

# Calderdale Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

## Notes of meeting on 8 September 2011



### People at the meeting:

Malcolm Burnside - co-chair

Karen Midgley - Strategy Manager, Calderdale

Dawn Collins - Carers Development Worker

Sandra Haigh – NHS Kirklees

Sarah Leach – District Committee

Michael Mitchell – District Committee

Derek Davies - Family Carer

Jayne Crane - Family Carer

Sue McGibney – Family Carer

June Barnott – Transitions Social Worker

Graham Pearson – Next Step Trust

Karen Parrish – St Annes

Craig Milburn – Dimensions

Micki Kerton – Creative Support

Rita Hindley – Creative Support  
Mildred, Marion, Paul, Paula - Self Advocacy  
Karen Graham – Self Advocacy  
Micky, Richard, John, Margaret with Chris Goode - Royd Square  
Janet Draper – Secretary



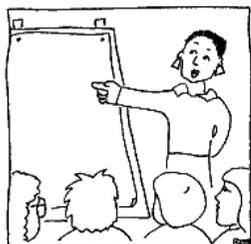
**People who couldn't come to the meeting**

Liz Wilson – meeting support  
Sue Wood – Adult Learning Organiser  
Dean Lister - Commissioning & Planning Officer  
Annabel MacGregor – co-chair / Support Officer 16 – 19  
Bob Metcalfe - Councillor  
Pat Baldwin - Workwise  
Emma Dalby – HFSA  
Jo Denning - St Annes  
Angela Ellis – NHS Kirklees



## **Introductions**

People introduced themselves to each other and shared some good news. Karen's good news was that we have asked the National Autistic Society to write an Autism Strategy for Calderdale. They are having workshops that people can go along to. More details are attached.



## **Things still going on and news since the last meeting**

- We looked at what we said we would do for this meeting, and looked at the things that still need doing on the Action Plan.
- The Self Advocates have decided to take turns claiming the payments so that it's fair.
- Karen said that two people who were placed in Castlebeck properties have moved back to Calderdale. The other two people are being reviewed regularly, but it would not be good for them to move.
- The government have set up a new round of Care Quality Commission Inspections. They are starting with nursing and residential homes but this may expand.

- Ginette Dickson has sent out a copy of the government report to all service providers.



### **Self Advocates report**

- The Self Advocates report is attached.
- Malcolm and Paul went to talk to the Self Advocacy Group in Todmorden and told them about the Partnership Board.
- The group meets at St Mary's Church in Todmorden on Wednesdays.



## Family Carers report

- Derek told us about a parent who has a problem with his son going on holiday with his support worker from the day centre.
- The parent pays for the support worker to take his son on holiday. They go with a friend who takes his direct payments worker.
- They have done this for a number of years and it works well because the support worker knows his son very well.
- Now Calderdale Council are saying that the support worker can't do this anymore as there is a conflict of interests between his employment at the day centre and working for the parent privately. Also there could be problems if anything went wrong on the holiday as they are not insured.
- People understood that the parent wanted to use the support worker who knows his son so well, but they felt that the support worker could be vulnerable due to safeguarding issues or employment law issues.
- If a worker is employed through direct payments they are protected from such issues and covered by insurance, so this would be better.



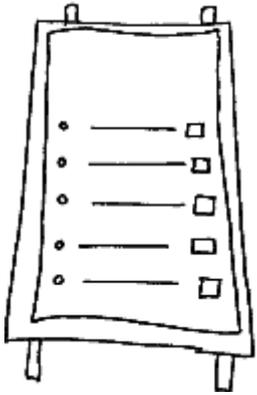
### **Compliments, Comments and Complaints Leaflet**

- Sandra Haigh told us about the new NHS Compliments, Comments and Complaints Leaflet which tells people what they have to do.
- Calderdale Council's complaints and compliments leaflet was also given out.

### **See Ability**

- Sandra also told us about See Ability which is a service which checks eyesight for people with learning disabilities.
- NHS Calderdale and Kirklees are putting on a session for providers which costs £17.50 per place, and a free session for carers.
- If you would like to attend, please let Janet know.
- If it is successful, they hope to put on a session for people with learning disabilities in the future.





### **Electing new Co-Chairs**

- Malcolm has been the co-chair for two years, so it is time to choose a new co-chair.
- Michael, Sarah, Paul, Mildred and Paula told us why they would like to be the new co-chair.
- They then left the room while the other people voted.
- Paula was the person with the most votes, so she is the new co-chair for the next year.

**ACTION PLAN – September 2011**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When by</b>
Partnership Board will send everyone dates of Ward Forums so we can go and talk about Hate Crime	Annabel MacGregor	When they are arranged
Put the Self Advocacy Newsletter on the Learning Disability Website	Dean Lister	October 2011
Posters to be created for the public about the Partnership Board and events	Annabel MacGregor	October 2011
Welcome Pack – finished, distributed and on website	Liz, Annabel and Dean	October 2011
District Committee to visit Disabled Youth Forum	District Committee	October 2011
Sandra will talk to Strategic Health Authority about information for family carers on Health Checks	Sandra Haigh	October 2011
Karen Midgley and Dean Lister will complete the Housing Strategy	Karen Midgley and Dean Lister	October 2011

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Safe Place – Dean/Craig Milburn will liaise as some work is ongoing and they will also liaise with David Grundy (Hate Crime)	Dean Lister and Craig Milburn	October 2011
Liz to invite Partnership Board to Better Lives celebration event	Liz Wilson	December 2011
Training (Workwise) - for the Chair, and about getting a job and benefits (JobCentrePlus)	Dean Lister	December 2011
Dawn Collins & Jayne Crane will visit groups to increase knowledge of LDPB	Dawn Collins and Jayne Crane	Ongoing through year, to advise at meetings
Regular updates about personalisation – good stories		Ongoing

**ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2011 / 2012**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When by</b>
Continuity and consistency of people attending the Board. If people are unable to attend, a representative should be sent to cover so that actions required don't go forward and the work can be shared		
Profile and contact details about members of the Board will be done	Janet Draper	December 2011
Health Check information to family carers – Jayne to take to Health Sub Group	Jayne Crane	December 2011
To check if Screensavers can be set up on computers in the Council to spread the word about the Board	Annabel MacGregor	December 2011
Housing strategy & Employment on December meeting	Karen & Dean	December 2011
Work with young people – visits to Ravenscliffe School	?	?