

## Notes from Budget Discussion LDPB 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011

### Group One

- Adult Education training
- Short term training and life skills
- Drop in centre at Speakout for help with completing forms
- Choices booklet – i.e. better signposting

### Group Two

Aren't services already on tight budgets- how can they spend even less? If you reduce staff won't that affect service users and people will go out less? Is there a minimum staff ratio in services? How will service levels be monitored?

Day Centres - Other areas (Norfolk) are closing day centres and giving people personal budgets but won't one to one staffing be more expensive than day centres? Will day centres continue to exist in Brighton & Hove and be an option for people on SDS

LDDF – how will decisions be made regarding how it will be spent? Will Partnership Board and Sub groups still have a say? Will sub groups still get allocated LDDF? What's the date for decisions/confirmation regarding LDDF for Partnership Board engagement work?

Want more information about the work that Diana Bernhardt is doing to develop local services for people with high needs

Carers want more information about SDS it is too complex and perception it is only about Direct Payments and employing PAs

### Group Three

Transport

- This needs to be looked at could the LDDF be used to look at doing this more efficiently
- Cost across children and adult services
- We would like figures on overall cost of this
- Schools focus on independent travel;
- Mobility allowance – proposal from government to stop this for people in residential care?

21.5 million is being spend on 28% of people (residential and nursing care)what can be done to change this?

The information given is helpful for community spend but

- Supporting People reductions will also affect learning disability providers
- What is happening in the NHS are there savings there?
- What impact will GP commissioning have

Quality versus cost issues – we want to know more about this?