

Minutes

LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY
2 AUGUST 2012, IN , COMMENCING AT TIME NOT SPECIFIED AND CONCLUDING AT
TIME NOT SPECIFIED.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

1 MINUTES

CHAIRMAN



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE





Buckinghamshire Learning Disability Partnership Board

Thursday 2nd August 2012

Who Was There?

Co-Chair: Fred Charman - Talkback
Jennifer Basterfield - Talkback

Facilitator: Sue Pigott - Talkback



Peter Bolton (Talkback)

Ainsley MacDonnell (BCC/PCT)

Jeremy Fox (Talkback)

Katherine Riddell (BCC/Ridgeway)

Ifti Dadd (Talkback)

Linda Warmbier (BCC)

Sarah Towse (Talkback)

Amy Griffiths (Choice Support/Prov.Rep)

Jean Rein (Talkback)

Andy Martin (Ridgeway)

Richard Fox (Talkback)

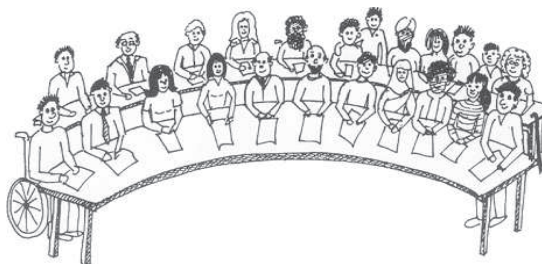
Amalsha Vithanaarachiki (Ridgeway)

Alex Britton (Talkback)

Graham Flatt (Carer Rep)

Polly Wilkinson (Connexions)

Diane Dalton (Carers Bucks/Carer Rep)





Welcome from the Co-Chairs

Fred and Jennifer opened the meeting, welcoming everyone. Each person introduced themselves.



Apologies:

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| Teresa Smith | - | BCC |
| Nassrin Saeedi | - | REACH |
| Karen Mackenzie | - | Talkback |
| Matthew Forbes | - | Talkback |



MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting

Co-chairs

Fred and Jennifer went through the minutes of the last meeting.



Matters Arising & Actions

Autism Strategy - page 4

Sue said that Nassrin has made contact with Ojalae Jenkins.

Bucks Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (BSVAB) - page 7

Safeguarding has been made a Learning Disability Partnership Board priority and is part of the workplan. Cath Marriott will be contacted with regard to setting up a 'Safe Place Scheme'.

Day Opportunities - page 12/13

Linda Warmbier present at this meeting to provide an update and answer the questions that were raised at the last meeting.

Health, Champion GP - page 14

Ainsley to provide information during meeting with regard to the Champion GP. Further funding to be found to continue the work of the Health Passports, Health Checks and the Health Action Plans.

Hate Crime/Keeping Safe - page 15

Nassrin will be the representative from the Providers Forum.

Matters Arising continued

Executive Partnership Board (EPB) - page 16

Suggestions for the Agenda have been forwarded to the EPB for the next meeting on 17th September.

Transition Pathway - page 19

Education/Employment Services and Activities Group still to be co-ordinated.

Social Inclusion/Exclusion - page 19

This piece of work to be included in the new workplan.

The minutes were agreed by the members.

Day Services Update

Linda Warmbier

(Presentation attached)

Linda said that there will be 6 Day Opportunity buildings:

1. High Wycombe
2. Aylesbury
3. Chesham
4. Burnham
5. Beaconsfield
6. Buckingham



Day Services Update continued

Linda Warmbier

High Wycombe

Bucks County Council are now looking at a new, more central site, due to delays with the original plot. They are hoping for the new site to open in the summer of 2014.



Aylesbury

Work should begin in September 2012 on the new site at Hartwell. It will be refurbished and made bigger so that it is more user friendly. This site should be complete by the summer of 2013.

Chesham

Bucks County Council tried hard to get the site in Amersham but an agreement couldn't be made. A new site at Chiltern View in Chesham has been agreed for a new building. This should be completed in the Summer of 2014.

Burnham

Burnham is being redeveloped. The outlines and plans are being made at present. This should be completed by February 2014.

Beaconsfield

Seeleys will stay as it is.

Buckingham

Well Street is being refurbished and should open at the end of December 2013.



Day Services Update continued

Linda Warmbier

Linda said that the Day Centres would be for people with complex needs, to include people with a learning disability, the elderly, physical disability but not mental health.

A range of community services for people not going to the new Day Centres will be available. Bharti Quinn from Bucks County Council is leading on this, it is called Market Shaping.



The tender process for the providers of the new Day Centres has been paused while other options are considered. Bucks County Council have listened to the concerns of families and carers and decided to review the process. Consultants are looking at all the options available for running the Day Centres effectively.

The Endeavour Garden Service will move from the present site but will continue elsewhere.

A company will take over the Red Cross service in Bourne End at the end of December rather than this service being run by the Council.

Linda answered some of the questions that had been put forward by members of the LDPB at the previous meeting.

1. Whilst refurbishment and building is taking place, the Day Centres that people will use will be:

- Burnham (until work commences)
- Hillcrest, High Wycombe
- Seeleys, Beaconsfield
- Berton Hill, Aylesbury



Day Services Update continued

Linda Warmbier

2. There has been a lot of discussions with the Carers Reference Group and work with operations staff to make sure that people's needs are met and acknowledge that it needs to be managed carefully for it to work.



3. Linda hopes that people are feeling that the Council are being open and honest and said she is very happy to answer any questions.



Members said that they felt they hadn't been updated as Linda hadn't attended a LDPB meeting in a long time. Linda explained that she had just got this new job and had been working hard to make sure all the plans were in place for the changes.

Diane Dalton asked if the Day Centre Bulletins could be more frequent during this time. Linda said that the council are addressing this.

4. Thrift Farm will be developed and continue as it is at present. Derek Patterson, Day Operations Manager, Specialist Services, is the new person who will be developing Thrift Farm.



2. The new centres will be available to use by people using the community services. This has always been part of the plan, to get away from people using isolated buildings. The hope is to get people in from the community.



Linda said she was happy to be contacted if anyone needed answers to any further questions and will attend the Board again.

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Ridgeway/Southern Health Update

Andy Martin

Andy from Ridgeway told everyone what activity had been happening around the transition since the announcement of Southern Health as the preferred partner in March 2012.



Senior staff from Ridgeway and Southern Health have been meeting weekly to discuss how the merger will happen. They are working hard to bring the 2 services together on 1st November 2012. To help do this, groups called 'Workstreams' have been set up to include areas of Operations, HR, Governance, IT and Finance.



On the 23rd July, the Co-operation and Competition Panel looked at the application from Ridgeway and informed them that they will approve the partnership.

The first round of 16 roadshows to staff and carers have been completed. It was attended by approximately 430 staff, service users and carers.

Two films of the roadshows have been made, one for staff and one for the people they support and their families/carers. They are available on the internet: <http://www.ridgeway.nhs.uk/our-future/>

Ridgeway and Southern Health are working together to help support staff to deal with the challenges to come. Most changes will be to those that work at Ridgeway Headquarters. Some staff will move to Southampton and some will leave.



Ridgeway/Southern Health Update

Andy Martin

The last Ridgeway AGM will be held on 19th September 2012 from 6pm at the Kings Centre in Botley, Oxford. Everyone is invited, more details can be found on the Ridgeway website.

Southern Health are in the process of making changes to their constitution. These are the rules which an organisation works to. The changes include Governor representatives for Ridgeway Services. Ridgeway have been included in the plans now rather than later.

Southern Health have 35 Council of Governors (COG) and these will be reduced to 27. Out of these 27, Ridgeway will have:

- 2 public governors for Oxford/Bucks
- 1 staff governor
- 1 public governor for Rest of England
- Appointed governor (to come later)



Ainsley said that she has been involved in this process from the beginning in 2010. It has been a long, thorough process as the Commissioners in Bucks have wanted to make sure that the new provider will be the right one. It has been incredibly well run and everyone has been involved. She said it has been one of the best processes that she has been involved in. She is confident that the merger with Southern Health will help to improve things further within the community.



Services and Activities Working Groups Update

Sue Pigott - Talkback

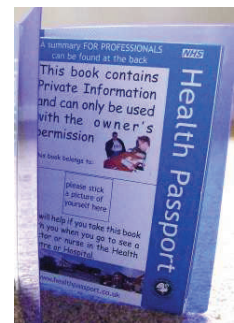
Health

The Services and Activities Health Group met on 5th July 2012.

The group have identified a number of priority areas and as a result have decided to complete a PATH as a positive way forward. The PATH meeting is to be held on 11th September 2012.



Continuation of the Health Passport is a high priority. The use of the Health Passport links in closely with people having effective Health Checks. There is no current funding to reproduce the Health Passports going forward. The Health Services and Activities Group are considering how this can best be resolved.



The Clinical Commissioning Groups have identified a champion GP, Dr Nisar Yaseen, to be the clinical lead for learning disability services. Ainsley MacDonnell is overseeing how best this agreed time can be utilised.



Sue and Sarah Towse from Talkback attended the Getting Better Healthcare For People With A Learning Disability Event which was hosted by Improving Health and Lives in Gloucester on 3rd July.

Sarah told members that the event was about people getting better information about health matters. With the right sort of information, people with learning disabilities can make decisions about their health and have the right support.



Services and Activities Working Groups Update continued

Sue Pigott - Talkback

There is a website called: **easyhealth.org.uk**

It is very easy to use and gives practical advice on how to stay healthy.



She said that other areas host regular Health Check Days which are very successful. Local information is made available to people along with advice on specialist health areas. She said this would be good to do in Bucks to help improve the uptake of people with a learning disability having a regular annual health check.



Another example of good practice was the suggestion of a "buddy" system within hospitals. Someone who could show you where to go and let doctors and nurses know that you are arriving.



Further to this event and the publication "Better Health Care for People with a Learning Disability, members requested that Alison Giraud-Saunders be invited to attend the LDPB or Health Services and Activities Group at a future date to develop a closer working relationship with the Foundation for people with a learning disability.



The Health Check Event in Reading in July was attended by a member of the Health Services and Activities Group.

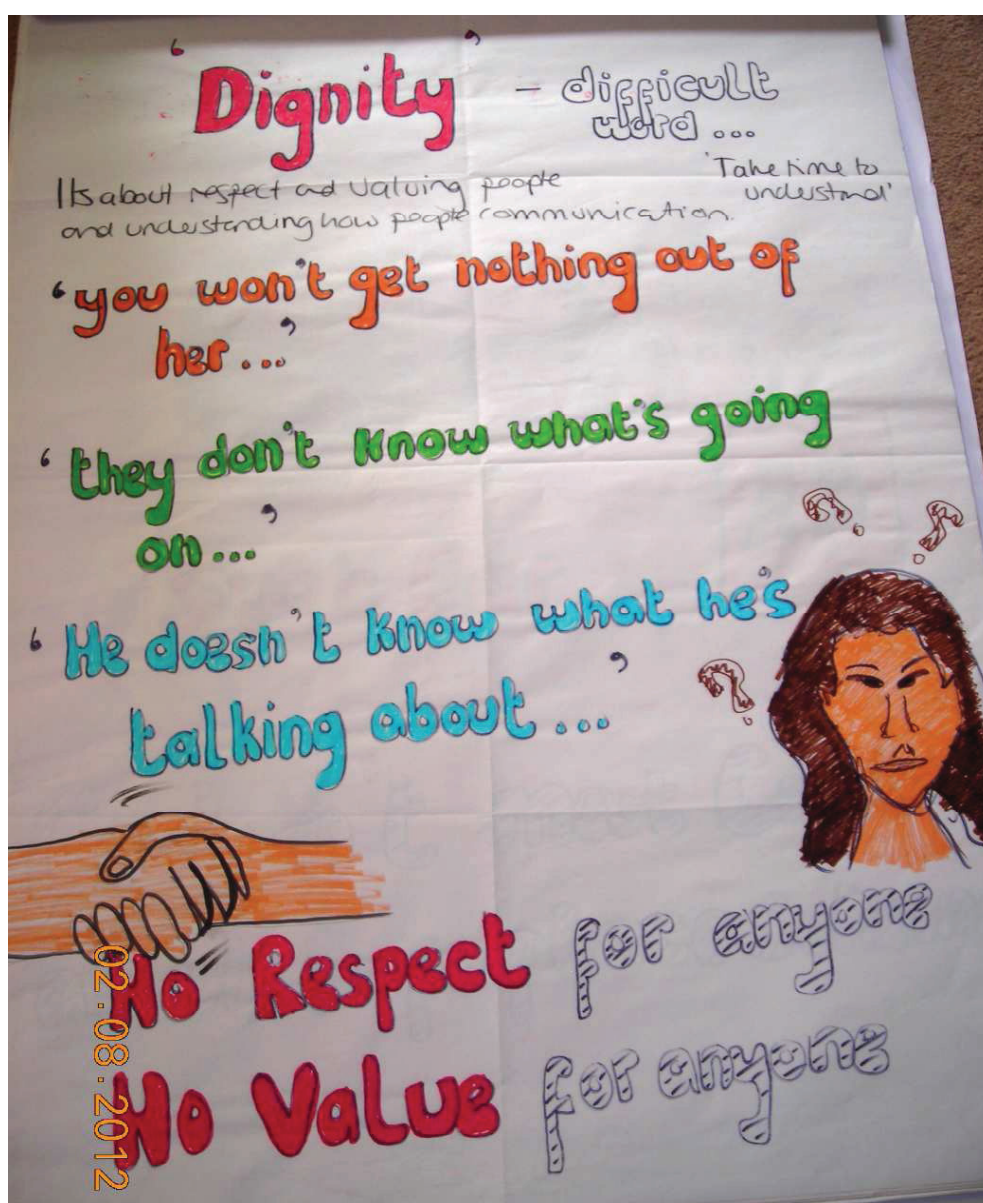


Services and Activities Working Groups update continued

Sue Pigott - Talkback

Dignity In Care

Sue said that she attended the Dignity In Care workshop with Richard from Burnham People's Working Group. She said they watched a film which showed how badly some people are spoken to and cared for. They then worked in smaller groups to look at how things could improve.



Workplan
All members

A lot of work has been done over the last year by the Learning Disability Partnership Board. Members agreed that it was time for the workplan to be updated so as to keep local issues a priority.

It was agreed that Day Opportunities, Health and Hate Crime (Keeping Safe) should remain as priority areas.

Members agreed to discuss Housing and Black and Minority Ethnic Groups as previously identified on the workplan.

Housing



Black and Minority Ethnic Groups (BME)



Members were divided into 2 groups to discuss general areas of concern and prioritise areas that need to be looked at further.



Workplan continued

All members

Housing

Areas of concern

- District Councils need to better respond to the need of people with a learning disability.
- The Housing Benefit form needs to be reviewed. It is a very long and difficult document to complete. There needs to be an easy read version.
- The right housing is not always provided in the right area.
- The Sheltered Housing Scheme needs to be looked at. There is currently a minimum age of 60 years. This type of housing would be suitable for people with a learning disability under the age of 60 who are living independently.
- Choice Based Lettings - this is an on-line service that lists available properties for people to bid against. It is not user friendly and means that the majority of people with a learning disability are excluded from this process. Governing bodies should make reasonable adjustments for people with a learning disability to make this system fair for everyone.



Workplan continued

All members

Black and Minority Ethnic Groups (BME)

Areas of concern

- People should be aware of what is in the Bucks Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (BSVAB) Annual Report. It contains a lot of information and gives a better understanding of different types of abuse and what to do about it.
- How to keep safe:
 - personal confidence/being assertive
 - speaking up and talking about things
 - looking confident
- Places of risk:
 - transport
 - own homes
 - family/friends/carers
- The Safeguarding Board deals with people once an incident has been reported. We must find ways of reaching people to ensure they understand how to keep safe before something goes wrong.



These areas of concern, for both Housing and BME, will be added to the workplan as local issues to be addressed.

Any Other Business

Ainsley said that the Learning Disability Self Assessment Framework is a consultation document from the Strategic Health Authorities on behalf of the Department of Health and needs to be completed by the end of September. It will need to be signed off by the Learning Disability Partnership Board.



Ainsley asked for volunteers from the LDPB to be available to approve the document. A summary of the document will be provided to all members.

Volunteers: Diane Dalton - Carers Bucks
Amy Griffiths - Choice Support (Provider Rep)
Jean Rein - Talkback

Next meeting

Date: Thursday 11th October 2012

Time: 11.45am to 3pm

Where: The Boardroom (Eleanor Building)
Epilepsy Society
Chesham Lane
Chalfont St Peter
Buckinghamshire
SL9 0RJ

Details: Working lunch (bring your own)

Tea & coffee available (donations please)