

Calderdale Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

Notes of meeting on 3 October 2013



People at the meeting:

David Grundy – Independent Chair

Sarah Mitchell – Co-Chair

Michael Mitchell – District Committee

Paul Howarth - Self Advocate

Marion and Jackie Dolman – Self Advocacy

Derek Davies - Family Carer

Doreen Davies – Family Carer

Christine Clarke – Family Carer

Jayne Crane - Family Carer

Marjorie Peck – Family Carer

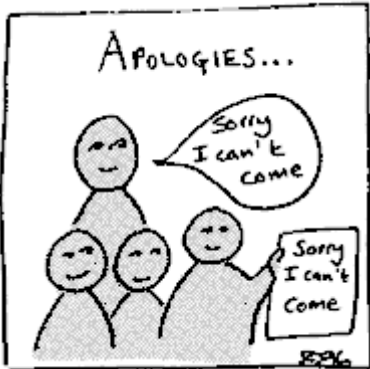
Annabel MacGregor – Support Officer 16 – 19

Bob Metcalfe - Councillor

Karen Midgley – Commissioning and Strategy Manager, Calderdale

Dawn Collins - Carers Development Worker

Karen Parrish – St Annes
Jo Botham – Creative Support
Fay Henderson – Rethink
Angela Murray – Consultant
Nigel McLoughlin - NHS

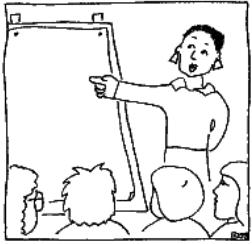


People who couldn't come to the meeting
Malcolm Burnside - co-chair
Janet Draper – Secretary
Dean Lister - Commissioning & Planning Officer



Rethink Advocacy Leaflet

- Fay brought the leaflet back with the changes made that were suggested at the last meeting.
- Everyone was happy with the new leaflet.



Annual Healthchecks

- Two family carers said the Annual Healthchecks for their sons hadn't been satisfactory. They had to arrange them as they hadn't been invited for one, they had been too short and not covered everything. The nurse who did them hadn't heard of Health Action Plans.
- Angela Murray said this was a commissioning issue and was being taken seriously. It will improve but it will take time.



Pathfinder 0-25 year olds – Annabel MacGregor

- Annabel told us that the Pathfinder is a pilot project that is looking at how support for children and young people in health, social care and education can be improved and better coordinated.
- It is running for 3 years in Calderdale and this is the final year.
- The five key areas are:
 - early identification and support
 - more control for parents
 - learning and achieving
 - preparing for adulthood
 - services working together for families



- Educational statements will be replaced by education, health and care plans. The 2000 children who already have statements will need transferring to the new plans.
- There will be a pooled budget for the plans including money from education, health and social care. A fair system to allocate funding needs to be set up for this. It could be taken as a direct payment.
- The plans will start from birth for some children and will go with you wherever you go, they won't start and stay in school like statements.
- A "Local Offer" is being developed with easy to understand information in one place about what's available in Calderdale and just over the borders and how much it costs.
- Calderdale Parent and Carers Council is part of the Pathfinder and they have done some work with families around planning and resilience.
- There has also been some work with schools doing more person centred annual reviews.
- Plans will include young people's aspirations on leaving school so some outcomes training is needed.



West Yorkshire Metro – Erica Ward

- Metro have been working with Inclusion North and self advocacy groups to improve bus and train services for people with learning disabilities.
- Bus drivers need more training in disability awareness.
- The disabled bus pass leaflet is now available in an easy read version.
- There is also an easy to read leaflet on how to complain.
- A Frequently Asked Questions easy read leaflet is being developed.
- First Bus have developed “safe journey cards” which are available on their website: <http://www.firstgroup.com/safejourney/>
- Metro are developing “safe journey cards” that can be used on any bus or train.
- One suggestion for the standard phrases on the safe journey card is “I’m learning to be an independent traveller.”
- The issue of not being able to use a disabled bus pass before 9.30 was discussed. As the bus companies pay for the “free” journeys after 9.30 which costs millions of pounds a year, they can’t afford to make

journeys before 9.30 free as well.

- David is attending the Talking Transport Group in Leeds on 24 October and one other person is invited if there is someone who would like to go
- The Safe Place Scheme has now been rolled out across Calderdale.

Whole Service Review

- Angela Murray is the project manager for the Learning Disabilities Whole Service Review.
- She does not work for Calderdale Council, she is independent.
- We will talk more about the Whole Service Review at future meetings.
- She can be contacted on angelamurray@broughtonhealthcare.com

Safeguarding

- There is an event on Tuesday 3 December, 3.30-6.30pm at the Kings Centre, Park Road, Halifax.
- Cloverleaf Advocacy are planning a learning disabilities safeguarding event.

Future meetings of LDPB

- It was discussed and agreed that shorter, more regular meetings would work better for the group. So we plan to meet monthly for 2.5-3 hours in 2014.
- Every other month will be a business meeting and on the alternate dates we will visit services around Calderdale, eg. Pennine Magpie, Ravenscliffe, Todmorden Aqua Garden, Self Advocacy Network.
- Meetings will be on the first Thursday of each month where possible, from 10.00-12.30/1.00 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday 5 December, 10.00-3.00, Shibden Mereside.

