



Executive Partnership Board

Report

Title: Physical and Sensory Disability Partnership Board (PSDB) Update for the 3rd quarter of 2012 – 2013

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Report of the PSDB meeting held on 27 September 2012

Key points:

1. Presentation on Dignity in Care

Maxine Foster, joint commissioning manager from Bucks County Council updated the board on the latest developments about promoting the Dignity in Care (DIC) agenda. She explained the “Dignity in Care Challenge” and the working group leading on the delivery of an action plan and reporting to the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults Board. The Challenge also involved recruiting DIC champions to promote the agenda within their respective organisations. By the end of March 2012, there were 310 dignity champions. The new target for March 2013 is

700. A quarterly letter celebrating good practice is now being produced and is being sent to all Dignity in Care champions.

An event is being organised to showcase good practice by DIC champions to coincide with 'Dignity in Care' day on 01 February 2013 and members were asked to consider how they could be involved on that day.

The chair asked for members to consider whether they can themselves be DIC champions or to encourage others to become one and for DIC to be a standing item on the board agenda.

2. Presentation on the new Sensory Services

Michael Quinlan from Action on Hearing Loss gave a presentation on the new Sensory Services starting from 01 October 2012. The following points were given:

- The new Buckinghamshire Integrated Sensory Service (BISS) involves a partnership between Action on Hearing Loss, SENSE and Young Deaf Activities.
- The new service will include children as well as adults. There will be new support provision for children within their own homes – both for deaf and blind children
- The integrated team includes sensory officers who will work with visually impaired and deaf people. There are also community support officers who will be supported by a team of volunteers.
- Services include: sensory and equipment assessments, mobility and orientation training for visual impairment. For more complex assessments a referral would be made to the sensory care management team

- The team will aim to give people independence and support in their own homes
- Drop in services will be developed across the county.

3. LINK update

Janice Campbell from Link updated the board on the work of LINK with the following key points:

- Local Healthwatch will replace the LINK and will commence in April 2013 when Local Authorities will take over the responsibilities for Public Health.
- Community Impact Bucks is currently acting as the host organisation for the LINK
- Local Healthwatch will be able to conduct “enter and view” visits and can identify issues and concerns and conduct further investigations into issues if appropriate.
- The role of Local Healthwatch will be primarily around signposting and advocacy services. • Three particular areas have been identified:
- LINK has identified 3 areas of priority for its members:
 - Dignity in Care
 - Transport
 - New emergency services