

**Brighton and Hove Learning Disability Partnership Board
Minutes of Meeting 16th March 2009**



Present:

Cllr Maria Caulfield Co-Chair
Matthew Hellett Co-Chair
Sarah Watson Link Group
Ian Metherell Link Group
Martin Billings..... Link Group
Andy MeadowsLink Group
Sarah Pickard Link Group Support
Claire Peligry..... Carers Link Group
Chris Lau..... Carers Centre
Eva Jarvis Taking Part in the City Sub Group Chair and PCA
Sub Group Co-chair
Mark Hendriks A Place to Live Sub Group Chair
Maureen Pasmore Work & Skills Sub Group Chair
Naomi Cox..... Manager ILDS and PCA Sub Group Co-Chair and
on behalf of Work Force Dev Sub Group Chair
Sheridan Lynch Provider Forum Representative
Jenny Brickell Transitions Forum Rep
Diana Bernhardt..... Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities
Geraldine Hoban..... PCT
Karen Kingsland..... LDPB Development Worker
Liz Yeats Speak Out
Sue Winter Amaze
Debbie Collins Carers Link Group
Graham Lee Interact


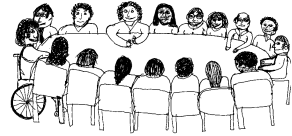

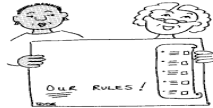


Sorry Couldn't Make It:

Andy Staniford Housing Department
Margaret Forbes Link Group
Nicola Lytle Carer Link Group Support
Reg Biggs Carers Link Group
Suzanne Conboy-Hill Sussex Partnership Trust
Tim Wilson Workforce Development Sub Group Chair
Betty Vincent Link Group
Steve Hook.....Healthy Lives Sub Group Chair

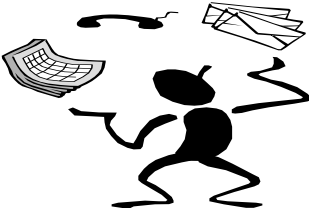


Members of the Public – 3

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Minute Taker: Sandra Edwards – PA to Naomi Cox

1. Introductions and apologies	
As Above	
2. Chairs News	
Matthew & Sarah will be visiting other West Sussex Partnership Board Meeting on 26 th March and will Feedback to us at the next meeting.	
<p>Maria told us that Sussex Partnership Trust want to find out what people think about the services they provide but they need to know by 9th April. We have asked Healthy Lives Sub Group to talk about this at their next sub group on 8th April.</p> <p>ACTION If you have something you want to say to Sussex Partnership Trust please let Sandy know and she will pass on to the Healthy Lives Group.</p>	 <p>Email Sandy on:- Sandra.Edwards @brighton- hove.gov.uk</p>
<p>Matthew asked us to make sure we use plain English at this meeting.</p> <p>ACTION – The Link Group are going to write a note that can be given to new members of the Partnership Board to remind them to use plain English.</p>	 <p>“NO JARGON”</p> 
Information Sessions	
<p>18th May</p> <p>Community Safety and Fighting Hate Crime is the subject for the Information Session on this date and Taking Part in the City Group and Community Safety Team will lead on this Session. Lunch will be provided.</p>	<p>Fighting Hate Crime – Staying Safe</p> 

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<p><u>20th July</u></p> <p>Work & Skills –</p> <p>Work & Skills Sub Group will lead the session -</p>	
<p>Maria told us that The Annual Report went to the Housing Cabinet Committee and the Joint Commissioning Board – they are happy with the work that has been done and are keen to have information/update on Safeguarding Adults.</p> <p><u>Action :</u> Steve Hook will prepare this report.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Last Meeting and Action Update</p>	
<p>Correction on previous minutes in respect of LDDF - should read – The Chairs Planning Group asked to spend the funds on Speak Out “Advocacy Network” (£39,000) – Needed accuracy relating to fact that this is for Advocacy Network.</p>	
<p>UN Disability Action on Teletex – Sarah Watson told us about this –</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Karen will put on the website.</p>	
<p>4. Development Worker Update & LDDF Projects – Karen Kingsland</p>	
<p>Karen told us about what she has been doing.</p> <p>Karen put together the displays for the Valuing People Now Information Session being held in the afternoon which told us about what is happening now in Brighton.</p>	

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Karen, Naomi and Diana went to the Launch Event of Valuing People Now which was for the Partnership Boards. An action plan has been put together and they came up with some new ideas. She told us there will be more work to do now for the Partnership Boards as Valuing People Now have high expectations. An example of this is that the PCT(Primary Care Trust – now called NHS Brighton & Hove) will be expected to provide a Report of their Services for people with learning disabilities.

Karen went to the Diversity Day for Valuing People Now with two of our Service Providers. They talked about how everyone is different which is included as part of Valuing People Now and brought back some interesting DVDs that can be borrowed they are called “Care about Racism” and “Ethnic Minorities Learning Disabilities Project” – Karen will put a note about this on the Website.

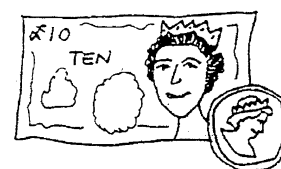
The Yearly Report went to the Council which they liked. From now on we will have to do a report for ‘Regional Valuing People Programme Board’ as well – we will use the same report for both. The next Report will be written this summer.

Karen asked us about The LDDF Policy (Rules) and how is it working? Any suggestions and let Karen know in the next 2 weeks – if there are any changes then the Partnership Board needs to agree them before they go on the website.

Action: Karen will circulate suggested changes by email.

Valuing People Now: a new three year strategy for people with learning disabilities

Making it happen for everyone



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4 Link Group Feedback

Link Group Big Meeting

The Link Group told us about what people said at the Big Meeting. They talked about what they wanted to change and how they would like to have equal treatment. Some people said they were not given enough time in supermarkets and one person has been banned from a supermarket.

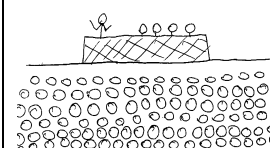
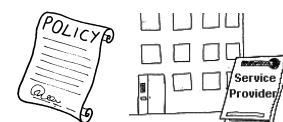
Some people said that they were not given any choices in the place that they live in for example about what drinks they wanted. They said they wanted a complaint book to be kept in their residential homes. Some people also said they didn't want to be filmed about this because they were too scared to be identified.

Naomi said that in each Registered Care Home there should be a complaint book anyway as this is a national requirement under the Regulations (Rules for Care Homes).

Liz said that people were too scared to also put complaints into the book because they were worried about putting their name in the book.

Action: Maria suggested that this is discussed at Chairs Planning about what can be done and will feedback to the Group. It will also be discussed at the Learning Disability Provider Forum – Sheridan Lynch will make sure this happens.

Ongoing - Southeast Regional Representative for the National Forum (Darren) will be feeding back to Sarah Pickard and they will be linking up and Sarah will feedback to us.



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5. LDDF – Voting on Bids

Today we approved the following Bids:

i) Hate Crime – Bid from Partnership Community Safety Team. £11,100.

18 Members Voted:
18 Members agreed with this.

ii) Learning Disabilities Together Network from Care CoOps.

18 members voted:
12 members agreed with this
6 members were not sure.

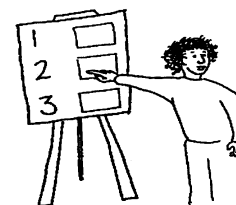
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6. Viki Baker – Presentation on Inclusive Communication

Viki Baker who is the Speech and Language Therapy boss who works across all of Sussex told us all about the Total Communication Partnership in East Sussex. Viki is also the co-chair for The Total Communication Partnership in East Sussex.


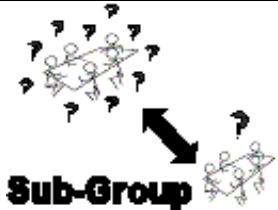







7. Claire Bartlett – Speech & Language Therapist for Brighton & Hove.

Claire told us about how she would like to put a Communication Advisory Group together for Brighton & Hove and put a broadcast on the Website as a Communications page with names and picture banks. This would need some funding assistance of £300.



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<p>19 Members Voted and Agreed to this.</p>	
<p>8. Checking the Work – Karen Kingsland & Mark Hendriks</p>	
<p>Karen & Mark talked to us about how there is too much work for LDPB to talk about it all at the meeting and that some information is not being shared. Decision making is happening in many places: Sub Groups and Forums, Care Management, Financial Planning, Council Departments, LD Modernisation Project Board and the Commissioning Team.</p> <p>Mark and Karen told us about their idea for a solution which would be that all the decision makers meet together regularly and look at the work, share the information and update work plans monthly. Karen will support and develop the Group and put notes on the website.</p> <p>The Work Planning Group would make sure that important decisions and information come to LDPB.</p> <p>16 People Voted and agreed to the name of the Group which will be “Make it Happen”.</p> <p>17 People Voted and agreed that the Group should be put together.</p>	    
<p>9. St Gabriels Presentation.</p>	
<p>Diana talked to us about the St Gabriels development. New Accommodation for people with learning and physical disabilities. What is it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private developer ‘Baron Homes’ own the site • Planning permission for 25 flats for people with learning disabilities and physical disabilities • At the bottom of Elm Grove • 8 flats are wheelchair accessible 	

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- Flats accessed by the 2 lifts

What has happened so far?

- Baron Homes are ready to build
- The council need to decide if they should go ahead and enter into a 10 year lease
- Met with people to look at the plans
- Discussed issues and information requests
- Looked at suggestions to improve plans

Diana's presentation is on the website.

Sarah Watson asked about security in the building and would there be Emergency measures easily available.

Eva Jarvis said that she did not approve of the development:

- Too big and would still reflect as being segregated housing and could be seen as an institution.
- Rent too high which means that people would not be able to go out to work – peoples' wages would never be high enough to pay the rent.
- Choice and variety of accommodation – all one bedroom and therefore people would not be able to have relationships or family or carers living with them - therefore restricted.
- The Council is signing a lease for 10 years which means being locked in. Many changes have taken place in previous 10 years and many changes can happen in next 10 years but Council will be restricted with this scheme.

Vote:

7 Agreed, 7 Not Sure, 2 Did not agreed

Members discussed that this did not mean that St Gabriel's was approved.



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Dates for 2009

**Hove Town Hall – 10.00 am – 1 pm
(if everyone could arrive at 9.45 am and get a
Drink then it will help to start the meeting on
time)**

- **Dates – third Monday of every second month**
 - **18th May - Committee Room 3**
 - **20th July - Committee Room 3**
 - **21st September - Committee Room 3**
 - **16th November - Committee Room 3**

**Information Sessions after each Partnership Board
Meeting – Lunch will be provided.**

**18th May – Community Safety & Fighting Hate Crime.
20th July - Work and Skills.**

