

Brighton and Hove Learning Disability Partnership Board

Minutes of Meeting 20th July 2009



Present:

Cllr Maria Caulfield Co-Chair
Matthew Hellett Co-Chair
Diana Bernhardt..... Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities
Betty Vincent Link Group
Sarah Watson Link Group
Margaret Forbes Link Group
Andy Meadows Link Group
Martin Billings..... Link 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
Lou Aish on behalf of 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
Geraldine Hoban PCT
Karen Kingsland..... LDPB Development Worker
Sue Winter Amaze
Debbie Collins..... Carers Link Group
Natalya Garzon on behalf of Housing Department
Nicola Lytle Carer Link Group Support
Heather Hayes Carers Link Group
Joan Hicks Carers Link Group
Ali Dolloso on behalf of Interact
Suzanne Conboy-Hill Sussex Partnership Trust
Jenny Brickell Transitions Forum Rep
Tim Wilson Workforce Development Sub Group Chair
Steve Hook Healthy Lives Sub Group Chair
Sheridan Lynch Provider Forum Representative
Liz Yeats Speak Out



Sorry Couldn't Make It:

Graham Lee Interact
Mark Hendriks..... A Place to Live Sub Group Chair
Andy Staniford Housing Department

Members of the Public – 10

Minute Taker: Sandra Edwards – PA to Naomi Cox

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1. Introductions and apologies and previous minutes.	
As Above	
<p>Concerns about Care Homes</p> <p>Naomi told us about this:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Duty Social worker met up with the resident accompanied by Speak Out. Safeguarding issues had to be investigated. More was learnt about the issues concerning this resident. The concerns were not of a level to warrant a safeguarding investigation. The resident is funded by another Local Authority – with the permission of the resident, their Local Authority was contacted and told what we have found out – we have recommended they ensure a review happens soon. 2. Our Social Work and Care Management Manager and one of our Senior Social Workers met with the Manager of one of the Care Homes and are due to visit another at the end of this month. The reason for these visits is to make sure that the managers of these homes are clear about what is expected of them. 3. Speak out and the Link Group have drafted a Project Plan for working with people who live in Residential Care Homes – supporting them to Speak Up. This work will start in the autumn and a report will come back to the Partnership Board. Matthew and Sheridan are going to do a presentation at the Big Meeting in September about making complaints. 	
2. Chairs News	
<p>Matthew told us about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want to use the last 20 minutes of each meeting to showcase the exciting things that are happening in our city. • At the next meeting we will showcase the Oska Bright Festival. • Do you have any ideas for other things to showcase at future meetings? If you do please tell Karen about them. 	

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- We are going to try extra hard to stick to time during this meeting.
- Karen made the agenda bigger and we hope it will be easier to understand and follow the times.

Maria told us about:

Two of our projects that were mentioned in City News this month:

1. ‘Going the extra mile for our loos’ – about our Changing Places Campaign

Work is due to start this summer on a new state-of-the-art disabled toilet facility on Brighton seafront.

The ‘Changing Places’ loo, at the Colonnade on Madeira Drive will be the first such facility on the south coast.

2. ‘Disabled work project’ – about our Voluntary Work Project:

You may have seen Martyn Billings giving out brochures and flyers at Brighton Museum & Art Gallery and the Jubilee Library.

He is pictured with his day service worker Andy Thomas.

3. We also had Lucy Westcott communicating what was being said through drawings at the meeting. Lucy is training to be a Graphic Facilitator which means that she can draw what is being said to help people understand.



Changing Places






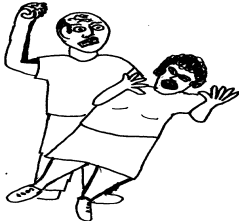
3. Link Group Feedback









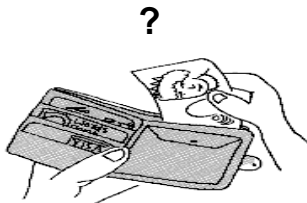
Link Group Big Meeting

Film played at meeting about “Love Matters” – the film


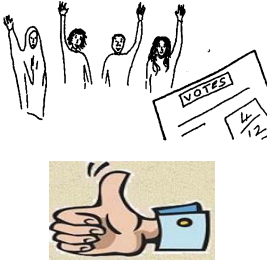



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<p>showed how important it is that people are supported to meet up with friends & partners.</p> <p>This highlighted the need for support, how it is difficult for people with wheelchairs. They spoke at the Big Meeting about how they may have problems with transport and distances how people with Learning Disabilities have rights about staying up late.</p> <p>Action: Diana and Naomi to take forward actions from Big Meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Carer's Link Group Update</p>	
<p>The Carers had a listening lunch session and representatives fed back what was talked about at the Listening Lunch. One of the key issues was carers needing more information about housing and support options in the City. Maria suggested that the information relating to Housing may be resolved during Housing Information session that is being held. An information guide about housing is being developed by the Place to Live Sub Group.</p> <p>Someone mentioned that Schools not giving enough information regarding Sex Education & relationships. Jenny told everyone how Children's Services are sharing information with service users and suggested that adult services consider developing the COMPASS. This is the data base that Children's services use in partnership with Amaze and provides a whole range of information. It works by families registering and in exchange they get a COMPASS leisure card which gives access to reduced cost leisure.</p> <p>Issues raised by carers that are about their own current situation will be followed up by Naomi or Diana who will discuss this with the Carers Centre.</p>	
<p>Information Sessions</p>	
<p>Maria told us about information sessions coming up:</p> <p><u>Today we talked about saying NO! to hate crime.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership Community Safety Team provided information and their plan to fight hate crime after the Partnership Board Meeting. 	





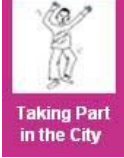
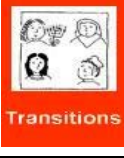


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<p>31st July - Autism consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hove Town Hall • 11:00 to 7:00 – drop-in any time <p><u>September 21st - Housing Information Session</u></p> <p><u>HOVE TOWN HALL AT 1.30PM – AFTER THE MEETING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Place to Live Group will lead the session • Lunch provided 	 
<p>5. Valuing People Now -</p>	
<p>Valuing Employment Now Plan has come out - it's on the Department of Health Website www.dh.gov.uk. We will put it on our Brightpart website www.brightpart.org</p>	
<p>The Government says more people with moderate and severe learning disabilities should be able to get jobs. Schools, colleges, day services and other services should be changing to support people with learning disabilities to get jobs and work at least 16hrs per week.</p>	
<p>6. St Gabriel's (18 Wellington Road)</p>	
<p>Diana told us about St Gabriel's. The private owners who are Baron Homes have got planning permission and will go ahead with building 25 flats for people with learning disabilities and physical disabilities.</p> <p>The presentation will go on brightpart website. The Council will make final decision but want to know what the Partnership Board think and this will be included in the Report that Diana is taking to the Council.</p> <p>Questions were asked during the meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much will the rent be? • Will there be rent assistance? 	 

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits impact and does this mean people won't be able to afford to work? <p><u>Action – Diana is going to find out the answers to the above questions.</u></p> <p>Diana told everyone that the staff would be working on a rota and sleeping in the building in Staff Accommodation but they would not be a Warden and would not be living in the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question was asked about couples living there – Diana said yes couples can live there as the rooms are double bedrooms. • Question was asked if more people move to Brighton it will place more demand on the Health Team. <p>VOTE: DOES THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD SUPPORT THE WELLINGTON ROAD PROPOSAL?</p> <p>10 VOTED YES 7 VOTED NO 8 DID NOT VOTE</p>	<p align="center"></p> <p align="center"></p>	
<p>7. Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF) – Voting for 2010/11</p>		
<p>Everyone was given 20 pretend £5 notes and asked to put the notes on the posters representing the areas where they want the money to be spent. People could not put more than 10 notes next to any one poster.</p> <p><u>Results:</u></p>	<p align="center"></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Place to Live 	<p>8%</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy – Chairs Planning Group 	<p>22%</p>	

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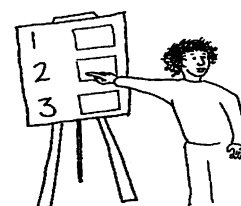
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Carers – Chairs Planning Group 	10%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy Lives 	8.5%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make it Happen – Chairs Planning Group 	9.5%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person Centred Approaches 	7%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking Part in the City 	10.5%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition to Adulthood 	9.5%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work & Skills 	8%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce Development 	7%	

8. Mansell Report



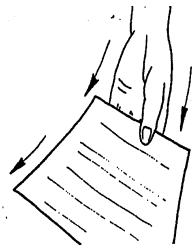

Max Buchanan works in The Behaviour Support Team. He told us about how they work with people whose behaviours can challenge.

Challenging behaviour is any behaviour that results in the person having bad times




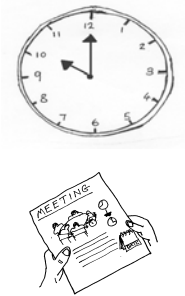

Max Buchanan told us about the Mansell Report.



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<p>The report looks at what services people with long-term challenging behaviour and complex needs must have. It is written by Dr Jim Mansell.</p> <p>You can see a copy of this presentation on the Partnership Board Website - Person Centred Approaches page.</p>	
<p>9. YEARLY REPORT</p>	
<p>Karen told us about the yearly report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year's report was about 2008 • Next year's report will be about this financial year (from 1st April 2009 to March 2010). • This year's report is only about January to March 2009! • Update about the LDDF projects that ended in March • Explain about our Make It Happen Plan – how we will make sure Valuing People Now Happens in Brighton & Hove • National Indicators – <p>Questions were asked about the definitions of number of number of people in Settled Accommodation. Can numbers be defined to show number of people with families and the number of people in residential homes?</p> <p>Question asked about people living independently and whether there would be more money to provide “Floating Support” – Steve Hook answered by advising that there will not be any more money but if people live in residential homes it actually costs more and it is therefore better and cheaper for people to live independently.</p>	 <p align="center">?</p> <p align="center">?</p>
<p>10. Development Worker Report</p>	

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<p>Karen told us about the Communication Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They had their first meeting • Page on Brightpart • Named Total Communication Forum • Everyone welcome to meetings • Next meeting 30th September 	 <p>The logo features two stylized human figures in profile, one with a thought bubble containing an exclamation mark and the other with a speech bubble containing the word 'talk'. Below the figures, the word 'Communicate' is written in a white sans-serif font on a dark red rectangular background.</p>
<p>Karen told us about the Make it Happen Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had several meetings • Make It Happen Plan is on website now 	 <p>The logo consists of a purple square containing a white checkmark. Below the square, the words 'Make It Happen' are written in a white sans-serif font on a purple rectangular background.</p>
<p>Karen told us about the PMLD Network.(Profound & Multiple Learning Disabilities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Partnership Board now belongs to the PMLD Network • They have an email forum for getting advice 	 <p>The logo features the text 'pml network' in a blue sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized blue circular graphic composed of two curved segments.</p>
<p><u>Dates for 2009</u></p> <p>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)</p> <p>Dates – third Monday of every second month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st September - Committee Room 3 <p><u>AND HOUSING INFORMATION EVENT AT 1.30 PM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th November - Committee Room 3 <p>Information Sessions after each Partnership Board Meeting – Lunch will be provided.</p>	 <p>This block contains two icons. The top icon is a simple line drawing of a clock face with numbers 1 through 12 and two hands. The bottom icon is a line drawing of a hand holding a document labeled 'MEETING' with a checklist and a pencil.</p>  <p>A photograph of the exterior of Hove Town Hall, showing a modern building with large windows and a balcony.</p>