

Lambeth Learning Disability Partnership Board

March 18th 2007 Lambeth Accord

People who attended the meeting

Wenda Gordon - Co-Chair
John Roog - Co-Chair
Robert Nicholls - Joint Service Manager
Debbie Phipps - People First
Suzanne Rider - People First Service User rep
Neil Burton - Lambeth Service User
Fran Pitcher - Joint Commissioning Manager
Tom Cullen - Partnership Board co-ordinator
Sheila Biddlecombe - Lambeth Mencap Carer involvement worker
Mary Wells - Parent Carer rep
Derek Hill - Lambeth Parent Carer
Sydney Cort - Carer rep
Flo Grantham - Lambeth Parent Carer
Dreenagh Lyle - Lambeth Parent Carer
Boz Borowy - Lambeth Mencap
Rhys Price - People First
Valma James - Lambeth Council
Yvonne Okiyo - Anti Race & Faith-Hate Crime Co-ordinator
Margaret Power - HFT
Bernard Corless - Education
Juliet Amoa - Cultural Diversity Champion
Pauline Pepperell - Health and Social Care team
Jeremy Gritton - Lambeth Parent Carer
Neil Turney - Key Ring
Andrew Preston - Provider forum rep
Cilla Wright - Disability Advice Service Lambeth



People who could not attend and sent their apologies

Ivor Picardo - Mencap Pathway
Anne Bowman - Register Services
Sue Culling - SLAM
Carol Riddington - Kent University
Chris Lee - Co-Chair (Executive Director of Regeneration and Housing)



John Roog sat in as Co - Chair with Wenda Gordon as Chris Lee could not attend the meeting.



The Partnership Board panel and everyone else at the meeting introduced themselves.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

a. Orchard Hill correction



It was requested that in minutes the distinction between Orchard Hill hospital and Orchard Hill College needs to be made clear.

2. Action Points

Noted actions were:

a. UK High Support Needs placements map

There is a second document that should have been provided with the map. Jen Bellanich to provide to the Board.

b. Warham Road progress report

There have been two poor inspection reports

Additional support is needed and the service is being looked at



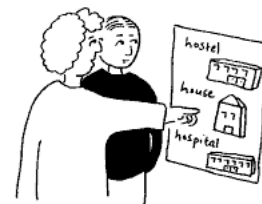
The service is poor value for money

The recommendation is to look at closing Warham Road

- There is work on a closure programme
- Carers have been written to
- More than twenty staff could face redundancy
- Lambeth Council are moving away from 24 Hour care
- Alternatives need to be looked at
- Direct Payments
- The CSCI report is available on the internet

The Partnership Board's response

- Carers and Service Users to be properly informed of the reprovision of respite care
- Carers want to be involved
- There will be consultation with Carers and Service Users about a new service
- Short Breaks need to be looked in a sub group



Action Point 1 - Service Users and Carers to be consulted with and kept informed about the new short-breaks respite care service.

c. Lobbying letter

A letter was sent and the friendly group got a response.

Action Point 2 - Response to be circulated to the Board.

d. Letter to Central Government

Not drafted as yet.

Action Point 3 - Robert to draft letter with Co - Chairs

e. Work Plan

Action Point 4 - Fran to report back to the Board quarterly

3. Public Questions

The Board received one question:

"Why have Lambeth Mencap been told their development officer's funding is being withdrawn when this officer has proved her worth to members both individually and collectively? Can whoever has taken this decision please reconsider?"



The written response from Robert Nicholls before the meeting was:

"The funding for this post ceased at the end of March 2006 when HAZ funding came to an end. Interim funding was agreed for 2006/07 even though this contributed to the overall

overspend within learning disabilities. The need to bring in a balanced budget does mean that difficult decisions have to be taken across all areas."

The Board echoed that Sheila Biddlecombe has done a great job within Lambeth and that Carer and Service User involvement on the Board is a priority.

Action Point 5 - Carers Development Post. Arrange a meeting to discuss funding. Robert Nicholls and John Roog

4. For Information

a. Lambeth Adult Learning Provision

Bernard Corless talked through the adult Learning information he provided the Board.



- In May Ofsted will be inspecting The Adult Learning Service will be inspected.
- Orchard Hill College and Nash College are going to provide services in Lambeth.
- The future looks bright for Education in Lambeth.



Questions from the Board:

How do providers find out about courses?

There is a web site and a brochure.

Action Point 6 - Bernard Corless to forward contact details to Tom to circulate to the Board.

5. Valuing People workshop feedback



Margaret Power from HFT (Home Farm Trust) gave some feedback from the workshops for Family Carers in Lambeth.

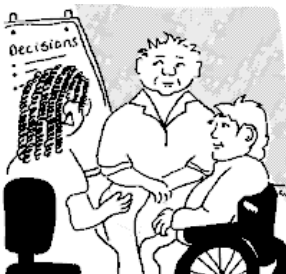
One of the main reasons to meet was to discuss Valuing People.

That also talked about:

- Transitions
- Planning for the future
- Day Services
- Supported Living
- Supporting People
- High Support Needs
- Pressures that Carers face



Messages to Services are:



- Families need to be listened to
- Carers don't want to have to repeat their stories
- Who can Carers contact for help?

The group wants to meet again and share information and concerns

A Learning Disabilities information pack for families would be a good idea and other boroughs have looked at this.

Action Point 7 - Look at outcomes of Valuing Families workshops and link to Work plan in terms of carers work. Present at next Board. Fran Pitcher and Jen Bellanich

6. Budget Impact

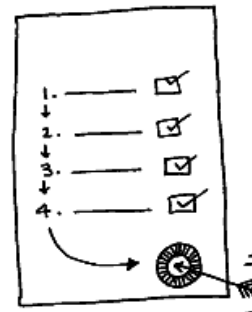
Robert Nicholls gave a presentation on the impact of the Budget.



- Lambeth has the biggest budget in London
- Next years budget is still being worked on
- There is a projected overspend
- The budget needs to be balanced

Savings being looked at are:

- Staffing
- Activity
- Voluntary sector cuts



- Arbitration on Orchard Hill hospital.
The department has been saved 300K mostly down to the work of Fran Pitcher.

- Taxis



Key Actions



- Manage activity
- Model activity
- Increase and Improve choice
- Increase income
- Reassess people in residential care
- Change the way we work

- Reduce overheads and other costs
- Improve Value for money

Next year 400K needs to be found to stay within budget

Robert will feedback to the Board over the year

Lambeth has put its funding concerns in writing to the PCT and they are awaiting a response.

Action Point 8 - Closer to home project information to be produced. Fran Pitcher to provide

7. LDDF (Learning Disability Development Fund)

- This funding has never been passed from the PCT to Lambeth



- Lambeth should get 316K LDDF funding

- The Department of Health will be writing to outline the LDDF priorities.

- Robert passed around the LDDF spending proposals and asked the Board to give feedback.



Action Point 9 - Please feedback to Robert regarding LDDF proposals

8. Community Safety

Yvonne Okiyo, Anti Race & Faith-Hate Crime Co-ordinator from the Lambeth Crime Prevention Trust gave the Board some information regarding community Safety in Lambeth.

Unfortunately due to the meeting over running we could Yvonne could not give her full presentation.



Yvonne agreed to come back to the next meeting and give another presentation.

9. Diversity Training Valma James introduction

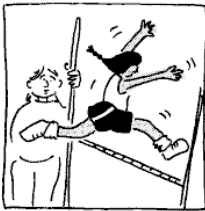


Also Valma agreed to give her presentation at the next meeting.

10. AOB (Any Other Business)

1. High Support Needs

High Support Needs needs to be back on the agenda and issues to be discussed at the Partnership Board.



2. Developing Sport and Physical activities for Disabled People

There are developments in this area and Robert will give more information at the next meeting.

3. Lambeth Physiotherapist

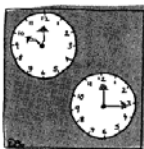
Lambeth's physio has moved on and a replacement is being looked for.

11. Next meeting



7th June 2007

The large meeting room at Lambeth Accord



10.30 - 1.30

With tea and coffee from 10.00

12. Future Partnership Board dates

- July 19th 2007, room 8 Town Hall 10.30 - 13.30
- September 20th 2007, room 8 Town Hall 10.30 - 13.30
- November 15th 2007, room 8 Town Hall 10.30 - 13.30