

**Wakefield Learning Disability Partnership Board**  
**Carers Delivery Group**  
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**Date:** Thursday 03 June 2010

**Time:** 10:30am

**Venue:** Sandal Rugby Club

**Present:** Chris Clark — Carers Wakefield and District  
Sara Pearson — Admin Co-ordinator Valuing People  
Rebecca Squirrell — Learning Disability Partnership  
Manager  
Anne Peat — Carer  
Jon Rigby - Carer  
Margaret Short — Carer and Learning Disability  
Partnership Board Member  
Tony Walker — Carer  
Margaret Sparks — Carer and Learning Disability  
Partnership Board Member  
Leona Batty — Acting CTLD Manager North  
Don Teal — Carer  
Barrie Warner — Carer and Learning Disability  
Partnership Board Member  
Mandi Gay — Carer  
Lucy Horobin — Learning Disability Carer Support Worker  
Shirley Gregg - Carer

**Apologies:** Mary Hick — Carer  
Tony Hick — Carer  
Margaret Thickett — Carer  
Mandy Clifton — Carer  
David Clifton — Carer

**Copy for  
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  
Judith Arnott — Carer

## 1. Introductions and apologies

Apologies listed above.

Chris will contact Mandy and David Clifton to offer transport to attend the meetings in future.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting

**Amendment** — Jon Rigby was present at the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting on Thursday 29 April were agreed as a true record.

## 3. Matters arising

- ◆ **Improved Communication with the Community Teams for Learning Disability** — Martin Mullen is the new dedicated Social Worker for people with autism. We will invite him to a future meeting.
- ◆ **Self Directed Support Questionnaire** — Chris still has to contact Gary Wilson to ask him to involve this group when they review the questionnaire.
- ◆ **New group members** — Chris still has to contact the Downes Group and invite them to join the group.

## 4. Updates from other groups — news/events

**Rebecca is leaving** — Rebecca will be leaving the authority on 30 June to move to Edinburgh. Chris thanked Rebecca on behalf of the group for her hard work and wished her well for the future. The group signed a card and presented it to Rebecca at the end of the meeting.

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

**Support provider** — Carers were invited to 2 events to meet with the new provider Wilf Ward. These were held at Batley Road and Cypress Road.

The events were also used to consult with carers about tiles, carpets and kitchen units. Jon Rigby said this is a really good idea. When Ferry Court opened issues were identified, for example there were no handles to help people get in and out of the bath. It took 3 years to resolve.

Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists have been consulted from the planning stage of the new build and they have also been involved when choosing aids and adaptations.

Both events went well and carers valued the meetings and felt positive about the changes.

Tony Walker asked if it would be possible for minutes from the events could be sent out to everyone who will be affected, not just those that attended the events. Rebecca agreed to find out.

Wilf Ward will be recruiting staff for Clarence Gardens and if necessary, they will move them across to backfill any posts left by staff that did not want to TUPE across to the new provider from Dimensions. They would like carers to help them with the recruitment process so if you are interested please let us know.

**Clarence Gardens building** — Everything is still on schedule and Rebecca brought some photographs that were taken on site which she passed round for everyone to look at. Please see attached.

**Patient Experience Group** — Margaret Sparks gave the following update.

As a member of the access group, Margaret will be going on a tour of the new Pinderfields Hospital on Monday 07 June prior to it opening next month.

Negotiations between Metro and Wakefield Council are ongoing about the possibility of the free bus service going via the hospital, as transport and parking are major issues.

Margaret has already raised concerns regarding the drop off points and she still doesn't know what will happen with the old hospital site.

She will keep the group updated.

**Transitions** — Lucy Horobin gave the following update.

Lucy attended 2 transitions meetings which included Social Workers from adult and childrens services and Occupational Therapists. She asked the group if there is a need for a support group for parents of people going through transitions. The group talked about this in detail and agreed there is a need.

The group wants to invite Alan Stewart Transitions Champion to a future meeting.

Lucy will keep the group updated in future.

### **Day Opportunities review**

Lucy, Chris and Anne Peat attended a focus group on Tuesday to discuss changes to Day Opportunities.

At the last meeting Anne 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.

Day Opportunities service users were recently consulted on the service they receive and were asked what could be improved and if they would like the service to be available at weekends and in the evening. The majority of people said it is working well so nothing needs to change.

The group talked about day time activities and a lot more people want a job now rather than attend a day centre.

### **Learning Disability Partnership Board minutes**

Please see attached minutes from the last meeting on 27 May 2010.

## **5. Valuing Older Families Now**

Chris gave a presentation about this new Department of Health paper to the Partnership Board and asked for comments on the 7 key areas. Please see attached presentation.

Chris and Lucy are attending an event on 09 June and compare Wakefield's comments with what's happening in other places. They will feedback at a later date.

The group discussed mutual caring and also planning for the future. Leona Batty said carers are entitled to ask for a carers assessment and they should ask about planning for the future. This will help carers and also services prepare, although some carers don't want any help.

## **6. Learning Disability Week and Carers Week**

Please see attached table of events for Carers Week and Learning Disability Week.

## **7. Any other business**

We will be looking at Learning Disability Funding in the next meeting.

## **8. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting is on **Thursday 15 July** 10:30am to 12:30pm at Sandal Rugby Club.