

Present:		
Diana Bernhardt (Co - Chair)	Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities	
Mark Hendriks	Project Officer	
Joanne Olbaldiston	Sussex Tikvah	
Kay Holden (Co-Chair)	Southdown Housing Association	
Michelle Rumble	Regard	
Dominic Kennard	ASD Unique Services Ltd	
Judith Cooper	B&HCC Contracts	
Raymond Langley	Brighton Hove & District Mencap Society Charity	
Sam Leath	Care UK	
Kelly Brome	RNID	
Sandra Whittington	RNID	
Driss Zemouli	Highviews	
Jean Marshall	Outlook	
Sam Sheils	Mencap	
Clive Lucas	Dignity Group	
Pat Hyland	ILG	
Sarah McBrien	Arundel Care Services	
Natasha Clare	Seagulls	
Pauline Fretweell	Livability	
Sarah Crowe	Minutes	
Apologies:		
Sheila Moulton	Mencap Brighton, Hove and District	
Naomi Cox	CLDT Manager	
Mandy Offield	B&HCC Contracts	
Loz Blume	Priory Rockery	
Peter Frost	Bevern Trust	
Beth Hemsley	The Outlook Foundation	
Tracy Mair	B&HCC	
Anne Richardson	B&HCC	
Loz Blume	Priory Group	
Nikola Fieldhouse	Deaf blind UK	
Graham Lee	Interact	
Beth Hemsley	Outlook	
Bec Davidson	Priory Group	
Nichola St George	B&HCC	
John Edwards	Carewatch	
Items	Action	By
1. Introductions and Apologies – DB As above		
2. Feedback from Providers – KH Natasha Clare has volunteered to act as deputy co chair in Kay's absence and will attend Partnership Board as provider rep if Kay is unable to do so. Will co ordinate diaries and dates.		

<p>All agreed that would prefer the room to be set up board room style rather than round tables. Would like contracts to attend on a regular basis. Also agreed to have the provider only meeting after the main meeting. DB advised that rather than emailing out presentations details will be put on the website and the link sent around.</p>	<p>Update agenda</p> <p>Change room set up</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>SC</p>
<p>3. Cost Modelling/Development of RAS – MH MH presented details about The Resource Allocation System (RAS) which converts a person’s assessment into an individual’s potential budget. FACE is the company who have developed the RAS for Brighton and Hove. The RAS is expected to be rolled out for LD on the 1st April, however there is no political or financial decision that has been made on its use. Many people asked about transparency as it is not clear what data has been inputted. MH advised that the issue of transparency is between the client and the authority. Some providers raised queries and concerns about a person coming to a particular organisation and saying that this is the money they have been allocated and would like a service for such a price. Also that some providers may be under cut by other providers who say that a service could be provided at a lesser cost. Care Funding Calculator: MH advised that there are two versions of the CFC one supported living and the other residential. Used for some other client groups but not older people. The CFC is completed with providers and this provides a basis for dialogue about care for each person and also can provide more personalised care. MH gave some typical examples of how the CFC has been used and it has meant reduced fees and better outcomes for people. For providers it does mean that there are no radical changes in prices and it is a process of Assess-Services-Agree £££.</p>	<p>Email Presentation and links</p> <p>Provide details of what levels are not scored</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>MH</p>
<p>4. National/Local Update – DB DB gave an overview of the changes happening nationally around the Big Society, Liberating the NHS and other Public Health changes. However the key priorities are employment and benefit changes, volunteering, participation and the social care outcomes framework including; employment, settled accommodation and individualised budgets. Locally, there are savings to be made of £30 million. Cabinet budget documents will be available on the Brighton and Hove website prior to the budget which will be agreed on the 3rd March. The LD budget will be known once settlement has been reached. Details of uplifts are to be issued after this time. JM raised concerns about lack of uplift for providers and the affect this is having on staff. DB advised that it is the case that savings need to be made however important for a dialogue to still take place. DK asked about inhouse services and use of the RAS and CFC in these services. MH advised that inhouse are looked at and scrutinised so do have to make savings. They do also offer good value for money especially with complex needs.</p>		

<p>DB went onto speak about other things happening in the council including the challenging behaviour team which is looking to develop tools to evaluate challenging behaviour.</p> <p>Will also be looking at setting up a network of provider for best practice. An email will be sent to providers.</p> <p>There has been a small provider forum which has been set up, and this going well.</p> <p>Contracts for providers are being refreshed to ensure that the terms and conditions for providers link into support plans and key outcomes.</p> <p>An autism strategy group is also to be set up and 2 provider representatives will be requested to join the group.</p> <p>DP advised that he may wish to become involved. If more than one provider would like to then the forum would need to vote.</p> <p>A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is also being finalised and will be sent to contributors and the Learning Disability Partnership Board for comments and amendments. An executive summary will be issued shortly and a copy can be sought through Sarah Crowe. Sarah.crowe@brighton-hov.gov.uk</p>	<p>Providers to email if they would like to be involved in the Autism Strategy Group</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>5. Feedback from Learning Disability Partnership Board – KH</p> <p>Providers discussed the report that had been received from the LDPB on people going out and meeting people.</p> <p>Some providers commented that it was difficult to know the context of these comments and the number of people who felt that they were prevented from going out. Most people thought that people are helped to go out and socialise however it could be the case that providers are not aware that this is an issue for people.</p> <p>KH advised that she will feedback to the LDPB that the providers have shown a commitment to talk to managers and staff and take comments to various meetings to share the report. Also they will check with service users if they have felt the same way as the comments raised and see how improvements can be made.</p>	<p>Feedback to the LDPB</p>	<p>KH</p>
<p>6. AOB and Next Meetings</p> <p>KH asked for any items that people would like to add to the agenda. Contact Kay Holden. K.holden@southdownhousing.org</p> <p>Providers advised that they would like an update on the budget. Possibly look at Challenging behaviour tool. MH advised this is not ready however could come to a future meeting.</p> <p>MH also suggested adding autism to the agenda for a future meeting. To be added to agenda planner.</p> <p>Post Meeting – KH suggested that the feedback form about the meeting be emailed to providers to comment.</p>	<p>Providers to contact Kay Holden for items</p> <p>Update agenda</p> <p>Email feedback form to group</p>	<p>All</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC</p>
<p><u>Dates for 2011</u></p> <p><u>All at Hove Town Hall, Room 1 from 9.30 -12.00</u></p> <p><u>12-12.30 LD Providers Only</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd March 2011 • 25th May 2011 • 20th July 2011 • 21st September 2011 • 23rd November 2011 		

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