Batty)

Apologies: Mandi Gay — Carer
Mary Hick — Carer
Tony Hick — Carer
Leona Batty — Acting CTLD Manager North
Judith Arnott — Carer
Margaret Thickett — Carer

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Information:** Kathleen Lockwood — Carer
Jane Tandoc — Carer
Julie Easter — Carer
Gail Merrifield — Carer
Doreen Rushworth — Carer
Ann Jackson — Carer
Liz Bousfield - Carer
Antonia MacKowski — Jobcentre Plus
Christine Gatley — Carer

Mr Chadwick - Carer
Mrs Chadwick - Carer
Lynn Carter — CTLD East
Mandy Clifton — Carer
David Clifton — Carer

1. Introductions and apologies

The meeting date was changed to discuss activities for Learning Disability Week and Carers Week and how to spend the £15,000 the group has received from the Learning Disability Development Fund.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on Thursday 25 March were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

- ◆ **Short Breaks** — Rebecca gave the following update.

Support provider - The new service provider has been appointed. Wilf Ward Family Trust will provide services to both Clarence Gardens and Cypress Road.

One of the managers of the Community Teams for Learning Disabilities visited Wilf Ward's service in Swillington and they were really impressed and excited by their positive approach and forward thinking.

There will be new staff at Clarence Gardens and the staff at Cypress Road will be TUPED across from Dimensions to Wilf Ward.

There is a meeting planned for next week to start looking at what they will be providing.

Tony Walker said there is a lot of detailed information on the internet about the organisation.

- ◆ **Self Directed Support Questionnaire** - Chris will contact Gary Wilson to ask them to involve the group when they review the questionnaire.
- ◆ **Day Opportunities review** — Chris agreed to find out if this includes leisure activities.

Anne Peat raised concerns about how Day Opportunities is changing. St Catherine's and St Swithun's Day Opportunities are moving to Agbrigg Community Centre and numbers are reducing.

Rebecca explained that people using independent providers for day opportunities wouldn't need to attend Council run day opportunities.

Chris explained that a focus group will be set up shortly to look at the changes. He will let Anne know when a date has been set.

The group had a discussion around funding for services and individuals. Rebecca confirmed there is a pooled budget where learning disability services are paid out of. Service users' personal financial positions are calculated on an individual basis through the Benefits Team.

- ◆ **Valuing People Annual Report** — The annual report has been completed and sent to Valuing People. If anyone wants a copy please let us know.
- ◆ **Improved Communication with the Community Teams for Learning Disability** — A dedicated Social Worker for people with autism will be starting shortly.

4. Learning Disability Week and Carers Week

Chris explained about linking Learning Disability and Carers' Week.

Carers Week 14 to 20 June

Chris outlined some of sessions that will be run across the district in Carers' Week which include:

- Information session on Wills, Trusts and Power of Attorney
- Shiatsu massage
- Beauty therapy
- Carers across culture lunch for all carers at the Agbrigg and Belle Vue Community Centre
- Opportunities shop in the springs
- Stand and information at Wakefield Wildcats on Sunday 13 June

Learning Disability Week 21 to 27 June

The Opportunities shop will be available in Learning Disability Week and the group discussed ideas to attract the public into the shop and raise public awareness of learning disabilities.

The opening hours of the shop will be agreed with those who are willing to help run the initiative.

Tony Walker, Ann Peat, Margaret Sparks and Margaret Short agreed to help out in the shop.

Publicity

- Wakefield Express — Chris to consider buying some space in the Express
- Posters in the shop window to promote early
- To look into promotion in the bus station
- Radio — Ian has approached Ridings FM.
- Wildcats - Information to put across by tannoy
- Page in Wildcats programme
- Information stand in the Wildcats ground
- Mascot and players to open Carers Week

5. Carers' Delivery Plan

Chris updated the delivery plan in the meeting. Please see attached amended plan.

Chris will be attending the first Delivery Group Chairs meeting on Friday where he will give an update on the work of the group.

6. Partnership Board minutes of the last meeting

Please see attached Partnership Board minutes from Thursday 04 March.

7. Any other business

- ◆ **Update from the Access Group** — Margaret Sparks told the group that the Outpatients Department in the new Wakefield hospital will open in July.
- ◆ **New group members** — Anne Peat said it would be good if we could encourage some younger carers to join the group and the group talked about who to invite. We will ask the Downes Group if anyone is interested.
- ◆ **Annual Health Check funding** — Funding has been agreed for another year.

- ◆ **Award for the Patient Experience Group** — Margaret Sparks told the group that Mid Yorkshire Hospitals gave the Patient Experience Group an excellence in service delivery award. This is for the team that improves access and experience for patients with learning disabilities.

50 nominations were put forward and the group was shortlisted down to the last 3. Marie Gibb, chair of the group attended an event on Friday 23 April where the award was presented. This is really great news and Marie thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Also, Sharron Hoyle from Millennium Care Services said they supported someone with complex care needs to go to hospital (PGH) and a Nurse called Claire Wilson was the learning disability champion for that department. She really did an excellent job of looking after them so the group nominated her for the Mid Yorkshire Hospital's My Star of the Month award and she won. Marie Gibb the chair of the group will be supporting Catherine Horbury co-chair of the group, to present Claire with some flowers and a certificate on Friday.

- ◆ **Scott Watkin National Co-director** — Scott came to the last Partnership Board meeting.

He met with Sam Pratheepan, Karen Brown, Scott Williams and Rebecca Squirrell for a breakfast meeting before Partnership Board where he was given an update about the work we have been doing in Wakefield.

Scott was really surprised when he found out how many people in Wakefield have got a Health Action Plan and he requested more information about the Patient Experience Group. If possible, he would like to attend a meeting to see how it works and find out how they could provide some best practice to other Partnership Boards.

He also said it was really great that the local authority has employed people with learning disabilities. This is a really big achievement as there are still many authorities that haven't.

- ◆ **Valuing Older Families Now Event** — There is an event on Wednesday 09 June at the Cedar Court Hotel in Wakefield. Please see attached leaflet for more information. If you would like to attend please contact Chris Clark.

8. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is on **Thursday 03 June** 10:30am to 12:30pm at Sandal Rugby Club.