

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
LAMBETH DISABILITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Held at 336 BRIXTON ROAD  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008**

**Present:**

Liz Clegg	Assistant Director Strategic Commissioning, Lambeth PCT
Barbara Smith	Interim Head of Strategy & Commissioning – Lambeth ACS (Co-Chair)
David Strong	Director, DASL (Co-Chair)
Richard Croydon	Commissioning Officer – Lambeth PCT
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
Donna Arthurs	Administrator, Lambeth ACS (Minutes)
Jim Heron	Strategic Commissioning Officer, Lambeth ACS
John Pryor	Representative of LMHDPAG
Emma Tait	Independent Consultant
Sarah Yandell	Health & Social Care Officer, LVAC
Vivien McKnight	Equalities Manager, LBL Regeneration & Housing

**Apologies:**

None

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

All were welcomed and introduced.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

The minutes of the July meeting were agreed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

a) Housing Strategy

Since July there has been another version of the Strategy. The Strategy has been looked at in detail by the Disabilities Board Sub Group and a further response with detailed comments was sent, which was received and welcomed by Housing who are looking at incorporating the comments.

There will be further consultation, the strategy will then go to Cabinet in November and there will then be an action plan and annual updates.

The Board requested sight of the Equalities Impact Assessment that was carried out by David Brown.

**Action – Vivien to circulate copy of the Equalities Impact Assessment to Board members and keep the Board updated.**

b) Lambeth PCT Disabilities Equality Scheme

David S had contacted Una Dalton at the PCT. The PCT is developing a Single Equalities Scheme incorporating disability equality requirements. It had been agreed that Sarah Corlett, consultant in public health at the PCT, would attend January Board to discuss widening participation of disabled people in the PCT's work and other issues.

**Action – David to brief Sarah Corlett for Board presentation.**

c) Carers Strategy

Barbara reported that implementation has started. The Carer of the Year Award Ceremony will be held early October. Carers Hub services commissioning – draft specs have gone out to the Voluntary Sector for comment before it goes out to formal procurement process. The virtual hub should be up and running by July 2009 and the building launch early 2010. The Emergency Respite Scheme would be launched at a Carers event in October. The Fix Yourself A Break programme of £200 grants to individual carers would be available again, administered by the Council.

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

Liz reported on the Older People and Physical Disabilities Joint Executive Commissioning & Performance Group's (JECPG) objectives and delivery plan for 08/09 and circulated a spreadsheet being used to summarise and monitor this.

Key areas for the Disabilities Board were :

Assistive Technology – the Careline service had been audited and it would be included in the community equipment tender to help mainstream it.

Extra Care – more work was being done to develop alternative housing options for younger disabled people in the light of Individual Budgets.

Community Meals service – has gone out to tender.

End of Life Care - working with Marie Curie Delivering Choice (MCDC) programme which covers 6 SE London boroughs. This work will be

subsumed in the new Lambeth and Southwark End of Life Modernisation Initiative being funded by Guy's & St Thomas' Charity.

Other areas of commissioning [eg for stroke services] were being pursued.

Philip reported on the 6 key targets which had been set for social care in the Board's area in 2008/09.

**Action - The JECPG to continue to provide the Board with information on progress on the Delivery plan.**

e) User Involvement Worker

David S reported that DASL and Age Concern had appointed to the User Involvement Worker Disabled and Older People post and Richard Farnos would be starting on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

f) DH User-Led Organisations Fund

David S reported that, unfortunately, DASL's application in partnership with other local disability organisations to round 2 of the Department of Health's User-Led Organisations Fund had not been successful.

g) Intermediate Care Strategy

Liz reported that Yvonne McWeam had been appointed as project manager and would be developing a specification for 2009/10 by the end of March.

**Action – Yvonne to be invited to January Board**

h) Lambeth Local Area Agreement

Further to the presentation Philip said that he would speak to Maria Burton to find out if any resources would be available for the Board's client group from the Worklessness Fund. It was understood that this was mainly being targeted at mental health and learning disability areas.

**4. JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR YOUNGER ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL AND SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS 2009-20014**

Emma Tait reported. She had been appointed as a consultant for this piece of work and would be drafting a new year 5 year Joint Commissioning Strategy for Younger Adults with Physical and Sensory Impairments 2009/20014 for consultation in collaboration with the Board. The current strategy ends in

2009. She had been meeting with the Strategy Sub-Group which was acting as a reference group for her work.

Emma presented an outline of the project brief and a discussion paper on definitions of disability.

From her discussions with the Strategy Sub-Group there were some emerging issues which showed that this would be a complex piece of work including :

- Clarification of the involvement of the PCT in developing the Strategy
- Defining the scope in terms of definitions of disabled people and relevant long-term conditions
- Difficulties in collecting some of the demographic and disability data which was required for the evidence base
- Relationship to the Council's corporate Disability Equality Scheme and individual service departments' DES action plans.
- Challenge of achieving effective user and carer involvement given the difficulties the Board had found in this area
- Timetable – it would not now be achievable to have a new Strategy in place for April 2009 if the process is to be done properly and, at this stage, the aim was to have a final draft ready by May.

It was agreed that :

The good practice developed through the Older Peoples and the Carers' Strategies should be used as a framework for this piece of work.

The User Involvement Worker would be a key resource in reaching target audiences of disabled people and there may be potential to promote the Strategy through the Lambeth LINK and through LVAC's Health and Social Care Officer as well.

Emma will continue to build up evidence data, the analysis of the national and local policy drivers etc. She would liaise with the Strategy Sub-Group for further guidance and support with the work. Further thought to be given to a working definition of disability for the purposes of the Strategy.

**Action : Emma to attend January Board for update report and consultation.**

## **5. PRESENTATION ON REVIEW OF LAMBETH RESOURCE CENTRE**

Jim Heron presented a summary of key findings. The full review had still to be cleared by George Marshman before it could be circulated to the Board.

The aim was to have a clear specification for the role and services provided through the Centre and to link this in properly to commissioning and move towards more personalised services.

Specific actions recommended included :

- Increase activities available for younger disabled people, especially leisure and employment related
- Improve user involvement in the running of the Centre and its services
- Develop existing client care plans into individual service plans
- Enhance the rehabilitation role of the Centre's work – eg vocational [eg links to Lambeth College] and access to physio and speech therapies

Liz said that the PCT would welcome more information on expected outcomes and be clear about how user involvement might be developed.

There was also reference to the review of Lambeth social care services for people with physical and sensory impairments carried out by Bob Welch in May which also made recommendations about the Centre. The Board was awaiting information about the content of Bob Welch's review.

**Action : Full LRC review to be presented at January Board**

## **6. UPDATES FROM BOARD SUB GROUPS**

### **a) Sensory Services**

Philip updated the Board following the Sensory Sub-Group Meeting on 10.9.08.

Action for Blind People's Mobile Sight Loss Information Service for the Visually Impaired bus had made a successful visit to Brixton on 5<sup>th</sup> August with 80 people visiting. The group would be liaising with ABP to schedule two visits a year at different venues.

### **b) ICES**

Richard reported that tenders had been advertised with interviews to be held 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October. Final contract award January 2009 with the service to start from April 2009.

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

25<sup>th</sup> November 2008, joint meeting with the Older Persons Action Board with Jamie Nevin present to discuss personalising services. [NB Meeting later cancelled]