



Brighton and Hove
Learning Disabilities Provider Forum

Minutes
24th February 2009
Room 3 Brighton Town Hall

Present:		
Diana Bernhardt	Lead Commissioner of Learning Disabilities	
Mark Hendriks	LD Project Officer	
Kevin Murphy	B&HCC	
Sheridan Lynch	Southdown Housing Association	
Raymond Langley	Grace Eyre	
Miss Ruiz	Eaton Care	
Chris Bland	Grace Eyre	
Tracy Mair	B&HCC	
Naomi Cox	ILDS	
Karen Kingsland	ILDS	
Bill Demel	In Touch	
Lynda Fellan – Scott	Vig Care	
Zara Mousavi	Z&M Care Ltd (Lyndhurst)	
Karol Givossait	Outlook House	
Alison Williams	Sussex Health Care	
Michelle Rumble	Regard Partnership	
Sandra Stinton	CMG	
John Child	B&HCC	
Sarah Crowe	Minutes	
Apologies:		
Sheila Moulton	Mencap Brighton, Hove and District	
Kaella Lawson	Scope	
Nichola St George	LD Project Officer	
Anne Richardson	Supporting People & LD Commissioning Manager	
Bernie Gilligan	ACH	
Neil Holmes	Care Co-Ops	
Liz Gray	B&HCC Contracts	
Items	Action	By
1. Introductions and Apologies - DB Brief introductions from everyone. Apologies received as shown above.		
2. Minutes and Matters Arising - DB 1. SL and KM advised clarification in minutes around contracts as MD advised that it is seen as good practice and is not a requirement of providers 2. Agenda Planner to be updated. 3. Everything else on the agenda today.	Update	SC
3. National and Local Update - DB 1. DB discussed the Valuing People Now report which is a delivery plan for the future. There is likely to be a closer monitoring of objectives from the impact of delivery and also to include the main priorities of access to housing, personalisation, employment through transitions and health care. Report also		

<p>highlights need of the LD Partnership board to be accessible. There are to be 10 pilots of 'getting a life'.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The information session on the 16th March at HTH after the Partnership Board is due to show a Valuing People Now DVD 3. DB advised that they are looking to revamp planning groups and structure to aid decision making. More information will be available on the website. 4. Locally, an information session was held in February; discussion included the new property on Wellington Road, transitions and tendering of OAA placements. Also a carers session afterwards. DB mentioned the importance of involvement at early stages and working together. Planning for another session in May details to follow. 5. DB advised about the automatic inflation increases for next year and the decision for there not to be an automatic uplift. However for consideration completed matrixes will be required. Once all matrixes have been received a decision will be made. If you have any queries on the completion of the matrix please contact the team. 	<p>Arrange further info session</p>	<p>DB</p>
<p>4. Contracts Update - DB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No attendance from Contracts Unit. 2. DB advised that Mike Dennis has retired and there has been recruitment for a new manager which should be known shortly. 		
<p>5. Deprivation of Liberties DOLs - JC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction from JC who discussed the presentation. 2. Key part of the 5 core principles is around best interest for the client. Provision relates to people 18 or over who have a mental disorder as defined by MHA 1983 and will cover people in hospitals and people in registered care homes. It is the decision of care home providers to make decisions. Most people covered by this will include people with Learning Difficulties, elderly people suffering from dementia and a person suffering from a physical injury such as a brain injury. There is no clear definition provided around DOLs in relation to decision making. 3. RL and JC discussed issues around ordinary residence and how this might impact. 4. Assessments are carried out by a Best Interest Assessor, dedicated for 6 months, which can be a nurse, social worker or OH. Once all forms are complete they are sent to a supervisory body for agreement. CB asked how long these are valid for. JC advised that the best interest assessor will recommend the time and include any conditions. The maximum time is a year, no minimum and this can be reviewed. 5. In relation to local arrangements there is available a 2 hour briefing for staff and JC is happy to speak to people directly about DOLS. NC stressed that authorisations need to go via access point. Further details about training and information are available on the Partnership Board website. 6. JC advised that the forms currently are still in draft and the Department of Health (DOH) are to suggest forms to be used, these may be standardised. Currently available on the DOH 	<p>Circulate presentation with minutes.</p> <p>Timed agenda to be produced for further meetings</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>DB</p>

<p>website and JC will confirm again where documents are found if required.</p> <p>7. DB and JC discussed sanctions, JC confirmed there are no sanctions in place and NC mentioned that these would be picked up during inspections. RL discussed contracts and that a requirement could be put in place for this.</p> <p>8. CM mentioned issues such as banking where there is restriction on independence as someone will need help. JC confirmed that is only for registered care homes and hospitals. SL also mentioned issues for people in supported living and the personalisation agenda.</p>	<p>Confirmation of documents</p>	<p>JC</p>
<p>6. Westbourne update - NC</p> <p>1. NC gave an update on the above project and discussed the plans</p> <p>2. NC confirmed that the site is to replace Pioneer House. Has progressed slowly however will be a new home for short break services. The site has been secured on New Church Road near Aldington House and is council owned.</p> <p>3. The rooms are designed so that they are adaptable including ensuite bathrooms, wheelchair access and the top floor will be used for clients with restricted mobility.</p> <p>4. The new name is to be Beach House, as was chosen by members of Pioneer House.</p> <p>5. Nearly all the new residents have been identified however the care provider has yet to be. Looking for the care provider to be agreed by May and target for completion is November. The clients will be in supported living schemes and using individualised budgets. NC advised that if OAA short breaks can be supported in the city we would hope to do so.</p>		
<p>7. Commissioning Strategy Action Plan – MH</p> <p>1. MH presented a suggested action plan for the provider forum to support the commissioning strategy. (see attached)</p> <p>2. This would include using future forum dates to work on particular areas by sharing good practice, developing joint working opportunities and benchmarking to develop consistent working practices.</p> <p>3. Areas include supporting people to develop independent living skills, to access work and to move on.</p> <p>4. An agenda planner will be used to plan topics in advance.</p>	<p>Update on what has worked well for helping people into employment</p> <p>Link with Healthcare professional</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>DB</p>
<p>5. Update: Partnership Board – SL</p> <p>1. SL confirmed that a great deal of information is available on the Partnership Board website. www.brightpart.org including dates, agendas and minutes.</p> <p>2. At the last Partnership board the meeting discussed the plans for St Gabriels. Some concerns were raised and they await responses to these. The Partnership Board has authority on any decision making.</p> <p>3. The partnership board facilitates bids made for LDDF monies. Projects ask for funding and are decided at the Partnership Board. Please email SL if you have contributions to add or wish to raise any</p>		

<p>issues S.lynch@southdownhousing.org. NC reiterated the meeting is public so anyone can attend. There are also information sessions in the afternoon and any suggestions/ input is welcome.</p> <p>5. NC discussed Person centred planning and approaches subgroup, and will email out feedback around the theme of PCP/A shortly. DB thanked providers for all the audit forms received.</p>		
<p>9. Update: SDS – DB</p> <p>1. Currently there are 28 people with Individualised budgets and overall 77 on SDS direct payments from an initial 12. This is to the credit of Nichola St George and the community team.</p> <p>2. A newsletter with updates, information and event details is to be submitted shortly.</p>		
<p>10. Training and Development - KM</p> <p>1. KM discussed current training being offered and NVQ for providers have started at level 2 or 3 and information has been submitted. Cost is £50 per person.</p> <p>2. There is also an LD Qualification, induction level 1. This is for all staff however there will be a cost which could be claimed back.</p> <p>3. Money can also be claimed back for Skills for Care.</p> <p>4. Also able to bid for funding around manual handling, first aid, food hygiene.</p>		
<p>11. Agenda Planner - DB</p> <p>1. DB discussed and went through the agenda planner.</p> <p>2. All agreed that SDS should remain as a standard item</p> <p>3. Natalie Winterton is to be invited to present a presentation on Inequality in Health.</p> <p>4. DB suggested an item on managing risk. NC confirmed that a presentation in November was done around person centred planning and risk which could be replicated for this forum.</p> <p>5. An item around maximising independence could be discussed in June and KK mentioned that there is an event by Work and Skills subgroup on 20th July pm at HTH, time to be confirmed.</p> <p>6. Agenda planner to include Housing options. MH agreed as there are many approaches and to also include move on.</p> <p>7. DB asked for people to advise if they wished to facilitate any items or had comments to be added</p>	<p>Update agenda planner and invite NW</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>9. AOB - None</p> <p>Next meeting: 15th April 10-12 Brighton Town Hall Room 1</p> <p>Following dates:</p> <p>10th June 10-12 Brighton Town Hall Room 1</p> <p>5th August 10-12 Brighton Town Hall Room 1</p> <p>14th October 10-12 Brighton Town Hall Room 1</p> <p>2nd December 10-12 Brighton Town Hall Room 1</p>		