

Stoke-on-Trent Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the Meeting on 13 February 2012

People who were at the meeting

John Mawman	MP, Reach Parliament	Co-Chairs
Tony Johnson	Mencap	
Mary Carr	Reach MP	
Carl West	Reach Expert	
Kevin Day	Joint Commissioning Unit	
Debbie Cooper	Joint Commissioning Unit	
Amanda Picken	People: Adults and Neighbourhood Services	
Sally Reston	People: Adults and Neighbourhood Services	
Chris Herbert	Brighter Futures	
Helen Campbell	North Staffs Combined Healthcare NHS Trust	
Janet Johnson	UHNS	
Mark Evans	Reach Project / Support Worker	
Andrew Garvey	Reach Project / Support Worker	
Celia Challis	Joint Commissioning Unit – Notes	
Visitors		
Cllr Matthew Fry	Stoke-on-Trent City Council	

People who said “Sorry – I can’t come to the meeting”

Colin Marsh	People: Adults and Neighbourhood Services
Amanda Lovatt	People: Adults and Neighbourhood Services
Irene Abbots	Family Carer
Chris Morton	People: Adults and Neighbourhood Services
Ian Clarke	Joint Commissioning Unit
Amanda Lovatt	People: Adults and Neighbourhood Services
Simon Robson	People: Adults and Neighbourhood Services
Jane Tipping	Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Group
Rosemary Brown	North Staffs Combined Healthcare NHS Trust
Patsy Corcoran	Reach



John Mawman

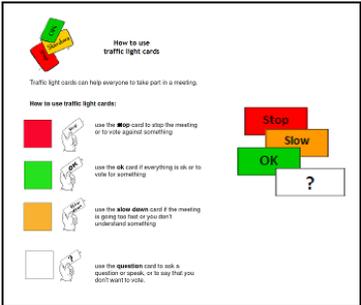


Tony Johnson

John Mawman and Tony Johnson were the co-chairs.



Carl West was the timekeeper



John Mawman reminded about using the traffic light cards.

Welcome and Apologies



Celia Challis read out the names of the people who could not come to the meeting.

Notes of the last Meeting



The notes were OK.



Notes from previous meetings are available on the Partnership Board website at <http://www.equalpeopleinstoke.org/default.aspx?page=27333>

Catch Up On What's Happened and Actions



Action lists / summaries from previous meetings are available on the Partnership Board website at <http://www.equalpeopleinstoke.org/default.aspx?page=27333>

Catch Up On What's Happened and Actions

Young People's Health Action Plans



Celia Challis will let people know what the Clinical Commissioning Group say about young people's health action plans.

Good Health Group Meeting Dates



Kevin Day will follow up for the next meeting.

Partnership Board Strategy Review and Planning Meeting



Notes from the Strategy Review and Planning meeting are available on the Partnership Board website at <http://www.equalpeopleinstoke.org/default.aspx?page=27333>

Catch Up On What's Happened and Actions

Partnership Board Strategy Review and Planning Meeting

Kevin Day said that there will be a new version of the Learning Disability Strategy. The new version will include things people said at the Strategy Review and Planning meeting in November. Kevin will share the new version of the strategy and ask people, including Reach Members, to let him know what they think about it.

Anything Else?

There was nothing else.

Things We Need to Agree

Learning Disability Partnership Board Future Co-chairing Arrangements



Information about the co-chair's job and the experience and knowledge the co-chair should have is on the Partnership Board website at <http://www.equalpeopleinstoke.org/default.aspx?page=27333>

The information about the co-chair's job is called a 'job description'. The information about the experience and knowledge that people need to have to be a co-chair is called a 'person specification'. The Partnership Board's rules are attached to the job description and person specification.

Catch Up On What's Happened and Actions

Learning Disability Partnership Board Future Co-chairing Arrangements

Kevin Day talked about what the co-chair does and the type of person we need. He asked Partnership Board members if they thought there was anything missing from the job description and person specification.



Partnership Board members agreed that the job description and person specification were OK.



Kevin Day asked Partnership Board for ideas about how and where we can advertise for a co-chair. People said we should advertise

- In local newspapers
- On local radio
- By sending the information to councillors
- By sending the information to people who work in NHS organisations
- By sending a message to people who work for the council.

Catch Up On What's Happened and Actions

Learning Disability Partnership Board Future Co-chairing Arrangements

Information about the co-chair's job will be advertised



To councillors and people who work at the council.



On the council's Facebook page and in Twitter feeds



To people who work in NHS Organisations



Catch Up On What's Happened and Actions

Learning Disability Partnership Board Future Co-chairing Arrangements



On the Partnership Board website



People who have the qualities we want will have an interview. We hope to have a new co-chair by the next meeting in May.



Kevin Day and Celia Challis will arrange for the advertisements to go out.



Kevin Day and Celia Challis will provide regular updates on progress.

Things We Need to Know About Reports from Reach



The report from Reach MPs was about what people think about the council's spending cuts and the changes to learning disability services.



The full report is available on the Partnership Board website at <http://www.equalpeopleinstoke.org/default.aspx?page=27333>

Reach arranged a number of focus group meetings in November and December to find out what people think about the changes. Focus groups talked about



Shelton



Respite



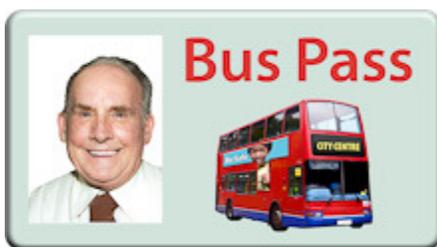
**Changes to
Services**

Things We Need to Know About Reports from Reach



Shelton

The focus groups found out that in relation to Shelton, people understand that the building will close but they are concerned about the general lack of information.



The focus groups also found out that people are worried about the council's plans to change the times when people can start using their free bus passes. The council wants to make it so that people cannot use their free bus pass until half past nine in the morning.



Everyone who has a free bus pass will be affected - not just people with learning disabilities.

Things We Need to Know About Reports from Reach



Mary Carr asked what people will do if they have to go to work or an appointment before half past nine in the morning. People who do not get paid will find it hard to pay their bus fare.

We talked about free bus passes. Different councils have different rules about when people can use free bus passes. Councils decide when people can use free bus passes. Lots of councils say that people cannot use their free bus pass until half past nine in the morning. Kevin Day said that we can ask the people who deal with free bus passes about the council's plans and let them know that people are worried about this.



Kevin Day will talk to the people who deal with free bus passes and let them that people are worried about the planned changes.

Things We Need to Know About

Reports from Reach

Post Meeting Note: Kevin has spoken to the person who runs the concessionary fare scheme in Stoke on Trent who is called Sandra Wainwright. Sandra has provided the following information.

- *The change to people not being able to use their passes before 9.30 was included in the City Council's budget proposals for the new financial year (from April 2012). These were not agreed by Councilors until their meeting on 23 February.*
- *During the consultation period the City Council received several comments from people with a range of disabilities and ages who all highlighted the same concerns.*
- *The restriction on using bus passes before 9.30 am will apply to **all** people who have a bus pass and not just people with learning disabilities. 9.30 is the time that central government say that councils must offer free bus passes from and so Stoke- on-Trent will have the same rules as most other councils in England.*

Sandra has Celia Challis' contact details so that she can make sure that Partnership Board is asked about any changes in the future. Any information we get will be circulated to Partnership Board.



John Mawman asked if people can have a newsletter to let them know what is happening.

Things We Need to Know About

Reports from Reach

Debbie Cooper said that there will be communication plan for the short breaks and Shelton projects. The council let people who use the services and their carers know what is happening when we know what the councillors decide on 23 February.

FEBRUARY 2012						
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Nothing will happen until the councillors decide how they will spend the next year's money. They will do this on 23 February.

Kevin Day said that the council will let people who use services and their carers know what is going to happen after the council meeting on 23 February.

Tony Johnson said that people with learning disabilities, their families and carers are some of the most socially excluded people. They have greater health needs and less money than other people. They are often victims of hate crime. Cutting or reducing services to people with learning disabilities is a false economy. There will be additional costs because of the cuts and these will have to be picked up.

Things We Need to Know About Carers Update



Sally Reston, Chair of the Learning Disability Carers Working Group talked about what the group has been doing.



The Group is still waiting for a launch date for the dvd. Sally will let Partnership Board know when the date is confirmed.

Sally said that Kaye Martin, Stoke-on-Trent City Council Commissioning and Development Lead Officer for Carers, is reviewing the Stoke-on-Trent Carers Strategy. She said that the Carers Working Group is looking at the strategy to see what changes are needed.



There will be a number of consultation events about the revised Carers' Strategy.

Things We Need to Know About

2011 Report to ADASS on progress of Valuing People Now in the West Midlands



An organisation called 'The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services' (ADASS) asked Chris Sholl to look at what the Partnership Boards in the West Midlands said in their annual report and to write a report about what she found out. Kevin Day talked about the report.



The full report is available on the Partnership Board website at <http://www.equalpeopleinstoke.org/default.aspx?page=27333>

Kevin said that the report said that most partnership boards' big priorities are



Housing



Employment



Managing with less money



Keeping safe



People with autism

Things We Need to Know About

2011 Report to ADASS on progress of Valuing People Now in the West Midlands

These are very similar to Stoke-on-Trent.

The report said that difficult things for Partnership Boards are



Housing



Managing Money



Choice and Control



Transition



The report said that our clear words and pictures JSNA chapters are very good. It is disappointing that other examples of good practice in Stoke-on-Trent are not mentioned in the report.

Kevin Day said that the report highlights that Stoke-on-Trent is doing OK. Most learning disability services in the city have not been cut but people are getting services in new ways. Other councils still have people in old fashioned placements. Stoke-on-Trent is changing the way people get their services.

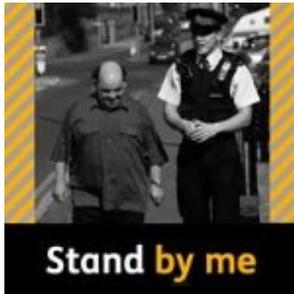
Things We Need to Know About

2011 Report to ADASS on progress of Valuing People Now in the West Midlands

We talked about keeping people safe. Tony Johnson said people need to feel safe before they can use services and they need to feel safe in their own homes. Tony said that people in Stoke-on-Trent have done some excellent work on keeping safe.



Kevin Day said that Staffordshire Police have a new senior police officer and a new Partnerships Officer, who want to get involved with partnership boards. Kevin Day will talk to the Partnerships Officer to find out how they can be involved with the Learning Disability Partnership Board.



Tony Johnson reminded people that Staffordshire Police signed up to the Mencap 'Stand by Me' campaign last year.

Things We Need to Know About Meeting Dates for 2012 / 13



Meeting dates for the rest of 2012 were in the meeting plan.

Partnership Board agreed to change the meeting day to Thursday to make it easier for Dr Abbassi to come to a meeting.



Celia Challis will rearrange the meetings to take place on Thursday afternoons.

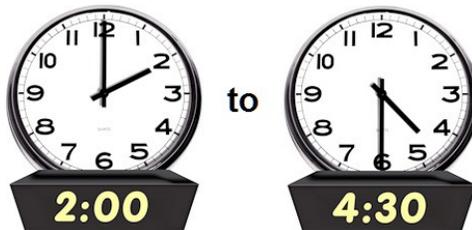


Celia Challis will let people know the new meeting dates.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Thursday 17 May 2012



2 o'clock to 4:30 p.m.



Place to be confirmed