

WIRRAL LEARNING DISABILITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD

NOTES of the MEETING HELD on

Friday 7 October, 2011.

Nightingale Room, Old Market House

PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS (voting):

Anne McArdle (Co-Chair)	Wirral Borough Council
Rick O'Brien	Head of Branch, Access & Assessment, Wirral Borough Council
Eddie Griffiths	Enabling Fulfilling Lives
Russell Grant	Integrated Commissioning Manager, NHS Wirral
Norman Bird	Enabling Fulfilling Lives
Peter Curtis	Enabling Fulfilling Lives
Ian Fernandez	Enabling Fulfilling Lives
Vicky Forfar	Enabling Fulfilling Lives
Joan Studdart	Enabling Fulfilling Lives
Ian Platt	Head of Housing, Wirral Borough Council
Rosemary Boylan	Principal Economic Officer, Wirral Borough Council

CO- OPTED BOARD MEMBERS (non-voting):

Sheila Jacobs	Regeneration Dept. – Housing, Wirral Borough Council
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BOARD SUPPORT TEAM

Vicki Roberts	Senior Assistant, NHS Wirral
Jenny Carter	Enabling Fulfilling Lives

OBSERVERS

Rose Walsh	Learning Disability Advocate: Wirral MIND
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APOLOGIES
(Board members)

Russell Kennedy (Co-Chair)	Enabling Fulfilling Lives
Howard Cooper	Interim Director of Adult Social Services, Wirral Borough Council
Lynda Hicks	Enabling Fulfilling Lives
Steve Rowley	Head of Finance, Wirral Borough Council
Deborah Mayor	Head of Joint and Integrated Commissioning, NHS Wirral
Pauline Toohey	Enabling Fulfilling Lives
David Devey	Enabling Fulfilling Lives
Maura Noone	Head of Branch, Integrated Communities & Wellbeing, Wirral Borough Council
Katy Lowe	Enabling Fulfilling Lives

APOLOGIES
(Co-opted members)

Ian Coleman	Director of Finance, Wirral Borough Council
Michael Barrett	Merseyside Police
Jim Lester	Head of Cultural Services, Dept. of Regeneration, Wirral Borough Council

June Kelly
Jenny Garnet
Paul Ashcroft

Merseyside Fire Service
Merseytravel
Children's and Young People's Dept

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Anne McArdle welcomed those present.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded as above.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anne McArdle announced that in future, at the end of the meeting, those present would be invited to say whether the meeting had met expectations. This would be identified in a standard agenda item called "Reflections on the Meeting".

4. NOTES OF MEETING 2nd August 2011



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The notes were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

(i) Housing Sub-Committee

The housing plan is now drafted and waiting for comments from the sub-committee. The final draft should be available before the next meeting.

(ii) Preparation of the Business Plan

Russell Grant reported that the next stage of the Business Plan would be discussed at the LDPB event that was taking place on Monday 10th October.

(iii) "Getting Ready" Meetings

It was agreed at the last meeting that a "getting ready" meeting would take place before this meeting. Russell Grant gave his apologies, and advised that this has been unable to take place.

5. EXECUTIVE GROUP REPORT

(i) LDPB Website

Russell Grant reported that the LD Executive had identified support to update the website at the last meeting.

(ii) LDPB Annual Self Assessment

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Russell Grant reported that a piece of information about children in transition services was required before the Self Assessment could be signed off.

(iii) Sub Committee Reports

Russell Grant confirmed that updates on the Sub-Committee progress and planning was the focus of the LD event on Monday 10th October.

6. DAY SERVICES

Norman Bird reported that the people with LD using Riverside Centre had heard from various sources that it was going to be turned into a business centre. He was concerned that this had caused grief and panic to them. The main concerns were with all the new businesses moving into the Centre, how would there be room for people with LD? They were concerned that they might be moved out.

Eddie Griffiths also voiced his concerns around the proposed changes to Day Centres. He said that the Council should be working in partnership with people with LD and carers regarding any changes. He was concerned that if decisions had already been made, how could people be engaged? People were disappointed that they had not been listened to. He had also read the Day Services Cabinet report, which did not include an Equality Risk Assessment. Eddie asked if a copy of the Equality Risk Assessment could be provided?.

ACTION: Chris Beyga to forward a copy of the Equality Risk Assessment report to Eddie Griffiths

Anne McArdle said that an assessment of all the Day Centres had been undertaken for several reasons. There was inequity regarding daily costs. Some Day Centres cost more than others and this needed to be investigated. Also, younger people coming through the education system preferred other daytime activities alternative to Day centres. Therefore a full review was required to ensure that everyone's needs could be best accommodated. The mini enterprises that would be moving into the Day Centres could also be seen as an opportunity for better planned pathways to employment and development.

There was a high level of community input into Riverside, and £100k had been secured to improve the building. Minor adaptations were planned but there was still opportunity to influence this.

Another important development in the review was to consider the needs of people who were not entitled to DASS funding but would benefit from Day Services.

The Council did not intend to go down the route of privatisation as other Councils across the country had done. Eddie Griffiths confirmed that he was happy that these services stay under the Council.

Rick O'Brien considered that these points were critical in the way forward and how DASS managed change. There was evidence through the development of personalisation, that more people were choosing options outside of Day Services and therefore all needed to be considered objectively.

Russell Grant considered that the discussion had indicated that daytime activity was a theme that had implications across a range of the LDPB's Sub-committees i.e. Personalisation, Employment, Citizenship and Health. It would be important to make the right links and ensure that the Board's structures supported discussion and influenced the outcome of the day services review. This matter would be referred to LD Executive Group for consideration.

7. HEALTH SELF-ASSESSMENT & PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 2011 - UPDATE

Russell Grant tabled a report outlining the position on the Health Self-Assessment & Performance Framework 2011. He reminded members that a presentation regarding the expectations of the assessment had been given at the previous LDPB meeting. The supporting evidence was submitted to the North West Strategic Health Authority on 21st September 2011, but was too large to distribute to the Board. Russell's report summarised the position and included an extensive draft action plan that would be discussed at the LD event on Monday 10th October 2011.

The areas in which health services in Wirral were working well were

- Response to people with long term health needs (This section generally related to the work of specialist LD services Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Foundation Trust)

In response to a point of clarification from the Chair, Russell Grant confirmed that Cheshire & Wirral Partnership Foundation NHS Trust provided a wide range of specialist services and treatment for Wirral's population including, learning disability, mental health services, Drugs and Alcohol, child and adolescent mental health services.

- Reasonable adjustments in health services so people can get access to health services (This was generally related to the work coordinated by Wirral University Teaching Hospital)
- Good transition into adulthood (This was generally related to the work of the cross agency Transition Strategy Group)
- Dentists who specialise with working with people with disabilities were well received (i.e. the special needs dental services provided by Wirral Community NHS Trust)

The areas that needed to improve and which featured in the draft action plan

- Plans for people with profound LD
- A strategy for people with Autism
- Securing work across organisations to develop a workforce plan
- Need health staff in all organisations to develop skills to communicate better with people with LD.
- Better information about groups of people within the LD population.

The LDPB resolved that;

Wirral's self assessment on progress in learning disability health services identified excellent progress against six 'top-targets', but 'less effective' against four targets. The Action Plan sets a clear developmental agenda to respond to the challenges and ensure that there was continued improvement in health of, and health services supporting, people with a learning disability .

The Wirral Learning Disability Partnership Board

- a) noted progress on the Wirral LD Health Self Assessment & Performance Framework
- b) Supported the objectives and direction of travel set out in the consequential action plan
- c) Requested a report on the outcome of 'Validation meeting' with the Strategic Health Authority

8. ACUTE HOSPITAL SELF ASSESSMENT

This item was postponed.

Russell Grant to liaise with Mike Chantler at Wirral University Teaching Hospital to reschedule.

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9. DASS Safeguarding Self Assessment

Rick O'Brien reported that in the last 12 months this has been a major piece of work and developments and improvements regarding Safeguarding Adults in Wirral have been put in place. A lot of work has been put in developing the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board and they have appointed a new independent Chair.

Within the third area of the self assessment, the Board was currently undertaking a piece of work around the national guidelines of ADASS. Time had been allocated to focus on specific issues such as safeguarding vulnerable adults with LD. The assessment was also giving the opportunity to look outside at best practice options.

10. Integrated Community Learning Disability Team

Rick O'Brien reported that the work between the Department of Adult Social Services and Cheshire & Wirral Partnership was continuing to advance. Jayne Marshall had previously given regular verbal progress reports to the Board as this was a standing agenda item. It was agreed that it would be helpful to receive a written report on progress at the next meeting of the Board meeting.

11. AUTISM STRATEGY BRIEFING, OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

An Autism strategy briefing was circulated with the agenda. It described progress in Wirral with regard to the statutory guidance on the Autism Act. Russell Grant reported that paper had been discussed with the LD Executive Group. One aspect of the statutory guidance was for local areas to consider the establishment of an separate Autism Partnership arrangements. The LD Exec Group had considered the options set out in the paper and was recommending

- The establishment of a Wirral Autism Partnership Group with a specific focus on the needs of people with autism who do not have a learning disability.

The LD Partnership Board resolved that:

The LD Executive Group recommendation to the Learning Disability Partnership Board was supported provided there was a formal link between the Wirral Autism Partnership Group and the Wirral Learning Disability Partnership Board.

The Wirral Learning Disability Partnership Board's recommendation, supported by a proposed action plan including terms of reference and resource implications, for an Autism Partnership Group should be forwarded to the Director of Public Health inviting consideration by Wirral's Health and Well-Being Board in February 2012.

12. REFLECTIONS ON THE MEETING

Eddie Griffiths commented on how for such a serious meeting, he was surprised as to the low attendance of Senior personnel, and said that there should be more pressure put on these people to ensure they do attend.

Joan Studdart has been sitting on the Board for a number of years, and questioned how much was achieved? Rick O'Brien responded by saying on the larger scale vast progress has been made. People with LD used to be placed in institutions, and can now lead independent lives.

13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 November 2011, 10 am to 12 noon, Room 2, Wallasey Town Hall.

MEETING CLOSED.

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