



TAKING PART IN THE CITY GROUP

Monday 20th April 2009
Brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, Brighton
2.30-4.30pm

NOTES

Present

Eva Jarvis (notes), Nahida Sheikh, Mandy Binks, Darren Currell

1. Sorry Couldn't Make It

We had apologies from Paul Crowther, Hayley Gue, Jan Southerland, Linda Hill, Neil Holmes.

2. Notes and actions from last meeting (9/2/09)

The notes were agreed and no actions were recorded.

3. Feedback from Partnership Board meeting (16/3/2009)

Eva fed back the main discussions from the Partnership Board meeting. They were:

1. The Hate Crime Project and the Together Network Project were approved as Learning Disability Development Fund projects for 2009/10.
2. A proposal to set up a 'Making It Happen' group was approved. This group would be answerable to the Partnership Board and would facilitate better information and proposals for the Partnership Board and making sure that Valuing People Now Priorities are implemented in Brighton & Hove.
3. A presentation and proposal was made to set up a Communications Advisory Group, led by Claire Bartlett and Karen Kingsland. This was approved and members are being sought for this group.

4. St Gabriel's Housing Development was presented. This was not agreed by the Partnership Board.
5. Feedback from the Link Group centred around a discussion that had taken place at the last Big Meeting around people with learning disabilities being able to make complaints and make changes without feeling they are doing something wrong. This is one of the areas that this sub group is responsible for and we need to do some work around this.

Action: Complaints to be discussed at the next meeting and to be fed into the work plan. Further discussions with the Link Group and/or Big Meeting is needed.

4. Work Plan for Taking Part In The City working group

Then work plan was discussed;

- Discussion about how we are informed and include people with learning disabilities and carers in our work. Some suggestions were to attend Link Group, Big Meeting and Service User groups being supported in day services, community support services and residential service, write in Network News, Cares News, Tenant's Disability News and any others we come across.

Action: From each meeting – write up a summary of what has been discussed at the sub group and circulate. Eva to discuss with other organisations and sub groups.

- Some areas highlighted as our responsibility in the Commissioning Strategy around employment and skills will be the responsibility of Work & Skills.

Action: Eva to discuss with Maureen Pasmore

- Hate Crime Project – a strategy will be written, will start with a questionnaire for mapping purposes and the steering group will be set up. Nahida is on holiday for the whole of May so we will ask for our presentation at the next Partnership Board to be postponed until the July meeting. We are also having a stall at the Scrutiny Committee on 7th May at Hove town Hall. Hate Crime Project will be the main focus of our table.
Actions: Nahida will draw up the questionnaire and circulate for members to comment about. Eva will discuss with Karen Kingsland re. change of date for the Partnership Board presentation. The scrutiny committee to be attended by Eva, Mandy and 2 people from Grace Eyre who attended 'Keeping Safe' conference in Kent.

- Leisure and Social activities – Darren Currell who attended instead of Jan Sutherland informed about the Health Walks. They are still funded through the PCT until 2011. There are a number of events happening in the City such as Taking Part and the Race for Life. Information about health walks, what's on, facilities available in leisure & sports centres etc. can be circulated if Darren gets the details The sports club was discussed and in particular the 23 athletes and 9 coaches going to the national games in Leicester in July 2009. Further discussions need to be had to look at the possibility of a bigger Project around Healthy Life styles and Active Lives. **Actions:** Addresses to be forwarded to Darren so he can circulate information. Eva to put on future agenda for further discussions about a Healthy Lives & Active Lives Project.

See work plan for further actions

5. Steering Groups for Hate Crime, Travel Buddy, Together Network & Changing Places

The Hate Crime Project Steering Group will continue to be recruited to. The main purpose is for this to be a time limited steering group to oversee and comment on the materials produced and give advice to the progress of the project while funded through Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF). After this time period, representatives will join the wider Disability Steering Group being set up for the whole of Brighton & Hove. The members so far are:

Nahida Shaikh	-	Partnership Community Safety Team (Chair)
Hayley Gue	-	Grace Eyre
Mandy Binks	-	City Council, Integrated Learning Disability Services
Graham Lee	-	Interact
Sarah Pickard	-	Speak Out
Ingrid Ashberry	-	Speak Out

Actions: Eva to ask the community learning disability team and a community support provider for representatives. Nahida will contact the carers centre and Amaze for representatives and discuss with Speak Out re. representatives of people with learning disabilities.

The Travel Buddy Project's Steering Group will be looking for increased representation when their new staff starts. To be discussed again at the next meeting. Members were urged to ask around to see who might be interested in joining the Steering Group.

Together Network Steering Group will be run by Care Co-Ops and the post that is funded through the LDDF is currently being advertised. To discuss at the next meeting. Members were urged to ask around to see who might be interested in joining the Steering Group.

Changing Places Steering Group – This will be discussed at the next meeting. Members were urged to ask around to see who might be interested in joining the Steering Group.

5. Dates for meetings

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| 8 th June 2009 | - | Care Co-Ops |
| 10 th August 2009 | - | Grace Eyre |
| 12 th October 2009 | - | Brighton Town Hall |
| 14 th December 2009 | - | Care Co-Ops |