

Calderdale Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

Notes of meeting on 15 December 2011



People at the meeting:

Karen Midgley - Strategy Manager, Calderdale (co-chair)

Paul Howarth (co-chair)

Liz Wilson

Bob Metcalfe - Councillor

Dawn Collins - Carers Development Worker

Dean Lister - Commissioning & Planning Officer

Sue Wood – Adult Learning Organiser

Sarah Leach – District Committee

Michael Mitchell – District Committee

Malcolm Broadside – Service User

Sandra Haigh – Kirklees NHS

Derek Davies - Family Carer

Jayne Crane – Family Carer

Karen Parrish – St Annes

Craig Milburn – Dimensions



Kay Bradley - Lifeways

Rita Hindley – Creative Support

Karen Graham and Mildred Smith, Marion Belshaw. - Self Advocacy

Support Worker from Royd Square with Micky Hopkins, Richard Smith, John Stovin, Margaret Ashworth

Janet Draper – Secretary

In attendance for part of the meeting:

David Grundy – ARC Safety Net

Robert Fairburn & Kate Buckley – PLUSS / Workwise



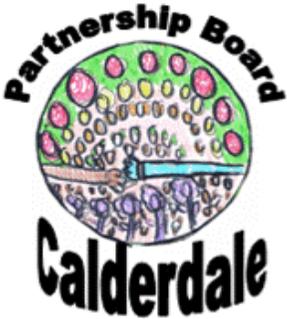
People who couldn't come to the meeting

Jo Denning - St Annes

Jo Hastings – Next Step Trust

Paula Upton - co-chair

Annabel MacGregor – Support Officer 16 – 19

	<p>Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People introduced themselves to each other and shared any good news. • As Paula Upton was not well, Paul Howarth was able to be Co-Chair for this meeting.
	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the last meeting were agreed correct except to add that Kay Bradley of Lifeways did attend the meeting on 20 October.
	<p>Things still going on and news since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters – Annabel MacGregor will be organising posters when she has time to complete them. • Continue going to Self Advocacy groups to talk about how people can bring issues concerning people to the LDPB. • Carers have approached the Parent Carers Council to provide

information about the LDPB and to set up a link to a wider group of carers and a letter was sent out with the minutes.

- **Personalisation** – following Angela Gardner explaining Self Directed Support, there will an update in the New Year.
- **Safeguarding Leaflet – “Keeping You Safe”** – a revised leaflet is to be produced by the Safeguarding Team.
- **It’s My Health Day** – flyer being sent out.
- **Minority Issues** – Liz Wilson will make a sheet listing the issues we need to consider and there will be a copy for each of the Meeting Boxes. (Janet to check through each of the boxes to redistribute the items and make sure boxes are complete).
- **Safeguarding issues** – KM fed back to individuals.
- **Action List** – regarding providing information for family carers on Health Checks, it should be Dean Lister not Sandra Haigh. Dean will arrange to put information on the LD website.



Self Advocates report

Funding

- Cloverleaf were unsuccessful in their bid with Safer & Stronger Communities directorate at the Council.
- Transition funding – Cloverleaf can apply from January 2012.
- Funding to continue the advocacy services is high on the agenda for all of the groups and concern as to what will happen if there is no funding.
- There is a plan to hold a stakeholder meeting in the New Year to try and use network to move forward.
- Funding is currently the Council and the NHS Calderdale.
- Personal Budgets/Supported Living – Karen Midgley can check regarding the example given that presently people may have to return home for 3pm if she is made aware of the provider. If a provider is not doing what they say, people need to speak to Contracts section, Adults Safeguarding section or Complaints & Complements section. The Council need to be told of any problems.

Family Carers

- 5 PWLD moved into a place in Todmorden with Creative Support assisting them and being flexible. Service Users think it's amazing. Parents/Carers are very pleased and meeting will be kept updated.
- Simon Davies moved in to Supported Living about 3 months ago and overall it is going well.



Safe Places – David Grundy

- David Grundy came to the meeting to give an update.
- There are now lots of places around the town centre that will display a sign saying “**This is a safe place**” so that if anyone is in trouble, they can go into the premises and use their phone to call someone to come and help.
- In the New Year cards will be produced for PWLD to have their own details on and who to call for help in an emergency.
- Training will be carried out at each of the **Safe Places** in town during January and February.
- 220 buses now have posters (all First buses) giving information about Disability Crime.
- **Friday 16 March at the Firestation, King Cross** there will be a follow-

	<p>up meeting on 20 November to discuss Calderdale's response to Disability Related Harassment and Hate Crime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for Safety Net will finish at the end of March, unless more funds can be found.
	<p>Advocacy and the Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various ideas were put forward to possibly help advocacy to continue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alternative venues (which could be free) - Reduce the number of 7 self advocacy groups - Fund raising events - Letter to Parliament/protest to raise awareness • Elected representative from smaller groups (SWYPFT can provide funding for Inclusion)
	<p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Bob Metcalfe spoke about the Council now looking at the next round of Budget cuts for 20012/2013. The budget will be published on the Council's website for consultation (http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/council/consultations/council-budget/index.html). The consultation will finish on Monday 13 February

	<p>2012 and views can be made up till then.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NHS cuts for Huddersfield & Kirklees are also large.
	<p>Day Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This service has not been reviewed for a while and the Council needs to look at the Day Services provision and how they can buy this.• There are a lot of things to be looked at – who gets a service, how often, how do they get there, what do they do, how good is the building and is it suitable for people as well as how much each service costs and how we buy the services.• Transport is an area that is expensive, especially when adapted vehicles are needed.• The Council needs to consider and look at:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The demands as people are living longer, and there are more complex needs to be considered- The role of employment- Opening up the market to new providers- We want to encourage people to take up Personal Budgets and to be in charge of their own services where possible

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To review the whole role of existing services • Thoughts of the Partnership Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the gaps in current support? - What stops people taking a Personal Budget? It seems that a lot of social workers don't even mention this and people are scared of being an employer, or don't know how it can give more choice. <p>It is important for more time be spent on this subject, possibly half a day next year.</p>
	<p>Employment Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Fairburn and Kate Buckley came from PLUSS, which is a social enterprise and not-for-profit project to support people into employment, especially disabled people. • Some people need a lot of support – sometimes this can be reduced as skills are learnt. • PLUSS get people jobs in mainstream (shops, banks, offices) • Kate runs ISCAL working with Calderdale Council and finding work on a 1:1 basis with herself with tailor made jobs. • A “better off” calculation helps people make a decision about taking up

	work.
	<p>Annual Return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is for the LD Partnership Board to tell the Strategic Health Authority what we were doing well or not so well from May 2011. • We have done well – Health Checks are 64% compared to 47% in the region, we have the same number of people in employment as the national average, we have a broad range of providers (in-house, 3rd sector and private). • Challenges – things have slipped since Gillian Monkman left a year ago, we have a high percentage of people living out of area (mainly with complex needs or Autism) and we have no Employment Strategy for PWLD, this will be boosted by PLUS.
	<p>Housing Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation for PWLD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 42 supported living - 10 residential care homes (1 turned into a supported living) - 5 nursing care homes - 6 HFSA houses (supported accommodation)

- 84 people in independent supported living tenancies

Spend:

- 70% of the Council and Health's funds for PWLD is spent on accommodation and support
- Housing Benefit is key funding
- National grants have contributed to building costs of new properties

New developments:

- 8 Railway Street, Todmorden - 5 new tenancies and support team.
- 3 Heath Park Avenue – a replacement house for 4 people, including a self contained basement flat.
- Iona House, Boothtown – 6 new single apartments.

Future developments:

- Consulting with a range of partners
- Planning with people to move
- Review of all Supported Living properties (rents and housing benefit claims). Feedback will be in about 6 months from Karen & Dean.
- Building up relationships with Housing Benefits
- Improving relationships with housing providers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a review of the whole system – out of area, the Autism Strategy (working with MH Services), looking at other models of providing accommodation and support. If money can be found to fund the review. • The Housing Accommodation Strategy 2012 – 2015 – will set out intentions for next 3 years and map anticipated demand. We will look at how we commission support and how we work with a wide range of providers. • An Action Plan will be regularly updated.
	<p>Big Partnership Board Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Partnership Board – 16 February 2012 will be the last one for the financial year. We will discuss; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everything we have done - What we are pleased about - What we haven't done - The priorities for the next year • Further people will be invited to the February meeting, extra family carers and more people from services (carers & providers) to fit into the plan for next year

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 more family members (possibly 2 just about to go through transition) - 5 more providers - 5 from self advocacy network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important for the agenda Personalisation – LW / KM / Paula Upton with meet in January to plan the February meeting
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KM fed back to the people who had raised a concern about the group meeting at the Horse and Jockey.
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>10am Thursday 16 February 2012 at Mereside, Shibden</p>

ACTION PLAN – December 2011

ACTION	Who	When by
Partnership Board will send everyone dates of Ward Forums so we can go and talk about Hate Crime	Annabel MacGregor	When they are arranged
Posters to be created for the public about the Partnership Board and events	Annabel MacGregor	2012 – when AMacG returns to work
District Committee to visit Disabled Youth Forum – they have tried to make contact	District Committee	From October 2011
Karen Midgley and Dean Lister will complete the Housing Strategy	Karen Midgley and Dean Lister	April 2012
Dawn Collins & Jayne Crane will visit groups to increase knowledge of LDPB	Dawn Collins and Jayne Crane	Ongoing through year, to advise at meetings
Revised Safeguarding leaflet	Safeguarding Unit (Robert Vickers)	December 2011 February 2012
Equality & Diversity fact sheet for Minority Issues to be considered at meetings.	Liz Wilson	February 2012
Meeting boxes to be redistributed and tidied up.	Janet Draper	February 2012

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Information for family carers regarding Health Checks to be put on the website.	Dean Lister	February 2012 ?
Checking regarding budgets for Cloverleaf <ul style="list-style-type: none">- £20,000-£25,000 from Safer & Stronger- £10,000 from NHS Calderdale (PCT)	Mick Mellors and Karen Midgley	February 2012
Karen Midgley & Dean Lister to feed back about review of all Supported Living properties (for rents and housing benefit claims)	Karen Midgley / Dean Lister	Approx. June 2012

ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2011 / 2012

ACTION	Who	When by
Profile and contact details about members of the Board will be done	Janet Draper	As soon as possible 2012
To check if Screensavers can be set up on computers in the Council to spread the word about the Board	Annabel MacGregor	As soon as possible in 2012
Work with young people – visits to Ravenscliffe School	Cloverleaf ??	Ongoing