

Minutes of the meeting of

LAMBETH DISABILITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**Held at Lambeth Resource Centre
15th July 2008**

Present:

Liz Clegg	Assistant Director Strategic Commissioning, Lambeth PCT (Chair)
Barbara Smith	Interim Head of Strategy & Commissioning – Lambeth ACS
Richard Croydon	Commissioning Officer – Lambeth PCT
Hannah Gordon	User Involvement Worker – DASL/Age Concern Lambeth
David Worrall	Commissioning Officer, Supporting People, Lambeth
Philip Segurola	Interim Head of Specialist Services, Lambeth ACS
Amanda Goulding	Home Improvement Agency Manager – Lambeth Regeneration & Housing
Ann Potton	Principal Occupational Therapist, Lambeth ACS
Donna Arthurs	Administrator, Lambeth ACS (Minutes)
Jim Heron	Strategic Commissioning Officer, Lambeth ACS
Sarah Yandell	Health & Social Care Officer, LVAC
Diarmid Swainson	Policy Innovation Officer, Lambeth First
Tony Pilkinton	
Margaret Farrel	Service Manager, DASL
John Pryor	Representative of LMHADG
Keith Edmondson	Centre Manager, Lambeth Resource Centre
Peter Drake	Senior Housing Partnership Officer, LBL

Apologies:

David Strong Director, DASL (Co-Chair)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

All were welcomed and introduced.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20TH MAY 2008

The minutes of the May meeting were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Housing Strategy

Peter Drake has spoken to the Policy Officer regarding the issues discussed at the last Partnership Board. After wider consultation has taken place he will have a chance to advise the Board further.

Action : Peter Drake will circulate the report to everyone on mailing list

b) Status of Lambeth PCT Disabilities Equality Scheme

David Strong agreed to speak to Una Dalton at the PCT about how disability will be treated within the new Scheme.

Action – To be picked up

c) Carers Strategy

The Carers Launch is in progress and the Carer of the Year Award is being advertised.

d) The Housing Strategy - Current Housing issues affecting disabled people

Liz has formally responded on behalf of the Board to the consultation. A final letter has been sent to the person leading on the Strategy.

e) The Board's Draft Interim Strategy Delivery Plan 2008/09

Liz has not done much work on this but is in the process of pulling together a joint commissioning action plan by the end of the month. Any gaps will be taken back to JECG.

4. LAMBETH'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND THE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

Diarmid Swainson, Lambeth First presented this item and gave a brief overview on Lambeth's Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.

The Strategy is owned and developed by Lambeth's First. The Strategy has a vision for Lambeth that it is a diverse, dynamic and enterprising borough in London by 2020. There are 7 sustainable outcomes which the Strategy will deliver. The key focus is Worklessness for people who are out of work and want a job (Lambeth's definition includes full-time and voluntary working). The Local Area Agreement 2008-2011 will be our first three-year action plan linked to this strategy. The LAA has 35 indicators.

Resources

There is no new funding. The Area Based Grant is allocated. The Area Based Grant is a 3 year grant based around LAA.

While funding for projects is committed Lambeth First are looking for input and innovation from all partners. There's a need to work in partnership to use existing resources better.

New ideas through discussion at Boards is needed. This board can be used.

Liz reported that a meeting??? was held yesterday. Worklessness was discussed. Concentrates on 3 areas, Learning Disabilities client group, Secondary Mental Health Care, Invalidity Benefit (gap in knowledge). Targets and Delivery. Indicators discussion. Learning Disability has a different partnership. Carers should be there.??????

Margaret stated that local disabled people need to be engaged in all of this. How are targets on a quality basis judged? Numbers don't always show the reality. Also user led organisations should be engaged in delivering some of this.

Diarmid agreed that numbers and quality are an issue and need to be developed better.

Liz has final cut in LAA submission.

Action – Liz will circulate to Board members

Phillip stated that indicators should be central to main stream ????????
Housing need to be looked at also.

Barbara informed that Lambeth are trying to look at indicators for this Board. What is our contribution and action plans?

Diarmid informed that assessment and performance will be collected quarterly and annually and that each indicator has a dedicated contact person.

Action – Diarmid will circulate presentation and details of relevant Contact people.

Liz informed of the Working Neighbourhood Fund.

There are 3 priority areas.

Health & Wellbeing has been allocated £200,000.

Action – Email any comments/suggestions to Liz within a week.

5. REPORTS FROM BOARD SUB GROUPS

a) Sensory Sub Group

Philip updated the Board following the Sensory Sub-Group Meeting on 9.7.08.

Mobile Sight Loss Information Service for the Visually impaired

Action for the Blind has arranged for a vehicle to be brought into Lambeth on 5th August 2008 which will be located by Brixton Library. This could be an annual event. Publicity will be done by Action for the Blind and will work alongside LBL Commissioning.

Action – Hannah will circulate information about the service

Action Plan/Work Programme

This has been revised and two items have been taken out. The Group is currently looking at the general direction for people with a sensory impairment and doing specific work with deaf/blind people.

Employment Service

RAD's proposal is being looked into for support in setting up an Employment Service in Lambeth for people with a deaf impairment getting into employment.

b) ICES

Richard updated.

The ICES specification is completed. The pricing schedule and evaluation criteria are being finalised. The re-tendering process will be going out later this month. Shortlisting will be in September, then the interview process and mobilising period. It is proposed to start the new service in April 09.

Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham are the existing providers. The PCT's existing performance target is 100%. Delivery of equipment target has not been met. There are a number of issues. We are negotiating how we are going to manage risk to performance. Lambeth is deciding on a procurement option. Lewisham Council and the PCT are currently tendering their ICES service. Lambeth had originally planned to work alongside Lewisham, however it has not been possible to streamline their timescale. The scope of the Lambeth specification is bigger than Lewisham.

c) Direct Payments Network

Margaret Farrel updated.

Jamie Nevin, Divisional Director of Personalising Services (LBL) attended the meeting.

There is an ongoing problem with people with Mental Health going onto Direct Payments. Jamie will be speaking to stakeholders.

There is also an issue with charging and how it will be applied to people on Direct Payments. An options paper has been written and talks about different proposals which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Liz stated that with the Worklessness agenda it may be an opportunity for people to get on Direct Payments to get into this field.

d) Housing Sub Group

David Worrall updated.

There has been no meeting since the last Partnership Board Meeting. Access to Choice Based Lettings is the main issue.

Action – David to speak with Amanda and Vivienne

The Choice Based Lettings Scheme is currently being reviewed. Choice Based Lettings Project Group put in a proposal for funding from the HIA to develop a multifunction team, to identify properties suitable for adaptation and the bid was turned down.

Supporting people can consider funding based on creating independence for disabled people. David will do costings.

Phillip reported that there is a Judicial review going on and the case could end up going to court.

There is also a wider issue with St. Bedes.

Action - Housing related issues need to be high on the agenda.

6. JOINT VISION FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE

Paper circulated.

Liz Updated.

The document sets out the strategic vision and direction of travel for Lambeth's intermediate care services for the next 3 years.

It gives the opportunity to join services up in a more coherent way.

- The PCT has invested £3 million in Lambeth's Intermediate Care Services.
- The Intermediate Care Project Board will drive this work forward.
- The aim is to get the work done over the Autumn to form an operating plan.
- A Project Manager will be appointed.

Action – Liz will circulate Project Board work streams

Action – Any comments on vision to Liz by end of July. Questions can be emailed.

7. IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN STROKE SERVICES

Paper circulated.

Liz Updated.

The paper relates to the launch of the National Stroke Strategy 2007.

The structure is divided into 20 quality markers and will hit on 10 key areas.

Liz is doing a Benchmarking exercise.

There is still more work to do eg. Raising awareness, ongoing community support, access to work.

Information can be downloaded from the Stroke Organisation.

Action – The Board to read and give feedback to Liz.

8. UPDATE ON REVIEW OF LAMBETH RESOURCE CENTRE

Jim updated.

The report is complete but not signed off as yet. It fits in with Personalised Care. How we might fit in the Stroke Service is not included.

Action – Jim will do presentation at next meeting

9. DISABILITY ADVICE SERVICE LAMBETH PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH USER-LED ORGANISATION FUND

Margaret informed that DASL is applying to the DOH User-Led Organisation Fund for funding to look at developing a pan-disability, all-age User Led Organisation in Lambeth.

The Department of Health has established a project to address the recommendation in Improving the Life Chances of Disabled People (2005) that by 2010 each locality should have a user-led organisation modelled on existing Centres of Independent Living.

The involvement of disabled people, carers and other people who use support and their organisations has been central to the project, and in shaping the proposed way forward.

A new User-led Organisations Development Fund is available for user-led organisations to apply to deliver Action and Learning Sites up to March 2009. These will develop ways of becoming an organisation that meets the Life Chances recommendation and then share learning with other organisations and groups across the country.

Applications need to be in by end of the month.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Phillip

Targets for the Board

There are 6 key targets for the Board which are achievable and measurable.

1. Complete successful retendering of ICES Contract
2. Increase the number of Carer Assessments
3. Increase take up of Direct Payments/Individualised budgets
4. Creation of Service User Group
5. Reduce the number of PSPD in residential/nursing care
6. Development of Housing Options

The next Strategy Group is in 2 weeks on Friday.

Action - Phillip to circulate Key targets for the Board to Donna who will circulate to members of the Board for feedback by 1.8.08.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23rd September 2008, 336 Brixton Road.

The meeting in November will be joint with the Older Persons Partnership Board to discuss Personalising Services.

Action - Anybody with items for the Agenda to let Liz know.

Big thanks to Hannah from the Board for all her work in her role as User Involvement Worker. Hannah will be leaving on 8th August to train as a Teacher.