

Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF) Progress report



Name of project: TOTAL COMMUNICATION

Project Lead: Lucy Westcott, Total Communication Officer

Sub Group overseeing project: Person centred approaches

Project Targets from original bid:

- Raise awareness of the communication needs of people with learning disabilities.
- Enable people to use Total Communication tools and strategies in their environment.
- Create opportunities for providers and services to network and share ideas and resources.
- To hold a Total Communication event and hold advisory meetings to facilitate the above targets.
- To pilot the Total Communication Charter with those services who have agreed to implement it.
- To adapt and modify the Total Communication Charter in line with evidence from the pilot.

How the project will do this work:

The Total Communication worker will organize and facilitate the following:

- The Total Communication Event
- The Total Communication advisory group meetings
- The Total Communication Charter Pilot

How much 2010/11 LDDF money the project gets: £6,250

Name of person completing this report:

Claire Bartlett (in the absence of Lucy Westcott)

What the project has done in April through September 2010:



The main Total Communication Event was held at Hove town hall on the 27th April. It was attended by over 200 people and received very positive feedback. As a result over 10 services have signed up to the Total Communication Charter. A review meeting is to be held on the 18th November.

There have been 4 Total Communication advisory group meetings. Workshops have included:

- Makaton
- Communication Passports
- Talking Mats
- Graphic Facilitation.

In addition to the LDDF money we have also been successful in three funding bids to Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust. The trust has given us:

- £3,000 from their charitable funds to pay for another Total Communication Event, which will be held next spring
- £3,000 to produce easy to read leaflets for the trust
- probably about £2,500, to enable us to pay for the Total Communication Officer's time