

Stoke-on-Trent Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the Meeting on 25 July 2011

People who were at the meeting

John Mawman	MP, Reach Parliament	Co-Chairs
Hugh Evans	People: Adults & Neighbourhood Services / Adult Social Care	

Kevin Day	Joint Commissioning Unit
Mary Carr	MP, Reach Parliament
Janice Johnson	University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust
Amanda Lovatt	People: Adults & Neighbourhood Services / Adult Social Care
Debbie Cooper	Joint Commissioning Unit
Julie Roberts	North Staffs Carers Association
Chris Morton	People: Adults & Neighbourhood Services / Adult Social Care
Ian Clarke	Joint Commissioning Unit
Tony Johnson	Mencap

Andrew Garvey	Reach Support Worker
Mark Evans	Reach Support Worker

Celia Challis	Joint Commissioning Unit – Notes
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Guests

Kath Lewis	Cheshire West and Chester Learning Disability Partnership Board
Helen Garry	NHS Western Cheshire
Tracey Wright	People: Adults & Neighbourhood Services / Adult Social Care
Kerry Summerfield	People: Adults & Neighbourhood Services / Adult Social Care

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

Colin Marsh	People: Adults & Neighbourhood Services / Adult Social Care
Patsy Corcoran	Reach
Irene Abbotts	Family Carer
Amanda Picken	People: Adults & Neighbourhood Services / Supporting People
Joanna Stanaway	People: Adults & Neighbourhood Services / Housing Enabling
Carl West	Reach Expert
Michelle Parker	MP, Reach Parliament
Sally Reston	People: Adults & Neighbourhood Services / Adult Social Care
Rosemary Brown	North Staffs Combined Healthcare NHS Trust



Hugh Evans and John Mawman
co-chair the Partnership Board.



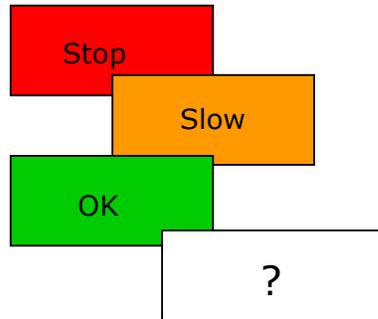
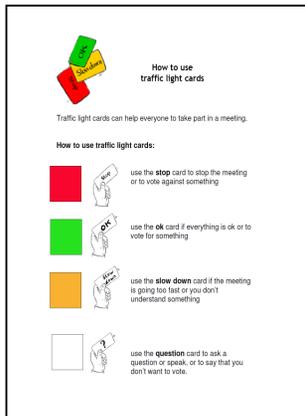
The timekeeper was Ian Clarke.

Welcome and Apologies



We welcomed Kath Lewis and Helen Garry, from the Cheshire West and Chester Learning Disability Partnership Board.

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



John Mawman asked us to use the traffic light cards.

Notes of the last Meeting



The notes were OK.

Catch Up On What's Happened and Actions

Spending Review – Questions from Reach MPs about the council's budget proposals

Answers were sent to Reach.

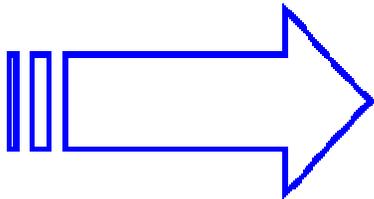
Partnership Board Regional Events

Nothing received.

Catch Up On What's Happened and Actions

Learning Disability Strategy Event

We will be organising a strategy event for September / October. Details to be circulated.



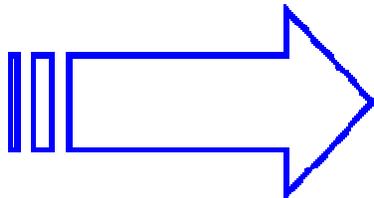
Action: Celia Challis will send out details about the event.

GP Commissioning Consortium



We will send an invitation to Dr Andrew Bartlam, the Executive Chair of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to attend a Partnership Board meeting.

Kevin Day said that Dr Shah, the CCG lead for learning disabilities, has resigned. He will stay in post until the CCG appoints a successor.



Action: Kevin Day will invite Dr Bartlam to a future Learning Disability Partnership Board and send out details about the new lead for Learning Disabilities when available.

Catch Up On What's Happened and Actions

Health Assessment Framework Peer Review

People in the Joint Commissioning are collecting the information we need. They are working with people from North Staffs Combined Healthcare NHS Trust and University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust.

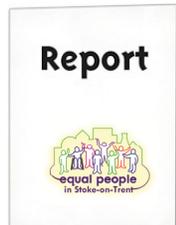
Carers Update / Direct Payments / a4e



Amanda Lovatt talked about the issues Irene raised at the last meeting. She said the problems with adults' direct payments have been resolved but some remain with some direct payments for children and young people.

Things We Need to Agree

Learning Disability Partnership Board Annual Report



Kevin Day tabled a copy of this year's Partnership Board annual report. This will be available on the Partnership Board website.

Things We Need to Agree

Learning Disability Partnership Board Annual Report

Each Partnership Board has to complete a report. This year's report does not ask for as much detail as last year. Kevin said that he is waiting for people in Finance, Children's Services and Transitions to send their information. Kevin went through the information we have.



Section 1 talks about the local picture.

Questions include

- The number of people in the City who have a learning disability.
- The top 3 priorities for people with learning disabilities in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- How much money Adult Social Care and health spend on learning disability services.

This year, the report says that Adult Social Care knows of about 101 more people with a learning disability than last year. This shows that the Council has to do more work with more people with fewer resources.

Things We Need to Agree

Learning Disability Partnership Board Annual Report

The top 3 priorities in the JSNA are

- places to live
- access to mainstream services including healthcare
- work and income – getting into employment



We need to get more information about how much money Adult Social Care and the NHS spend on learning disability services. This year, we know more people are having personal budgets.



Section 2 talks about the health of people with learning disabilities.



Section 3 talks about where people live. People in Stoke-on-Trent have done a lot of work on places to live and we have a good idea about what people want. There are good examples to include in the report.

Things We Need to Agree

Learning Disability Partnership Board Annual Report



Section 4 talks about employment. 6% of people with learning disabilities have a paid job. This is a low figure but better than last year, especially in view of the current economic situation. We want to see more people in paid employment.

Section 5 asks for examples of good practice. In Stoke-on-Trent we have

- * JSNA in clear words and pictures
- * Reach Parliament
- * Consultation with Reach members and Health on the new Learning Disability Strategy
- * Moving people out of residential care
- * The Learning Disability Steering Group at University Hospital of North Staffordshire

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We talked about the report. Kevin Day will make sure that all the information we need is included. Hugh Evans, John Mawman, a Reach MP and a family carer will sign the report before it is sent in on **Friday 29 July.**

Things We Need to Agree

Letter from Anne Williams

A copy of the letter Anne Williams, the National Director for Learning Disabilities, has sent to every Partnership Board was included in the meeting pack for information.

Things We Need to Know About

Community Development Workers / Fulfilling Lives Team



Community Development Workers Tracy Wright and Kerry Summerfield gave a presentation about their work. Presentation slides are available on the Partnership Board website.

Things We Need to Know About

Community Development Workers / Fulfilling Lives Team



Community Development Workers aim to “**provide personal, community based support for adults who have learning disabilities**”.



They will achieve this by

- Working with the local council, businesses and organisations to help people with learning disabilities feel part of the community.

Things We Need to Know About

Community Development Workers / Fulfilling Lives Team



- Finding more things that people with learning disabilities want to do.



- Providing information about learning disability to organisations so that people know and understand more.

The Community Development Workers have been in post since February 2011. Since then, they have:

Things We Need to Know About

Community Development Workers / Fulfilling Lives Team



- Made plans for a Valued Volunteer Scheme, where volunteers will be available to support people with learning disabilities to take part in daily living and social activities in the evening. More information about the scheme is in the presentation.



- Found and collected information about employment, voluntary and social opportunities for people with learning disabilities. Every 2 weeks, the Community Development Workers put the information together and send it to day services, social workers, and anyone else who works with people with a learning disability. The information will be soon available on the City Council website so that people who use services, parents and carers can also see it.

Things We Need to Know About

Community Development Workers / Fulfilling Lives Team



- Worked on setting up a Safe Places scheme in Stoke-on-Trent. More information about work done on this is in the presentation.



- Set up drop in centres in the city for people with and without learning disabilities. The Able Project at Fenton is helping Social Care to know where people need help. People are signposted to the help they need.
- More information about the work done on the drop-in centres is in the presentation.

Chris Morton said that the Community Development Workers are new roles and there is a lot of work to do. The CDW's will make sure that their projects link into other work being done and do not do the same things. Partnership Board looks forward to updates on the projects.

Things We Need to Know About

Carers Update



Julie Roberts talked about things that matter to carers.

Planning for the Future for People Not Known to Social Care



North Staffs Carers Association will organise an informal event about planning for the future if enough people want to go.

Things We Need to Know About

Carers Update / Health Transition



A meeting has taken place to talk about the issues raised by carers of young adults with learning disabilities when they are admitted to an inappropriate ward in hospital. Partnership Board agreed that many issues can be discussed through the UHNS Learning Disability Steering Group. Janice Johnson said that the UHNS Transition Focus Group will look at the issues raised at the next meeting and feedback.

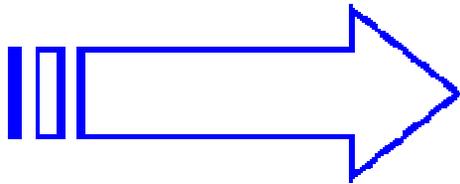
Carers Update / Respite Health Provision



Parent / carers are concerned about the transfer of health respite services. They feel that they have not been involved and want to be consulted. They would like a Health Transition sub-group to be set up to include parents / carers of children aged 12 onwards. Debbie Cooper said that a communications plan is being developed and will be shared when available. In relation to the closure of health respite services, Debbie asked people to understand that North Staffs Combined Healthcare has decided to stop providing respite as it is not one of the organisation's core functions. The local authority is not decommissioning the service.

Things We Need to Know About

Carers Update / Changing Places Toilets



We talked about the Changing Places toilet in Hanley. Hugh Evans said that we need to find out how often it is being used. If it is not being used, we need to find out why. We talked about the council's plan to have a mobile Changing Places toilet. No one knows what is happening with the plan.

Action: Hugh Evans will find out what's happening about the second Changing Places toilet. Post meeting note: Lesley Brownsill from the City Council's Access Team says that designers are currently working on the portable Changing Places unit. The Council should go out to tender within the next couple of months and the portable unit will be obtained during 2011 / 12. Issues around the storage and management of the portable unit have to be sorted out. Lesley plans to get a group together to do this.

Chris Morton reminded Partnership Board that there are other Changing Places facilities in the city. There is one at Riverside, which the public can use. Day services also have accessible facilities. Chris said that we need to have a list of where all the accessible facilities are in the city and let people know where they are.

Things We Need to Know About

Reports from the Reach Parliament



Reach MPs talked about the things that matter to people with learning disabilities.

Reach Report / One Person's Experience at UHNS



A Reach MP had written a report about the way was treated during a recent stay in hospital for an operation. The report is available on the Partnership Board website. The report was shared with the UNHS Learning Disability Steering Group earlier in July.

Things We Need to Know About

Reach / One Person's Experience at UHNS

The report highlighted that the person



- Found it difficult to understand things because the information the hospital gave him was not clear.
- Wasn't sure about the consent form that he had to fill in. Nobody helped him to fill it in and sign it.
- Found it difficult to understand what the surgeon was saying – because she used a lot of medical language.

The person who wrote the report said that his stay in hospital very difficult and scary.

He wants to know how situations like this will be improved for other people in the future.

Things We Need to Know About

Reach / One Person's Experience at UHNS

Janice Johnson said that the UHNS Steering Group were unhappy about the person's experience in hospital. The Steering Group are looking into what happened. They will find out if there is funding available to promote the learning disability toolkit. The person's story will also be used at the next training day.

Reach / Parliament Update



The second report from Reach talked about the work Reach MPs did at the June and July Parliament meeting and plans for the next two Parliament meetings. The report is available on the Partnership Board website.

Things We Need to Know About

Reach / Parliament Update

At the June and July Parliament meetings, MPs talked about:

- Equal People and Human Rights
- People's case studies
- People who are elected to speak up for them

On Equal People and human rights, Reach MPs talked about the 2010 Equality Act and what equality really means for people with learning disabilities. MPs talked about having the right to



- be safe from hate crime



- vote

Things We Need to Know About

Reach / Parliament Update



- manage their own money



- start a family



In relation to the case studies, Tony Johnson said that he would take any case studies that Reach may have to the Mencap National Campaigns Department for use in the 'Getting It Right' Campaign. All names and details would be held in strictest confidence, if that is what the people concerned want.

Things We Need to Know About

Reach / Parliament Update



In relation to people who are elected to speak up for others, Reach MPs are thinking about one issue they can talk to their councillors and MPs about. Reach will support MPs to speak up about these issues and share the answers and information they get.



At the September Parliament meeting, guests will be talking to MPs and Experts about

- hate crime and community safety
- jobs, benefits and training
- health services.



At the October Parliament meeting, MPs will be talking about the speaking up work they have done since July.

Things We Need to Know About

Health and Wellbeing Board and Partnership Boards



Hugh Evans reminded Partnership Board that the government says that local authorities must set up a Health and Wellbeing Board by April 2013.



Stoke-on-Trent is already setting up a Health and Wellbeing Board. The first meeting is planned for September.

People who will go to the Health and Wellbeing Board are

- Senior managers from the City Council including Children's and Adults' services;
- Senior managers from the NHS – including leaders of the group that will take over from the Primary Care Trust;
- City Council cabinet members;
- A representative of the Local Information Network (LINK)

Things We Need to Know About

Health and Well Being Board and Partnership Boards

The Health and Wellbeing Board's main job will be to improve the health of people in Stoke-on-Trent. The Board will have working groups to help it do the work. This means that there may be changes to some of the Partnership Boards but it is likely that the Learning Disability Partnership Board will stay the same. We said that it is important that the Health and Wellbeing Board sees how ordinary people can influence discussions and plans. We agreed that the Learning Disability Partnership Board will need to communicate with the Board and the Board will need to communicate with the Partnership Board.



The Board plans to have a visioning day. Someone from the Learning Disability Partnership Board will be asked to attend.

Health and Well Being Board and Partnership Boards / How Other Partnership Boards Work

Kath Lewis talked about how the Cheshire West and Chester Learning Disability Partnership Board works. Kath is the Independent Chair in April 2010 and represents the Cheshire West and Chester Director of Social Care and Health on the Partnership Board.

Things We Need to Know About

Health and Well Being Board and Partnership Boards / How Other Partnership Boards Work

The Cheshire West and Chester Partnership Board meets 6 times per year. It has sub-groups that are working on

- People with profound and multiple learning disabilities;
- Health;
- Employment; and
- Anticipatory Care Calendar.



Kath said that in relation to employment, the Chief Executive of Cheshire West and Chester Council has agreed to make 30 short term, part time jobs available to people with learning disabilities. 28 have been filled. The Director of Adult Social Care and Health at Cheshire West and Chester wants the Partnership Board do things differently. He wants to set up a People's Parliament.

We thanked Kath and Helen for coming to the meeting and for the useful information about their Partnership Board.

Anything Else?

Nothing else was raised.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Partnership Board business meeting is on

November 2011						
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Monday 7 November 2011



2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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