

Lambeth Learning Disability Partnership Board March 16th 2006 at the Town Hall

People at the meeting



Chris Lee, (Co Chair)

Wenda Gordon, (Co Chair)

Robert Nicholls, Learning Disabilities Service Manager

John Roog, Lambeth Adult and Community services

Anne Bowman, Register Services

Boz Borowy, Lambeth Mencap

Bernard Corless, Adult Learning

Mary Wells, (High support needs champion) Carer rep

Debra Phipps, People First

Suzanne Rider, Service user rep

Juliet Amoa, (Ethnicity champion) Learning Disability Team

Andrew Preston, Provider forum rep

Terry Tancock, Service user rep

Rhys Price, People First

Sheila Biddlecombe, Lambeth Mencap

Sydney Cort, Carer rep

Derek Hill, Lambeth carer

Fran Pitcher, Learning Disability Team Commissioning

Chris Pasmore, Day service manager

Beverly Brown, Learning Disability Team

Joan Smith, Learning Disability Team

Anne Worthington, Learning Disability Team

People who couldn't attend and sent their apologies

Keith Posner, Mencap Pathway

Sue Culling, South London and Maudsley (SLAM)

Jane Burnett, Lambeth College

Tessy Egesi, Carer rep



Welcomes

Interim Chair Boz Borowy introduced Chris Lee and Wenda Gordon as the new Co-Chairs of the Partnership Board.



The Board welcomed Chris and Wenda.

Two new service user reps have also become members of the Partnership Board: Suzanne Rider and Terry Tancock.

1. Planning Day

Members of the Partnership Board met on 6th February to discuss how the Partnership Board is going and how it could be better.

The three main action points are:

1. Set the Agendas well before the meeting
2. How do we keep up to date with the work of all the sub-groups and is the work they do a way of cutting down on all the items on the agenda for the Partnership Board
3. Accessibility (making sure things are easy to understand and meetings are easy to get to)



Agendas

A planning group has been put together to set agenda's for future meetings.

Sub groups

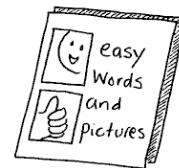


There will be a sub group performance management update that Fran Pitcher will collate. This will say how sub groups are doing. This will be presented to the Partnership Board every other meeting.

Also Tom is to collate a list from Sub groups showing bullet points of their aims. This will be circulated for the May meeting.

Accessibility

Tom to work with Friendly group to make hints and tips list of how people can make presentations easier to understand.



Care homes and Day services to look at transport issues.

Planning group to look at other venues.

Questions

Mary Wells asked if a contacts sheet of Partnership Board members could be collated? Also this should include Sub groups and the lead officers.



ACTION POINT 1: Tom to collate Learning Disability Partnership Board and sub group contact list - Tom Cullen

Could the Board have an update on the Communication Project?

Rhys Price will be presenting an update on the Communication Project at the next meeting.

2. Action Points from the last meeting



a. Education sub group

Education sub group set up

b. Service user and carer rep's

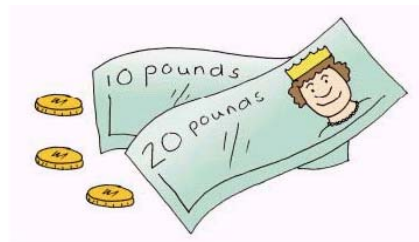
Sue Culling and the Carer Forum have spoken but the Friendly group yet to talk to Sue.

c. Care management presentation

Update to be given at next meeting once Health and Social care teams are working together

d. Budget

Learning Disability Team has put in a bid for additional funding - around 1.9 Million pounds.



There has been a clear indication from Lambeth Council that over spend will not be tolerated.

Fran Pitcher and Sue Joyce have been successful with the Capital bidding process and have secured just over 2 million pounds for the development of Day Services and Respite, which will be in borough.

John Roog wanted to inform the board that Lambeth Council trusted that the Learning Disability Team have clear information on their financial situation. The Learning Disability Team also need to show that they are managing the budget well.

The Board thanks Robert Nicholls, Fran, Sue and everyone involved for working to secure the extra funding.

Also the Learning Disability Team are talking to the PCT about the joint funding.

e. In Control

On the March agenda

3. Public Questions

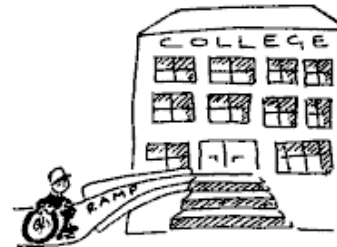


a. Friendly group question

We would like education to give us information on how many people leave education and get work and the age cut off point for People with Learning Disabilities to continue attending college.

Jane Burnett from Lambeth College responded:

- Progression into work is a very challenging issue for us.
- There are very few opportunities within Lambeth for this type of progression.
- The plan for people's future needs to be done in partnership with Social Services, through the PCP process.
- There is no formal age cut off as we have the ACL provision (Bernard was on hand to inform the board that ACL means **A**dult and **C**ommunity Learning). I think progression on from College is something that needs to be addressed at the partnership board and through the education sub group.



Derek Hill made the point that there are also some people that would like to stay in college, learn and achieve.

The Board urged people responding to public questions to try to make them easier to understand and limit the use of jargon. Chris Lee thanked Jane for her response

b. Question from Hugh Nelson

- We all want people with learning disabilities to have good lives.
- People with learning disabilities have the same rights as everyone else
- Everyone agrees that person centred planning is important
- Lambeth want to move 2 elderly people with learning disabilities out of their homes because it costs too much.
- They do not want to move.
- Their friends think it would be dangerous for them to move.
- I want to know if Lambeth are doing this with lots of people
- I want to know if this is person centred.



Hugh understands that Lambeth doesn't have a lot of money but some things should not be financially led.

Response

Robert Nicholls knows about the specific situation.

Allot of work on transitions has been done but older persons also needs to be looked at.

In the coming years there is going to be a 30% increase of People aged 60 and over with a Learning Disability.

Why are people being moved back to Lambeth?

- People have asked to move back to Lambeth.
- Homes have closed

Local Services for older people with Learning Disabilities need to be better. Fran Pitcher will be looking at how we will develop local services for older people with Learning Disabilities.

ACTION POINT 2: Developing services for older people with Learning Disabilities to be looked at at the Providers Forum - Andrew Preston (provider forum rep)

Questions

When a person with Learning Disabilities becomes older, does the responsibility lie with Older persons or Learning Disabilities?



The priority is if someone has a Learning Disability. There is no policy in place that states someone should move over to Older Persons.

It was suggested that a link with Older Persons would be useful, a formal meeting would be ideal.

Anne Bowman and Hugh Nelson would like to be part of the forum.

Also support for older people with Learning Disabilities from Ethnic backgrounds needs to be looked.

ACTION POINT 3: Learning Disabilities and Older Persons forum to be set up - Robert Nicholls

4. In control

Robert Nicholls gave a presentation about In Control



The Government has produced plans to change social care services over the next 10 to 15 years.



It says people should have more independence, choice and control over the way they get services. Direct payments and individual budgets should help with this.

There are seven steps to In Control:

1. Assessment - are you entitled?
2. Making a plan - You choose
3. Getting the plan agreed - making sure plan is right for you
4. Getting money for support - Looking at money available to you
5. Organising support - Choosing who helps you
6. Making sure support suits you - Is it right for you?
7. Being accountable - Having your say and reviewing your situation



In Lambeth Bernie Ward is the lead officer for In Control and we are looking to raise awareness in Lambeth.

There is an In Control group in place.

Questions:

Would In Control conflict with Direct Payments?

Answer: Direct Payments would be used as part of In control.



Are Transitions the focus for In Control?

Answer: At the moment Transitions is a key area but will not be the only main focus.

How do people volunteer for In control?

The In Control group are looking at how people can request to be part of In Control.

Minutes of the last meeting said In Control may save money but the presentation said services might cost more?

Answer: Robert said this was more to do with saving money on reducing the number of people living in High Cost residential care home placements.

In Control says it should be Person Centred so what about people who live out of the Borough that do not want to move back to Lambeth?

Answer: In Control is not for everyone but some people would want to move back to Lambeth.

There is lots of information about In Control on the website:
www.in-control.org.uk

5. Valuing Families

Gloria O'Flaherty from Royal Mencap introduced the Valuing Families tool kit.



- Gloria attends Partnership Boards across the UK.
- Some Partnership Boards are doing ok
- Valuing People and Royal Mencap are monitoring who is using/ implementing the Valuing Families tool kit.

Lambeth is progressing in some areas.

The main area that needs to be improved is to have a named service co-ordinator.

Sheila Biddlecombe then gave a presentation on Lambeth family issues

The presentation looked at:

- What Valuing People says
- Carer support in Lambeth
- Older carers
- Named co-ordinator - There are going to be meetings with Health and Social services about getting a named co-ordinator. Do the Partnership Board have any thoughts on who the named co-ordinator could be?
- Emergency contact

- Carers assessments
- Breaks - Currently there are Mencap Breaks, Warham Road and Home placement. Anything else?
- Carer reps - Some carers cannot attend meetings in the day
- High support needs
- Information - There should be a centralised place that holds contact information. National and local telephone numbers. List of places to get information. Maybe the Carers Resource Centre in the new Landmark Building? Information to diverse communities and families not known to social services.
- Training
- Needs of Families from culturally diverse communities
- Cultural Diversity
- Family Carers' Health

Question:

Do people have an emergency plan in their care plan?

No but people have a person to contact in an emergency.

<p>ACTION POINT 4: Please contact Sheila directly with feedback, comments and ideas - The Board</p>
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6. Total Communication

The map squad has started work on producing the map. This will show what services and facilities are available in Lambeth in an easy to understand way.



Communication group meetings:

Best Practice

26 April 2006 Lambeth Accord 1.00 -3.00

People with High Support Needs

21 June 2006 Lambeth Accord 1.00 - 3.00

Cheap resources or low Tec/no tec

23 August 2006 Lambeth Accord 1.00 - 3.00

Printed Materials

25 October 2006 Lambeth Accord 1.00 - 3.00

One Day Conference

13 December 2006 Lambeth Accord 10.00 - 3.30

Question:

People's whose second language is English needs to be looked at as a specific issue.

It was confirmed that this is important and a main ongoing issue of the communication project.

ACTION POINT 5: Contact Rhys at People First if you would like to attend any of the events - The Board

7. Health & Social care partnership Strategy

- The Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) look at how we work.
- They look at all services: Older persons, Mental Health, Physical Disabilities, Learning Disabilities...
- The HSCP has a plan.
- The Partnership Board needs to take the HSCP ideas into account
- We need to look at what is working well?



ACTION POINT 6: John Roog will bring back an outline of what is working well - John Roog

8. Any Other Business

a. Hyde Housing Shared Ownership scheme

Hyde Housing informed the Partnership Board about the new Shared Ownership scheme for people with learning disabilities.



Criteria (who can join the scheme)

- Person needs to have a Learning Disability
- Aged 18 - 60
- Referred from Care Management
- In receipt of Income Support (and will be for life)
- Willing to work with housing support officer

There is a set up fee of £3000. In other boroughs Social Services have paid this fee.

This scheme has been successful in Bromley and hopefully it will be the same in Lambeth.

b. Landmark update

Builders are on site and things are on target.

c. Health Action Plan training

There is to be Health Action Plan training at Guys hospital for carers and service users.

d. Abbevilles restaurant

The Employment forum would like to know if there is an update regarding the Abbevilles situation.

John Roog has questioned the Council and highlighted the question with Action Chief Exec Andrew Webster.

ACTION POINT 7: John Roog to give Abbevilles update at next meeting - John Roog

e. LDDF

Where is money going to go?

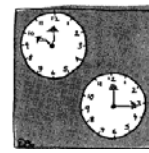
ACTION POINT 8: Partnership Board to write to the PCT regarding LDDF clarification - Robert Nicholls to draft

f. Ethnicity Training

Race awareness training has been suggested to the Partnership Board in the past. Juliet asked the Board if they would prefer an event for the whole Board or another type of training.

9. Next meeting

18th May 2006



10.00 - 13.00

Teas and coffees from 10.00 with the meeting starting at 10.30 sharp.

Meeting to be held in Room 8 at the Town Hall in Brixton