

## **LAMBETH DISABILITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Held at Gracefield Gardens Customer Service Centre  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

### **Present:**

Liz Clegg	Assistant Director Strategic Commissioning, Lambeth PCT (Co-Chair)
David Strong	Director, DASL (Co-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
Philip Segurola	Interim Head of Specialist Services, Lambeth ACS
Amanda Goulding	Home Improvement Agency Manager – Lambeth Regeneration & Housing
Vivienne McKnight	Equalities Manager – Lambeth Regeneration & Housing
Ann Potton	Principal Occupational Therapist, Lambeth ACS
Donna Arthurs	Administrator, Lambeth ACS (Minutes)

### **Apologies:**

Kate Hargreaves	Local Area Agreement Programme Manager
Barbara Collis	Director, Lambeth Carers

### **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

All were welcomed and introduced.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007**

It was noted that the January 2008 meeting had been cancelled. The minutes of the September meeting were agreed.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

a) Access to Phoenix House for disabled people

**Action : Phillip to follow up outstanding issues with Pete McDonach [Hannah to forward his contact details].**

b) Transport Meeting

Hannah presented her written report on the December meeting for users and staff of the Accessible Transport Unit which she had facilitated. Eight users attended. The main discussion had been about eligibility of mental health service users for the Freedom Pass under the discretionary criteria. Although there had been useful aspects to the meeting it had not been a particularly effective way of engaging users with the issues. There was agreement that a larger event cutting across client groups and involving a range of transport service providers and policy makers relevant to disabled and older people should be explored. This could be programmed for September / October : the Disabilities Board could lead but should seek support from the Health & Social Care Partnership.

**Action : Event to be discussed further by Strategy Sub-Group**

c) Status of Lambeth PCT Disabilities Equality Scheme

The action was that a letter from the Board was to be sent to the PCT about their DES which appears not to have yet been published.

**Action : David S to write to Una Dalton at the PCT about this issue.**

d) User Involvement Service

There has been a further meeting of the steering group for the Service and Hannah's work plan has been finalised and will be circulated. Key areas of Hannah's work programme will be discussed at next Board.

**Action : Hannah to circulate Work Programme for next Board meeting**

e) Carers Strategy

Barbara reported that the consultation had been completed, an update had been given to the Health Scrutiny Board on the 6<sup>th</sup> March and a re-write to incorporate investment decisions was being undertaken. The Strategy would go to Council Cabinet and the PCT Board at the end of April and there would be a launch during Carers Week in June.

Donna Wiggins (LBL) had been seconded part time to develop the Carers specification for the Carers' 'Hub' and the Emergency Respite Scheme over the next 6 months. There would be a steering group and a carers' Reference Group.

**Action : Barbara to consult Disabilities Board on draft specs**

f) Assistive Technology

Liz encouraged more people to visit the show flat [contact Manuella Schuette to arrange]. An Assistive Technology Launch for Lambeth is being planned for 13/10/08 at Lingham Court. Ivan Lewis will be the main speaker, with Derek Anderson and Councillors Steve Reed and Lorna Campbell also attending.

**Action – Barbara to bring draft Assistive Technology Strategy to May Board.**

g) Update on Self Directed Care/ACS Structure

Philip updated the meeting.

Interviews had taken place yesterday for post of Divisional Director for Personalising Services [Self Directed Care].

Helen Charlesworth-May had been made permanent in the post of Divisional Director Strategy & Commissioning and interviews were taking place for the permanent post of Director of Resources.

George Marshman, Divisional Director of Adult Services would return to work in early April. The structure under George was being put into place. He would have two Assistant Directors, both interim :

- Dominic Stanton [Adults – mental health, learning disability, substance misuse]
- David Alexander [Disabled and Older People], starting April

Reporting to David Alexander would be two service managers :

- Philip Segurola [Under 65s care management; occupational therapy; Accessible Transport Unit; day services [Lambeth resource Centre, Central Hill, Stockwell]
- Janice Walkley [Older persons care management; Supported accommodation]

#### **4. REPORTS FROM BOARD SUBGROUPS**

##### **a) Housing Sub-Group**

Amanda reported that the last meeting had not been well attended but there were some important issues on which progress was needed from a disabilities perspective including :

- Adaptations

- Coordination of voids
- Choice-Based Lettings – a service is needed to support people to make bids under the new system

Amanda also reported that there was revised guidance on Disabled facilities Grants and that Lambeth's Private Housing Assistance Programme policy was being revised.

Philip suggested he have a more in-depth discussion with Amanda including possibility of funding a pilot scheme to address some of these issues to reduce problems with delayed discharges.

**Action : Philip to meet with Amanda**

**Action : Board to have a fuller discussion of housing issues at May meeting**

### **b) Sensory Sub Group**

The group would be meeting today. David Rose, the new Council Communications Manager, would be attending today's meeting to discuss communication needs of clients with sensory impairments.

A replacement Rehabilitation Officer for people with visual impairments was expected to start in mid April. There was a backlog of 44 people awaiting a sensory assessment : Philip said that he would be looking at contracting out rehab equipment /mobility assessment work to deal with this.

### **c) ICES**

Richard Croydon reported that there was now a Tender Specification Group and that tendering had been put back to April with an extension of the existing service to the end of September as the current provider was now meeting targets. The tender would cover equipment, assistive technology, paediatric equipment and installation and adaptation work through a handyperson service. The Group was also exploring whether provision of a display and demonstration centre including a retail facility could be built in to the tender.

David W clarified that Age Concern's existing handyperson contract will cover all age groups [not just older people] from April 2009 through Supporting People funding.

Philip said he was interested to talk to David W about whether the service to younger disabled people which Age Concern was providing prior to the voluntary sector funding cuts in April 2007 could be funded again in 2008/09.

#### d) Direct Payments Network

Minutes of a very well attended meeting in January had been circulated previously and Philip and David S reported briefly on the main action points. The next meeting would be in April.

#### 5. STOCKTAKE OF PROGRESS ON ABILITY, CHOICE AND INDEPENDENCE, THE BOARD'S JOINT STRATEGY 2005-09 / STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE DISABILITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD

There was a brief update report on progress being made on this item. It was agreed that the Strategy Sub-Group would consider further at its next meeting how to take this issue forward in terms of the Board's Action Plan for 2008/09 and any revision needed to the Strategy itself.

**Action : Strategy Sub-Group**

#### 6. PROGRAMME OF BOARD MEETINGS IN 2008

The Board agreed in principle the following programme for meetings for the remainder of the year :

20 <sup>th</sup> May [Gracefield Gardens]	<b>Housing issues</b>
	<b>Board Strategy Delivery Plan 08/09</b>
	<b>Assistive Technology Strategy consultation</b>
	<b>User Involvement Work Plan</b>
	<b>Lambeth Resource Centre Review</b>
	<b>Stroke Services Update</b> - overview of service developments following Modernisation Initiative
	Initial look at Office for Disability Issues <b>Independent Living Strategy</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> July [Lambeth Resource Centre]	Local Area Agreement – developing the worklessness theme re: disabled people [joined up services to support people into work, workforce issues]
	Initial discussion about Personalised Services/Self-Directed Care
23 <sup>rd</sup> September [336 Brixton Rd]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Main item : Self-Directed Support / Care</li><li>• Further discussion of Local Area Agreement</li></ul>
25 <sup>th</sup> November [Lambeth Resource Centre]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Follow up to September/October transport event</li><li>• Independent Living Strategy / Progressing the '<i>Improving the Life Chances of Disabled People</i>' commitment that by 2010, each locality will have a user-led organisation modelled on existing Centres for Independent Living (CILs)</li></ul>

**Action : Strategy Sub-Group to plan agendas in more detail.**

## **7. LAMBETH LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

Kate Hargreaves, LAA Programme Manager, was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a briefing paper and there was a short discussion. The importance of transport in making it possible for more disabled people to take up training and employment was highlighted. Board members were encouraged to contact Kate with questions.

**Action : David S to invite Kate back to a future Board meeting.**

## **8. UPDATE ON REVIEW OF LAMBETH RESOURCE CENTRE**

Barbara and Philip reported.

Consultation had been largely completed although Philip said a meeting might be arranged with voluntary organisations and the views of Health physios and OTs were still being sought. Views were being collated and analysed. The review team had looked at examples of day services in Southwark [Aylesbury] and Wandsworth and would be contacting Peterborough. David S referred to a recent review of day services in Croydon which would be useful to follow up. Philip clarified that a review/reassessment of existing LRC clients had not been within the review's scope.

A first draft would be ready by early April. Key messages which were emerging were the need for better synergies with Health, more links to adult education and other community opportunities and better pathways to re-integration into mainstream services.

**Action : Philip - Draft review to be discussed at next Board**

## **9. LAMBETH AND SOUTHWARK STROKE USER INVOLVEMENT NETWORK**

David S spoke to a paper outlining the situation with the new Network which DASL has been funded to coordinate for the next 3 years, working with Blackfriars Settlement as a lead voluntary sector partner for Southwark. This would build on innovative user involvement work, including a peer support service and involvement in the training of health and social care professionals. Which had taken place under the Stroke Modernisation Initiative over the past 3 years.

David explained the next steps as being :

- Appointing a part-time Coordinator at DASL

- Encouraging people with stroke, carers and professionals to join up to the Network and raising its profile through publicity and visiting key teams
- Sustaining and growing the peer support service
- Ensuring that users continue to be involved in training and extending their involvement with GPs and other key professional groups

David encouraged Board members to speak to colleagues about the Network and put them in touch with him. A variety of information and publications produced under the SMI project are available from DASL.

Liz proposed that the Board take a broad look at what has been achieved in stroke services through the SMI over the past 3 years, relating this to the requirements of the new national Stroke Strategy. It was also vital that there be greater involvement of Lambeth social care staff in these developments.

**Action : Stroke services stocktake for next Board**

#### **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008, Gracefields Gardens, Customer Service Centre**