



**Brighton & Hove
Learning Disabilities Provider Forum
Minutes**

**14th October 2009 10-12
Room 1 Brighton Town Hall**

Present:		
Diana Bernhardt (Chair)	Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities	
Bill Demel	In Touch	
Naomi Cox	CLDT	
Val Foot	Mencap	
Joanne Olbaldiston	Sussex Tikvah	
William Bullock	Tamarisk Housing	
Anna Roberts	Tamarisk Housing	
Maureen Pasmore	B&HCC	
Kevin Murphy	B&HCC	
Alex Reeve	SACT	
Beth Hemsley	Outlook Foundation	
Daniel Parsonage	B&HCC	
Mandy Offield	B&HCC	
Kathy Biggle	B&HCC	
Michael Stone	Scope	
Maureen Pasmore	Service Manager Supported Employment B&HCC	
Sarah Crowe	Minutes	
Apologies:		
Karen Kingsland	CLDT	
Ray Langley	Brighton Mencap	
Graham Lee	Impetus	
Sheila Moulton	Mencap Brighton, Hove and District	
John Morley	Norwood	
Arden House – Geraldine	Arden House	
Mark Hooper	Heritage Care	
Sheridan Lynch	Southdown Housing Association	
Chris Storey	Southdown Housing Association	
Samantha Leath	Robina Care	
Tracy Mair	B&HCC	
Anne Richardson	Commissioning Team Manager	
Mark Hendriks	Commissioning Team	
Items	Action	By
1. Introductions and Apologies - DB Brief introductions from everyone. Apologies received as shown above.		
2. Minutes and Matters Arising – DB 2.1 Minutes agreed actions carried out. 2.2 Other actions carried out. SC to get an update from Mark Hendriks regarding feedback from the notes made at the last session on Housing and if discussed at the A Place to Live sub group.	Contact MH	SC
3. National and Local Update – DB 3.1 Nationally		

<p>Valuing People Now have issued a newsletter Key items around Employment Now.</p> <p>Guidance is being issued for membership of Partnership Boards. Also a toolkit for the workforce to use. And further information on Carers Strategy and Person Centred Planning.</p> <p>In relation to the South East Regional Programme Board they have met and the Chair is Joy Hollister Director of Housing and Adult Social Care.</p> <p>DB advised that there is a Learning Disability Today Exhibition - Business Design Centre London on the 25th November. DB attended last year and found it very useful. Maybe possible for residents to attend. Here is the link for more information http://www.pavpub.com/pavpub/microsites/LDTNovember2009/</p> <p>In relation to Putting People first personalisation agenda is being looked at.</p> <p><u>3.2 Locally</u></p> <p>DB advised that Oska Bright Film Festival will be starting shortly 17-19th November.</p> <p>The new Chief Executive has taken up his post, John Barradell.</p> <p>In relation to the LD Commissioning Strategy looking at progress made to date.</p> <p>DB advised that an information request had been sent to providers asking for an update of people with learning disabilities who are in work/voluntary work. If you have not received please email sarah.crowe@brighton-hove.gov.uk and the information will be resent.</p> <p>Also through Speakout, Amaze and the Carers Centre they are working on the access to health assessment; which is a plan for self assessment to be developed in 3 years. NC also commented on this and gave some information on Healthy Lives as below:</p> <p>The Healthy Lives Sub Group of the Learning Disability Partnership Board are leading on a piece of work in partnership with NHS Brighton and Hove (formerly the PCT) called the “Learning Disabilities Health Performance and Self-Assessment Framework (2009)”.</p> <p>The PCT has to submit a return at the end of 2009, to the Valuing People Support Team via the South East Coastal Region Strategic Health Authority on how they judge the NHS services they have commissioned in the city have performed in relation to improving access and making adjustments for people with learning disabilities and their families/carers.</p> <p>The Healthy lives group and PCT will be consulting on this piece of</p>		
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<p>work during October and November with services users, their carers and other organisations across the independent and voluntary sector in the city, to contribute to the Framework.</p> <p>There will be a “Big Health Check Up Day” after the Partnership Board on the 16th November and a progress report to the Joint Commissioning Board that evening. If you have any comments to make about health services for people with learning disabilities in the city or wish to attend the Big Health Check up Day then please contact Sandy Edwards on sandra.edwards@brighton-hove.gov.uk or 01273 5550</p> <p>NC also raised the LD Staff conference on the 16th November and for providers to attend the PM sessions from 1 o’clock onwards. If you have any queries, please contact Karen.kingsland@brighton-hove.gov.uk or Sandra.edwards@brighton-hove.gov.uk if you have not received an invite.</p>		
<p>4. Contracts Update – MO</p> <p>4.1 Mandy Offield advised no Update from Contracts.</p> <p>4.2DB asked for clarification around DoLS which Mandy will feed back.</p> <p>This was clarified in the June meeting ‘SC advised that Judith Cooper had confirmed that the variation around DoLS has been sent to providers’</p>		
<p>5. Employment Presentation – MP</p> <p>5.1 Maureen.pasmore@brighton-hove.gov.uk based at Castleham Hove, Knoll Business Centre, (01273) 296090</p> <p>5.2 MP went to some facts and figures and clarified the difference between employment, voluntary work and also helping people plan to do work as preparation.</p> <p>5.3 In Valuing Employment Now, MP went over some key areas which need to be looked at. Some discussion in the meeting over benefits.</p> <p>5.4 <u>Advice on benefits</u></p> <p>The Supported Employment team can advise individuals of which benefits are affected by paid work and also advise on permitted work, supported permitted work and work of more than 16hrs a week.</p> <p>Jobcentre Plus - Better off in Work Calculations can be requested via the Jobcentre but there is the potential that people may be asked to sign up for Pathways to Work.</p> <p>Any individual can do a self check regarding benefits and tax credits using the benefits checklist on www.direct.gov.uk.</p> <p>The council’s Welfare Rights Team primarily train other advisers on welfare benefits. They also offer advice to people who have been turned down for benefits and run a public advice line every Wednesday morning on (01273) 291116 from 10am until 1pm. The Team also produces a range of factsheets that deal with different welfare benefits such as Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Benefits for Carers and general benefit rates factsheet.</p>	<p>Email information MP discussed</p>	<p>MP</p>

<p>6. Employment Group Work – All</p> <p>6.1 The meeting split into groups to carry out some work on the areas which you could influence to ensure that people with a learning disability have access to employment.</p> <p>6.2 Feedback included commissioning contracts which help providers and the need for success stories of people who have started work. Possibly helping people with travel so giving people confidence and support. Also using money from grant opportunities and looking into qualifications.</p>	<p>Email feedback from the groups</p>	<p>SC/MP</p>
<p>7. Update from Partnership Board – DB</p> <p>7.1 DB updated the meeting – Please see update from SL below</p> <p>7.2 Below is SL feedback from the last Partnership Board. I am sorry that I am unable to attend this Forum as I believe it is important for us to have a representative who attends both meetings which is not always possible for me. If there is another Provider who is willing/able to do this, I am happy to pass on the role.</p> <p>Also another reminder that the Brightpart website has all the minutes of meetings (not the September ones yet) and sub groups so that is a really good way of keeping everyone up to date. www.brightpart.org</p> <p>Key issues at the LD Partnership Board 21/09/09</p> <p>Wellington Road Development – this is going ahead. 24 Flats for people with learning disabilities including adapted flats for people with physical disabilities – planned to take a year to complete. The council has set up a project group led by Mark Hendriks and Anne Richardson.</p> <p>Gerrard Martin: presented an update about CTPLD Reviews. 66% of the 745 people who need a care management review have been reviewed. 3 additional reviewing officers are being appointed and the target for 2010 is 82%.</p> <p>Diana reported on the LD budget. £23M of the £30M is spent on accommodation services. £1.6M is contributed from SP. There was a discussion about ‘settled accommodation’ and the targets for the authority.</p>		
<p>8. Self Directed Support Update – KB</p> <p>8.1. KB introduced herself as currently covering Nichola St George while she is on maternity leave. KB advised that happy to talk to providers about any issues. NC advised KB is part of the PCP group and details can be found on the brightpart website.</p> <p>8.2 KB went over the range of work which she is currently undertaking.</p> <p>8.3 Currently she is working as chair of the information and workstream group and looking at council web pages and accessibility and also success stories for SDS. Also promoting services via leaflets. In relation to employment looking at support for people employing people with learning disabilities.</p> <p>Much work going on around brokerage and currently the council</p>		

<p>are doing a desktop exercise.</p>		
<p>9. Update on Commissioning Strategy – DB DB advised in relation to the Commissioning Strategy currently being updated. The Wellington Road service was passed by Cabinet and development to be started shortly. Also looking to continue looking for service for people with complex needs, some issues with finding a property on the last OOA tender.</p>		
<p>10. Training and Development – KM 10.1 KM advised that training guidelines are available on website for independent training. 10.2 There is a new Head of Workforce Development called Glen Jones. 10.3 There is a safeguarding conference happening at the Brighthelm centre on the 3rd December. KM recommended people attend. Voice UK will be there to talk about Hate Crime and also various workshops. Please contact KM if you would like to attend, allocated 40 places. Also launching the Thumbs Up scheme and a DVD which could be shown to this group.</p>		
<p>11. Agenda Planner 11.1 NC to carry out presentation and update on Person Centred Planning update in February. 11.2 DB suggested to look at where we are now and how workshops have helped providers. 11.3 Suggestion of having IB’s and personalisation workshop and update regarding SDS. 11.4 Clarification regarding Love Matters on the agenda planner from Mark Hendriks 11.5 If possible to schedule Thumbs Up DVD for December or another meeting in the new year would be for 15 minutes.</p>	<p>Contact MH for clarification and update agenda planner</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>12. AOB 12.1 NC advised the meeting about HealthWalks Could someone you support benefit from Healthwalks? Funding is available for service users and staff to train as Healthwalks Leaders so that they can lead their peers on the designated Healthwalks around the city. The walks are all graded for distance and difficulty, and take in lovely parks and sea views. The ‘Step To It’ programme can also be used to motivate people into enjoying better health, and provides a visual progress record of activity and enjoyment. Funding is available for covering staff involved in the training, additional staffing to support the walks, ‘Step To It’ workbooks and pedometers, and individual incentives to get people moving. So don’t let this opportunity go to waste – sign up now! There will be a Healthwalks presentation at this years Learning Disability Staff Conference on 18th November, or for more information contact Darren Currell on 292564.</p>		

<p>12.2 DP also advised that the Nation Housing Federation is leading on a campaign to deliver a month of activities to promote the supported housing sector throughout the South East. This is an opportunity to showcase the achievements of your service for their part in supporting more than 136,000 vulnerable adults in the SE Region. The month is from 16 November – 11 December 2009. The provider Steering group have agreed a format where each week within the month is dedicated to a client group/group of clients. Learning Disability and Mental Health week will be from 23rd-27th November. Potential events and stories are Opening of Westbourne service. Some things to think about are what makes your service special or different to anyone else? and how you do your services make a difference to people? How can this be illustrated?</p> <p>For more Information please see link http://www.housing.org.uk/</p> <p>Please contact SC on sarah.crowe@brighton-hove.gov.uk for further information.</p> <p>Next Meetings: 2nd December 10-12 Brighton Town Hall Room 1 <u>New dates for your diary</u> 3rd February 2010 2-4 Brighton Town Hall Room 1 21st April 2010 10-12 Brighton Town Hall Room 1 9th June 2010 2-4 Brighton Town Hall Room 1 8th September 2010 10 – 12 Brighton Town Hall Room 1 10th November 2010 10 – 12 Brighton Town Hall Room 1</p>		
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