



## People who said they were sorry they could not come:

Judy Johnson  
Jenny Ricketts  
Eddie Griffiths  
Janet Owen  
Sue Booth

Wirral PCT  
Adult Social Services  
Eastham Centre  
Riverside  
Ashton House

## MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

### Person Centred Planning

A half day conference will be held at Willow Tree, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This may be of interest to Jenny Ricketts.



### Kent House & Thornheys

Adrian Moss reported to the Partnership Board regarding Kent House and Thornheys.

The Assessment & Treatment Unit on Kent House does not provide "social activities" unless it is part of the arrangements before going home or moving out. The Health Care Commission wish to know how many people have had care packages, once they are ready to move out and also how many have "social activities" once their health problems have been treated.

Adrian is hoping to start an "activities team" that will provide this service. Once he knows how much it will cost, he will apply to the Primary Care Trust for some funding.



People using the service at Thornheys and requiring "community activities", should be told by Care Managers that if this is included in their Care package it will continue, regardless of where they are living. There is a backlog for reviews by Care Managers for people using Thornheys.

### **Transitions**

Peter Burgess has attended meetings with Social Workers, Team Managers, Connexions and Health to discuss issues and answer queries around improving services for young people moving from Children's Services to Adult Services, including the backlog.



Joan Studdart worries that there are no plans in place for young people moving from Children's Services. Maura said that they are working on these issues for young people and that Peter would keep the Board informed.

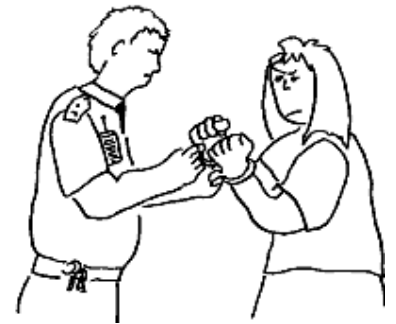


## **Learning Disability Conference 2006**

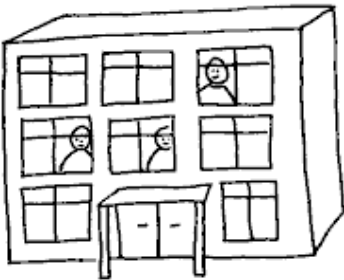
The footage on the DVD is not good enough to produce a DVD.

### **People with a Learning Disability who commit crimes**

Gerry told us information about services in prison needed to be easier to understand for those people who have a learning disability and have committed crimes.



### **People who live a long way away from home**



Adrian and his team are going to look at this and are going to pick out 10 people, either in hospitals or secure units. They will do some work and will then report back to the PCT by the end of the month.

## Leisure Services

Jenny says they are closing the Oval Sports Centre on 17<sup>th</sup> June for improvements but the grounds will remain open. Leisure Services have been asked to give more information on this.



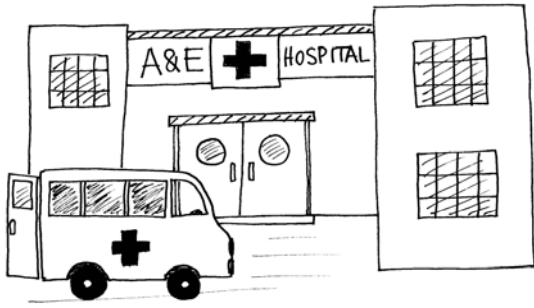
## Development Fund

The Development Fund Spreadsheet is not yet completed, but should be ready by the end of the month.

## Mental Capacity Act

Training will be available for carers, staff in supported living and residential settings and also the people who live there. Jean Doherty will keep the Board informed.

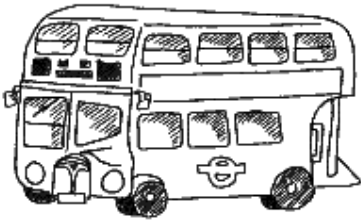




### **Health Passports**

Judith explained that these were developed to help people who struggle with communication when they first arrive in A&E. A letter has been sent to the Chief

Executive from the PCT asking why these are not being used by staff at Arrow Park and Clatterbridge.



### **Transport**

Discussion around improving transport to and from day centres. Lizzie said that is important that they arrive on time. As Jenny was not at the meeting, Jean said

that she will follow this up and report back to the Board in September.

### **Housing Group**

Bernard Bryning still has no information regarding the Housing Group. Gerry said he has no date yet for Housing Group. He expects it will be in July and it will be chaired by Martin Morton, he will feed back to the Board.



## Charging for Day Services



At the last meeting Joan brought up the matter of people paying to go to Day Centres. This matter will be discussed with Tina Long (PCT) and Maura said that the result will be fed back to the Board as an agenda item at the next meeting.

## Person Centred Planning Group

Jenny Carter suggested having another person to chair the Person Centred Planning Group and feels that it would be a good idea if they were people who use the Services or family carers. Aidan supports this idea.

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## FAMILY CARERS SLOT



Jack and Joan discussed how Social Services need to be aware of how carers' views have changed. More housing and supported living is required. Social Services should be looking ahead as regards to transition from Children's to Adult Services and the needs of carers. Carers feel that at times, Social Services are not there for them when they need them.

Jack said that 50 years ago there was no community support. People were put into institutions and hospitals. Older carers had to do everything on their own. MENCAP came later. Now expectations are higher and things are supposed to be better.

Maura said it might be interesting to see how much things have changed and to find out if we could get some archive material on this issue from the Council. It would be good to get an idea what it was like 50 years ago in Wirral and put something together for the Board.

Peter Burgess, explained that expectations are higher everywhere. We have many more choices today and that we should have a meeting to discuss the changes and measures that are in place now.



## SPEAK UP SLOT

Alison Barrett, who uses Riverside's services, intends to find out what carers and people who use our services want to put before the Advocacy Group. Alison asked if people are happy with services received from Social Services and Health. Alison and David Devey put posters with different headings up on the wall. Then they asked the Board to write down any questions, ideas or comments about services. This was received well and most members of the Board had something to contribute. Alison will feed back to the Board at the next meeting.

## LEARNING DISABILITIES AWARENESS - GALA DAY



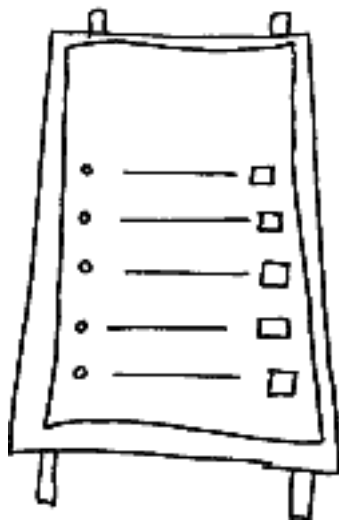
Over 2000 leaflets and posters have been sent out electronically and 3000 passed around. The Mayor will be opening the event and there will be lots happening. The Mayor, Director and PCT will close the event.



## CORNWALL REPORT

Gerry reported on this. The Health Care Commission have inspected 3 Services run by Cheshire & Wirral Partnership Trust. None of the Services are based in Wirral.

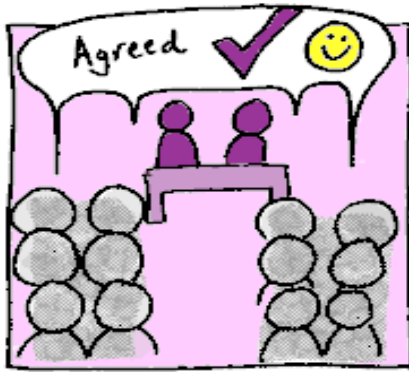
Cheshire & Wirral Partnership Trust have developed an action plan for Thornheys and Sycamore Lodge covering:



Being Safe  
Training  
Accountability & control  
Changing the Service  
Enabling People  
Health Practices  
Money

We will work together with the Independent Sector and develop an action plan that covers everything needed to be done. This will be sent to all Groups in Easy Read. Gerry will bring back an update to the Board in September.





## DECIDING TOGETHER - REVISING THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

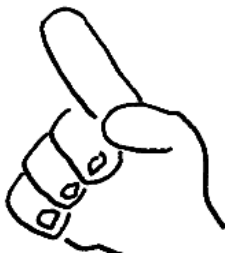
Jean gave a presentation on changing the Partnership Board, providing an easy read version of her suggestions.

### What we do well:

- People with learning disabilities and their carers are on the Partnership Board and groups
- Partnership Board is well informed and involved in new initiatives



### Priorities



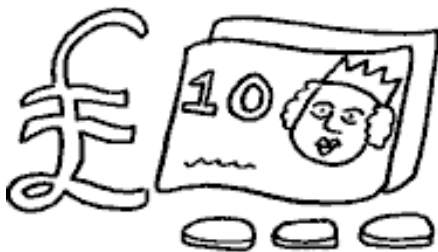
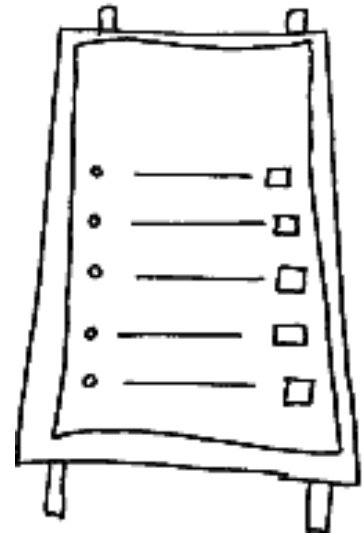
- leadership and self-advocacy
- Agendas and papers sent out early
- getting mainstream services to meetings
- Task Group reporting & performance tracking

### Ideas from Valuing People Support Team

- Have an agenda group which organises the programme for meetings
- Set up forums for people with learning disabilities and their family carers

## Running the Partnership Board inclusively

- Clear agendas with time to prepare before the meeting
- More work in small groups
- Refreshments and regular breaks
- Taking time to listen
- People working as a team
- Relaxed discussions with support (more time)
- Use Plain English, no difficult words and no jargon.



Maura feels that as Department, Adult Social Services has changed. We need to take more notice as to how the £38 million given to Learning Disability in Wirral is being spent.

All the Board Members should have an equal say and be able to make changes. They should have a say who chairs the meetings, look at those who attend and make them accountable. Information should be shared.

Jenny Carter brought up the fact that Enabling Fulfilling Lives fed back in December yet we have had no other sub - group feed back.

## **Feedback from Partnership Board discussion**

Clearer objectives and Performance Objectives

Agenda and progress report, information to say how and if, we have progressed.

Work as a group

Partnership Board needs constitution, cover how people are elected and who should chair the meeting.

People and Carers Parliament should happen now rather than later.

Bring in the schools for discussion around Transition Planning for Children from the age of 14 to Adult Services.

There is no exclusion to anyone who wishes to attend the Partnership Board and feels we should all have an equal say and are able to make changes regarding how we spend £38 million on people with a learning disability living in Wirral.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS



### Minutes

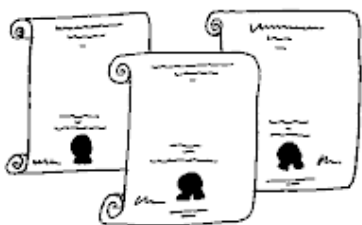
We have problems with putting the photographs in the minutes. We are going to purchase some new soft ware for Jean

### Housing Grants

Joan Studdart asked if Wirral Adult Social Services are in partnership with Housing regarding Housing Grants. Maura explained that they are. They need to be in by November and that Gerry would oversee them.



### Awards



Congratulations to Jenny and Vicky. They have won a Joint Award for Disabled Volunteer of the Year. They have a Trophy and Certificate to show the Group. **Well done to you both.**

Next meeting to be held on **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 12.30 to 3pm** at **Wallasey Town Hall**

