

Lambeth Learning Disability Partnership Board

20th July 2006 Town Hall

People who attended the meeting

Chris Lee, (Co-Chair)

Suzanne Rider, Service user rep (Co-Chair)

Robert Nicholls, Learning Disabilities Service Manager

John Roog, Lambeth Adult and Community services

Boz Borowy, Lambeth Mencap

Debra Phipps, People First

Juliet Amoa, Cultural Diversity champion

Andrew Preston, Provider forum rep

Terry Taylor, Service user rep

Rhys Price, People First

Sheila Biddlecombe, Lambeth Mencap

Flo Grantham, Lambeth carer

Derek Hill, Lambeth carer

Fran Pitcher, Learning Disability Team Commissioning

Beverly Brown, Lambeth day services

Margaret Eyon, Lambeth service user

Tom Cullen, Partnership Board co-ordinator



Tessy Egesi, Lambeth carer
Jane Ingram, Southside Partnership
Anne Worthington, Adult Community Health Team
Keith Posner, Mencap Pathway
Ivor Picardo, Mencap Pathway (Employment Champion)
Bernard Corless, Adult Learning
Anne Bowman, Register Services
Mary Wells, Carer rep
Liz Lewry, Community Health Team
Cilla Wright, Advocacy Partners
Hannah Rapport, Lambeth Council
Neil Burton, Lambeth Service user
Manny Oraka, Lambeth service user
Lloyd Tate, Adult Community services
Kate Walton, Disability Advise Service Lambeth
Tony Benson, Choice Support

People who could not attend and sent their apologies

Wenda Gordon, Co-Chair
Sue Culling, SLAM
Denis O'Rourke, Primary Care Trust
Jane Burnett, Lambeth College
Dreenagh Lyle, (Complex needs champion) Lambeth carer





1. Chris Lee welcomed everyone to the Partnership Board.

2. As Wenda Gordon sent her apologies Suzanne Rider took over as Co-chair for the meeting.

1. Action Points from the last meeting

1. Voting for two extra Friendly Group reps - Not happened as yet
2. Respite Care - Brief update in Any Other Business
3. Cultural Diversity training - Juliet has had some contact with Ian Banner and a colleague of his at Lambeth Training. It seems they are unable to provide any sort of training in this area for some time; however Claire Wilcox in training has said she feels this is area she may be able to support us with. I will feed back in more detail at the November board
4. Day Services - On agenda
5. Lambeth Education Admissions

Adult and Community Learning (ACL)

For ACL we have no specific entry criteria. The purpose of ACL provision is to provide opportunities for Lifelong Learning.

Applicants need to be resident in the London Borough of Lambeth. Applicants are invited to complete an application form and are then invited in for a taster session. Currently we have very few places available due to the high demand for the provision.

Full time courses Admissions criteria vary depending on the

course being applied for and the level of the course. All applicants fill out an application form. We then write requesting the latest care plan/PCP (if adults) or school report. The person is then invited in for a taster day/interview and recommendations are made. Again, we have more applicants than places. At a recent meeting with Fran Pitcher and Kate Lawton we looked at the need to start the transition process for BSEC students earlier in the year so that they have more awareness of College courses and we can more closely assess and guide people. We also constantly review our courses and adapt our curriculum to meet student need.

6. Terms of Reference update - Not revised as yet
7. Physical Intervention policy - To be circulated
8. Budget - feedback at November meeting. Robert will be meeting with the PCT to clarify agreements.
9. Foundation trust feedback - Sue has sent her apologies for this meeting but will feedback at a future meeting or via email/ post.

ACTION POINT 1 - Budget from Robert Nicholls update at November meeting

2. Public Questions



1. The Partnership Board's High Support Needs Champion, Dreenagh Lyle has asked:

"What is happening regarding closure of classes. I am aware the very experienced music tutor at the Adare Centre has been cancelled. The pottery class at Vauxhall is going, The Cave have their funding suspended, The Redfern Centre has closed. All of this in light of a letter we have received from the principal of Clapham Centre telling us that Learning Provision has actually increased for adults with High Support Needs. HOW?"

Response from Jane Burnett Lambeth College:

This question is far more reaching than the provision at Lambeth College alone. I can only comment on those parts connected to the College.



At Lambeth College, some adjustments have been made to classes to ensure that learners' progress and needs are regularly reviewed. We have also had to make adjustments to the programme in the light of pending building works at the Clapham Centre, which means that the gardening class cannot continue. I can confirm that the pottery class at Vauxhall is continuing. Music is also continuing but with a different tutor.

The College is continuing to offer a school link programme to Cave. This has been a science programme for young people in Year 10/11 who attend Cave.

The College is continuing to meet the needs of learners with complex needs although cannot meet the full demand. The College has offered places to the young people who were at the

Redfearn Centre who wish to come. Places have also been offered to some pupils who had hoped to go to the Redfearn Centre next September. We are also working in partnership with Lansdowne School to provide a two-day programme for Year 12 pupils who are not able to manage the a full-time programme at the College.

The College has been participating in the London Central LSC Review of provision for learner with learning difficulties and/or disabilities in Lambeth and Southwark. This is looking at gaps in provision and how they can best be met. The College welcomes this review and looks forward to its final report.

- Bernard Corless is meeting with Lambeth College to decide the overall delivery of course and education in Lambeth. After this meeting the resource available will be clearer.
- There has been a 10% cut in Adult Community Learning
- Although there has been an overall increased number of courses across Lambeth
- Orchard Hill College cater for High Support Needs. There could be a local provision. Education sub group to discuss.

ACTION POINT 2 - Lambeth education delivery update from Bernard

ACTION POINT 3 - Decide Lambeth Partnership Board rep to attend the Jan 2007 London Partnership Board

ACTION POINT 4 - Education, Specific numbers/ places available from provision. Bernard and Jane Burnett to clarify

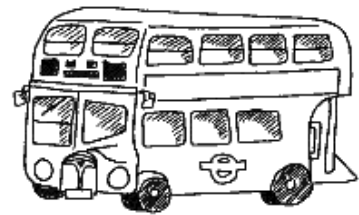
2. Our Service User rep Terry Taylor has asked:

"Can the papers for us to get new freedom passes be sent out earlier? Last time we had to go to Hopton House ourselves to get new freedom passes.

Some people had the papers sent in February. If you send them to some why don't you send them out to everyone?"

Response from Patricia Lewis, manager of Accessible Transport team:

All Freedom Passes were renewed automatically at the beginning according to instruction and guidelines from 'The Associate of London Governments & Transport for London, who are the bodies who govern the Freedom Passes. The people who had to collect them from Hopton House are the ones that were returned by the Post Office for non collection, or where people have moved away or changed address, and need to give us the proof of their new address.



This is why we notified all Freedom Passes holders in November as to what the procedure would be in the forthcoming reissue, and if their circumstances had changed was to inform us.

Freedom Passes are sent out in alphabetical order, hence ABC getting them at the beginning of the reissue ie February, and the latter part of the alphabet VWXYZ going out at the end of March Lambeth has in excess of 7000+ Freedom Pass holders.

3. Carer forum feedback

Pat Hood is a consultant from the Learning and Skills Council. She is doing a review of colleges in Southwark and Lambeth.

Pat Hood asked carers what they would like to see happening for people with learning disabilities at colleges, which currently isn't?



And what works and what doesn't?



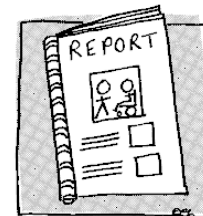
She was sad that people said Lambeth College is not meeting the individual needs of persons with learning disabilities especially people with high support needs.

She wants to hear about people's experiences.

Please send your views to Pat Hood at

pat.hood@btopenworld.com

She wants people to reply to her by the end of July. She is going to write a report.



Some carers asked for a place like Orchard Hill College in Lambeth. Orchard Hill College is a specialist college. It provides full-time and part-time education courses to meet the individual needs of adults with complex learning difficulties. It is in Wallington in Surrey.

Pat Hood said Lambeth might get something like Orchard Hill.

4. Work plan

Fran Pitcher spoke to the Board about ways we could develop our Work plan?



The big ideas are:

- How are we doing?
- What more do we need to do?
- Make sure people have a say!

It was suggested that we use the next Partnership Board to plan our Work Plan for 2006 - 2008.



The Board agreed that this would be a good idea.

An important part of our work plan is to make sure that all sub groups are meeting and feeding back to the Partnership Board properly.

Also the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) needs to be made aware of the big ideas and actions that the Partnership Board has.

There need to be strong links between sub groups, The Partnership Board and the HSCP.

There has been a damning report of Cornwall NHS Trust that says the services are not good quality and are not safe.

We need to make sure services in Lambeth are safe and of good quality. Also the findings and concerns from the Cornwall report need to be taken into account when deciding our Work

Plan.

September Workgroups:

1. Day Services, Education, Employment - Sue Joyce, Boz, Ivor
2. In Control, Person Centred Planning - Bernie Ward
3. Cultural Diversity - Juliet Amoa
4. Providers Forum and Register - Andrew and Anne
5. Transitions - Harry Tuck
6. Housing forum - Fran
7. Joint Commissioning Group - John Roog
8. Carer Forum - Sheila Biddlecombe
9. Friendly Group - Debra Phipps
10. Health - Pauline Pepperell

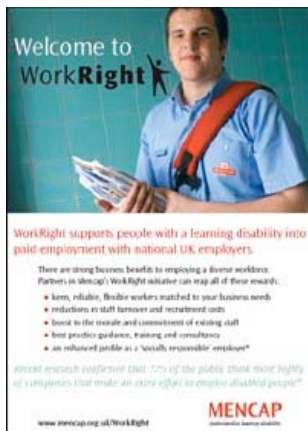
ACTION POINT 5 - Co-Chairs to look over the old work plan

ACTION POINT 6 - Sub group leads to send Fran ideas for new work plan

ACTION POINT 7 - Boz to attend Voluntary action council on 16th regarding

ACTION POINT 8 - Circulate Cornwall report. Lambeth to take findings and ideas from report into account

5. Work right DVD



Keith Posner and Ivor Picardo from Mencap Pathway showed the Mencap Work right DVD to the Partnership Board.

Ivor will be taking over from Keith as the Lambeth Employment Champion.

The DVD is aimed at Local Authorities and it shows positive stories of people with Learning Disabilities gaining employment within the public sector.

Two major ideas that employers can learn from the DVD are:

1. Different interview techniques can help people with learning disabilities express themselves better.
2. The buddy system works well and helps cement a good working relationship

There is also a DVD aimed at private organisations.

There were many ideas of who the video should be shown to within Lambeth Council to create awareness.

- Disability Equality Scheme
- The Lambeth Council First 200 managers meeting
- Chief Executive
- Councillors
- Link into Local Area agreement

ACTION POINT 9 - Get Work right DVD shown at the equalities Board

**ACTION POINT 10 - Book time to talk to Chief Exec 13th
September RE: Work right, Hannah and Keith to attend**

**ACTION POINT 11 - Chris Lee to contact Clare Drummond
RE: Work right inclusion in the Local Area Agreement**

**ACTION POINT 12 - Send Councillor Donatus Work right
DVD**

6. Day Service Modernisation

Chris Pasmore gave an update presentation on day services.



People want to do different things

The Landmark building will be ready in September.

Southwood will be closing and service will move to the Landmark building.

Some things that will happen at Landmark:

- Carers resource room
- Orchard Hill College classes
- Older Persons group
- Leisure activities
- Without walls project
- Community Bridge building post
- Employment/ training

How will people get to and from activities away from the Landmark building?

ACTION POINT 13 - Contact Chris Pasmore to arrange a visit to Landmark

ACTION POINT 14 - Partnership Board to contact Ian Banner, consultation needed with carers and service users about transport

ACTION POINT 15 - Day services profiles report from Kate Lawton to be circulated to the Board

7. Health Action Planning within the GP Surgery



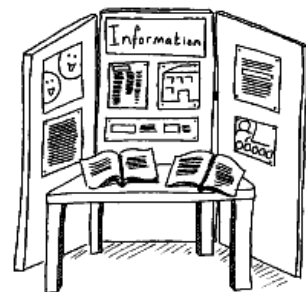
Liz Lewry gave a presentation on the enhanced service in Lambeth. In Lambeth there is a commitment to improving the health of people with a learning disability.

136 people have been seen at the clinics and Liz talked about the health needs of 100 people and how the enhanced service helped them.

Also during appointments people receive advice and support.

Ideas for the future:

- We need to work at more doctors surgeries.
- We need to teach more doctors and nurses about how to communicate with people with a learning disability.
- We need to be better at understanding peoples health needs.
- We need to make sure that more Health promotion takes place.
- We need to inform other services about the needs of people with a leaning disability.
- We need to make sure that people are involved in their Health Action Plan.



Question: Can Board have copies of the presentation?

Liz will do a report for the Partnership Board.

Allot more work still needs to be done in Lambeth but there is currently only short-term funding.

The Board agreed that the Primary Care Trust should be providing funding to ensure the enhanced service is maintained.

ACTION POINT 16 - Liz will produce an Enhanced service report and circulate to the Board

ACTION POINT 17 - Robert Nicholls to clarify with PCT regarding funding

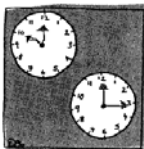
8. Any Other Business

a. Respite Care

- Two million pounds has been secured for a new respite service in Lambeth
- Fran is working with Lambeth corporate property services and housing regeneration
- Renovation of an old building may cost too much so they are looking at building a new property for the respite service.



9. Next meeting



10.30 - 15.00



Thursday 28th September 2006

At Lambeth Accord:

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336 Brixton Road
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