

Brighton and Hove Learning Disability Partnership Board Minutes of Meeting 29th April



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Learning Disability Partnership Board
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Present:

Betty Vincent Co-Chair, Speak Out
Cllr Rob Jarrett Co-Chair
Ingrid Ashberry Speak Out
Mark Hendriks Commissioning and Partnerships, B&HCC
Jenny Moore Interact
Caroline Orsola Carers Centre
Joan Hicks Carers Link Group
John Horsman Carers Link Group
Claire Peligry Carers Link Group
Diana Mills Speak Out
Rami Mansour Speak Out
Naomi Cox Person Centred Approaches
Sarah Pickard Speak Out
Deborah Tompsett Speak Out
Anne Hagan Lead Commissioner, B&HCC
Sue Winter Amaze
Hazel Herovitsch Amaze
Cameron Brown Healthy Lives
Karen Kingsland Work & Skills
Anne Richardson-Locke . Commissioning and Partnerships, B&HCC
Mandy Offield Commissioning and Partnerships, B&HCC

Sorry Couldn't Make It:

Denise D'Souza Director of Adult Social Services
Diane Coe Communities & Equalities Team, B&HCC
Matthew Hellett Link Group
Natalie Winterton

Members of the Public – 6

Minute Taker: Andrew Wallis

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Update on Day Activities Review Committee Report

Speak Out talked about some of the difficulties people with learning disabilities had with day activities.

Sarah:

- Some people don't feel confident going to the centres by themselves.
- Sometimes the staff don't understand their needs.

Rami:

- Rami wanted to do a course in Portslade but the college was not near the bus stop and it was dark.
- He is worried about where the services at Buckingham Road are going. People are sad about Buckingham Road closing and want to keep their key workers.

Debbie:

- It is important to meet new people and make new friends.

Anne Richardson-Locke then gave an update on Day Services.

- The Buckingham Road services will be moving. Feast and Can It might move to Wellington House and Our Art to Belgrave.
- She wants to do things differently, like involving more sports and offering longer opening hours.
- Other ideas include home support, a buddy scheme for travelling and support with personal budgets.

Questions & Discussions

Rami: How are you going to make community services more accessible?

Anne: By using volunteers. Volunteers will be fully CRB



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checked and trained.

Anne Hagan: We understand the importance of friendship groups. It is early days and not all the arrangements are in place.

Rami: How will people be given information about changes and dates?

Naomi: Staff at Buckingham Road and Connaught will be letting services users know and will use their knowledge of service users likes and dislikes.

Claire: Will there be flexibility for people who don't like the changes?

Anne: Taster sessions could be arranged for young people before they are 18 so they know it is right for them.

Rob: There will be a service review which will include service users.

Rami: How will people meet up in small and big groups?

Anne: Friendship groups are very important and this will be kept in mind when any plans are put together.

Sarah: How will quality be ensured?

Anne: Through the existing ways for ensuring quality. Advocacy will also be included. There isn't just one rule for everyone in residential care, it depends on their needs

Rob: Wanted to raise the issue of accessing colleges and adult education centres again. Some of these centres are not under direct council control.

Mark: People from the colleges could be invited to the board to discuss this issue.



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Learning Disability Development Fund for 2013-14

Presentation from Mark Hendriks



- There is £50,000 of LDDF money available for short-term projects
- Maximum amount of money for any project is £10,000
- The projects must meet four principles
 - Must prove they are about what people with learning disabilities think is important.
 - Must be new and different.
 - Must make a difference to people's lives.
 - Must promote working together.
- Forms sent out on 1st May.
- Deadline is Friday 31st May
- Big Meeting on 10th June to say what projects they think are most important
- Group will meet to decide who gets the money:
 - 2 council workers
 - 2 family carers
 - 2 people with learning disabilities
- Please speak to Mark if you want to be on the panel.

Questions and Comments

Cameron: Timescale makes it different to recruit.

Mark: There have been delays in the past. The money isn't confirmed until the budget is announced in March. It could be quicker next year.

Rob: There are no plans to change the funding next year and other parties are unlikely to challenge this.

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ACTION: Andrew to add this to the agenda planner for January/February next year.

Pauline: How would you ensure there is no conflict of interest?

Mark: There is no conflict of interest from the council workers, who won't be applying. Mark would hope that the family carers and people with learning disabilities wouldn't be acting in self interest.

Ingrid: Speak Out have a system where they don't vote for their own project.

Sarah: What if the big meeting group wants one thing and the panel wants something else?

Mark: Most of the weighting for the first principle will come from the Big Meeting and the panel will score the rest

Cameron: Would like to see the process reversed so the Partnership Board decides what is important first.

Naomi: Where is the rest of the LDDF Money?

Mark: Supporting the Link Group and Partnership Board.

Pauline: Is that made public?

Mark: It can be, the website is going to be updated on 17th May.

ACTION: Mark will break down of how the rest of the LDDF money is spent to be published on the website.

VOTE

Is the board happy with this plan of action for the LDDF?

YES: 21

NO: 0

Minutes, action list & sorry couldn't make it

Nothing arising.

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	Including People With Complex Needs
	<p>Mark is looking for people to be champions for people with complex needs. They would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speak up for people at the board• Speak up for people outside the board• Bring information to the board <p>People with complex needs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People with profound and multiple learning disabilities• People with challenging behaviour• People with autism• People with mild disabilities with mental health problems• People with dementia• People with drug and alcohol problems• People who are offenders• Parents with learning disabilities• Black and Minority Ethnic Groups, where sometimes services don't meet their cultural needs <p>If you want to be a champion of one of these groups, please contact Mark Hendriks on 01273 293071 or Mark.Hendriks@brighton-hove.gov.uk</p> <p>Questions and Comments:</p> <p>Rami: Wants to represent BME groups.</p> <p>Claire: Feels the profound and multiple learning disabilities groups are too narrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark: We can make that group more broad.</p>

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Debbie and Naomi: Want to champion people with autism.
Sarah: Wants to champion people with mental health needs.
Rami and Sarah: Would like further support.
Mark: Please email me with suggestions.
Rob: Very keen for people from the Link Group to take on these roles because they have a good perspective on the issues.

Carers Centre and Amaze feedback on respite services



Presentation from Joan and Claire



- Using individual budget for short breaks
 - Positive
 - Greater independence
 - Negative
 - A lot of work and responsibility
 - Hard to access for young people

- Beach House
 - Positive
 - Good feedback from service users
 - Staff are able and caring
 - Good food
 - Negative
 - Big service, staffing changes
 - One size doesn't fit all
 - A lot of things have gone wrong, not relaxing for parents.

- Short breaks are going well:
 - Cherish



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Extra Time○ Asserts “Drop In” <p>Carers Meeting Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Paying for carers to go to the home so carers can go have a break can work well● Individual budgets work for people looking for respite care. However, they take a long time to set up.● Respite spoilt if they are concerned about how loved ones are getting on.● Carers would like to find out about what activities are happening – would prefer a newsletter to a website.
Presentation On Respite Services	
	<p>Presentation from Cameron about respite</p> <p>Respite gives carers a chance to relax.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continuing healthcare changes from when they are children to when they are adults.● Choice – there are three principles:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Is it legal?○ Is it affordable?○ Is it effective?● Respite is not just over night stays. It is also day activities and helping carers to resume employment.● Shared Lives: a household has a connection to a person with care needs, they visit the house for short stays.● Support At Home: support workers coming to the home and giving support.● Creative Choices: for example, paying someone known to the person with care needs such as a teacher to come to the home and offer support.

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Presentation from Naomi about respite

- Beach House
 - Specially built
 - 14 bedrooms, 2 for emergencies
 - Self contained flat for people who don't like being around others.
 - People have a certain number of breaks a year and it is helpful to mix weekends and weekdays.
 - They try and match up friendship groups.
 - Good training for staff, will take some of the issues back to improve programme.
 - Some people don't mix well together so they might introduce different zones.
- Shared Lives
 - People can have their breaks with Shared Lives carers, alone or with friends.
 - Person will be seen on a regular basis.
 - CQC regulated.
- Belgrave Day Service
 - Open one Saturday a month.
 - Funded by carers grant.

Questions and Discussion

John: Service User Group at Beach House needs better advertisement as there is limited attendance.

Claire: For some parents it is hard to raise issues because they are so grateful for respite that they don't want to complain.

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Any Other Business?



Thumbs Up Scheme

Rami and Diana: They have gone into shops and cafes and have got the library and Tesco to join. They are planning a website with Ingrid.

Rob: We should be promoting Thumbs Up wherever possible.

Debbie: Visited the FED website, found it easy to use.

Switch from DLA to Person Independence Payments

Rob: Wants to raise this issue/

Karen: need for personalised advice.

Amaze: offering support

Speak Out: offering one-to-one advice.

Rob: Will pass information on to council.

Next meeting 1st July 2013

10.00 - 12.30

Banqueting Suite Hove Town Hall