

YORKSHIRE & HUMBER REGIONAL PROGRAMME BOARD MEETING MINUTES

16th April 2010

Leeds United, Elland Road, Leeds



WELCOME

Moira welcomed everyone to the Regional Programme Board meeting.

Everyone said who they were and Moira told us who had not been able to come.



MINTUES OF LAST MEETING

Moira went through the minutes of the last meeting from 11th January.

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ACTION Kirsty is going to send the form to Lorraine at CQC so we can make her a poster

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ACTION Gavin is going to ask Becca to tell us about the work she has been doing with CQC at one of our meetings

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ACTION Kirsty will check if Ian and Gary from Inclusion North can come to the next meeting to talk about Advocacy

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ACTION Jenny will look at putting together a best practice guide around Personalisation



We talked about the Good Days Project and that it is ok if areas are not taking part as they are coming to the learning events.



Everyone was told about the Big Day around Housing and Employment on the 3rd June at Elland Road in Leeds. If you want to come to this, please email Kirsty.



PERSONALISATION

Tim talked us through his presentation:

Yorkshire & Humber
Joint Improvement
Partnership

The Joint Improvement Partnership and Personalisation

Tim Gollins
Joint Improvement Partnership
Coordinator

What is the Joint Improvement Partnership?



- We work together with
- Department of Health
- Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership
- Directors of Adult services
- Yorkshire and Humber Improvement partnership

What does the JIP do?



- Share the good things that are happening in each local authority
- Support people to learn
- Make sure people are doing the things they said they would do
- Make sure Adult services change

Personalisation



People have more choice and control

People are helped to achieve the things they want to do

The local authority and its partners have to change how they do things

How is the JIP Helping?



- There are 13 projects looking at different ways of doing things
- All the projects are learning about the way to do things
- They are sharing the learning with each other and are changing the way they do things

When will we know what difference this has made?



- On the 11th March 2010 we are all coming together to look at how much difference we have made.

Good days Project



- Working with each locality to make a plan to change their day services.
- If you get money from the JIP in April 2010, it will pay to help local authorities make the changes to their day service

What do we need to do?



- Personalisation people need to be talking to Partnership Boards
- Make sure people know about what we are doing
- Use the YHIP, Inclusion North and the JIP website

ACTION Tim is going to send through the list of the 13 projects and the contact details of who is leading on them to Kirsty who will send them to members of the board and also out to Lead Officers to share with their Partnership Boards



Dave asked how this information was getting linked in with people with learning disabilities and family carers

Tim said that this is a theme in the JIP Production for 2010- working with Family Carers, Local Authorities having a duty to feedback and finding ways to get better at this.

ACTION Nicola Guy from the Department of Health is going to talk to Dahlia and Dave about how they can help it get better



We discussed why there isn't a personalisation toolkit yet. Tim explained that what works well for one area may not work for others and it is early days to see what works best. The Personalisation budgets start in March 2011.

We discussed how day services are closing down but the people that use them ('customers') are not involved in what they are changing to. Local Authority needs to get better at this.

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ACTION Moira is to ask ADASS on the 14th May how we can link Personalisation better with Learning Disability and how we can include people with learning disabilities and family carers.

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ACTION Philip is going to explain to Richard Tassle, the regional lead for safeguarding, the debate we have had today and see what information he can give us.



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George Wood from York Partnership Board said that this was useful information to hear and it would be good to ask Partnership Boards some questions to get them focused on the Personalisation Agenda.

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ACTION Jenny, George and Dave are to speak to each other to work out what questions would be best.

PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL REPORTS



Jenny showed us a presentation of the 'main headlines' that have come out of the report:



Local Learning Disability Partnership Boards have put together an annual report for 2009/10



There are 15 areas in Yorkshire and Humber

They sent their reports to their regional learning disabilities programme board

The Regional Board has brought together key information about Valuing People Now big priorities including:



- Health



- Housing



- Employment

Things we have found out



- All 15 Partnership Boards sent in their report
- 13 out of 15 had people with learning disabilities sign it off
- 12 out of 15 Family Carers signed it off

Good things we found out



- The performance and self assessment framework has shown an improvement in health



- More people have the opportunity to buy their own support



- All campuses will be closed by December 2010

Good things we found out



- Most Partnership Boards are making changes on who supplies their housing



- Positive changes are being made in Day Opportunities



- Improvement in checking and reporting around people keeping safe

Good things we found out



- Increased involvement with people with learning disabilities and their families



- More people have a job plan



- Working better with Connections and Job Centre Plus for people in transition

Good things we found out



- More people are being involved in checking services

Things that need to get better



- Using the report properly
- Having complete data so that we can get a true regional picture
- Helping people with learning disabilities and family carers be able to sign off the report

Things that need to get better



- The number of people living in residential and nursing care



- The number of people in transition



These are things we need to work on for next year.



The last slides asked some questions for the Board which we discussed and agreed:

Who will sign the letters to Partnership Boards?
Philip and Moira

Who do we send the letters to?
Partnership Board chairs and copy in Directors of Adult Services

Do we send the Overview Report out now?
We will wait until everyone has read and agreed the report and until the letters have been written so we can send all the information out together.

ACTION Jenny and Kirsty are to produce a good practice guide from the reports and also organise a day for Partnership

Boards to come together to feedback on the process and see what needs to change.



Jenny gave out a draft of the Regional Overview Report for the members of the board to look over.

ACTION Members of the board can let Jenny know if they have any comments on the Overview Report before it goes out to Partnership Boards.

ACTION Kirsty will ask if Partnership Boards are happy for their letters to be shared.

FEEDBACK FROM REGIONAL FORUM

Alison showed us the following presentation about the Regional Forum:



Yorkshire and Humber



The Yorkshire & Humber Valuing People Team has given the Yorkshire and Humber region £10,000 to work on some of the problems in Advocacy.

There are 3 big issues we will work on:



1- Training the people who buy service (commissioners), so they understand what advocacy is.



2- More information about advocacy to be put into easy read.



3- Help advocacy groups apply for funding.

Yorkshire and Humber



We have met with Ian Margerison and Gary Bourlet who are the National Advocacy Leads to talk about how we are going to do this piece of work.



We have planned a meeting in York to see who would like to help us with this.

Yorkshire and Humber



We will invite two self-advocates from each area across our region to this Meeting.



The meeting will be held on the 27th of May in York

Yorkshire and Humber



If you would like more information about this meeting you can contact:



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REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM FAMILY CARERS

Dave talked us through the Top 3 Points from the Regional Family Carer Network:

1. **Learning & Skills Council Funding (LSC).**

There are concerns around how well councils and Partnership Boards are ready for Learning and Skills Council transfer of funding.

Questions need to be raised to the top people but Partnership Boards must be involved and councils should be doing an equalities impact assessment on transfer.





2. Funding and implications of economic crisis on services and support for people with learning disabilities.

Cuts in funding are impacting on Partnership Boards and carer support

Example: Partnership Board cuts in one area led to the carer forums funding being cut and no funding for things like transport to get carers to groups. This is particularly vital when trying to engage with families in rural areas.



There needs to be more investment in carers to get their involvement.

Some areas were particularly concerned that where money is being spent, there needs to be tighter scrutiny about value for money and how well outcomes are being achieved.



Example: repeated employment projects feels like 'revolving door syndrome'. Families are being told things like 'we can't move forward on things until after the general election' – yet things aren't changing for families and support needs still should be met.

3. Relationship between service providers and carers – how do we check whether things are getting better?



Concerns remain that the 'carers voice' is still not being heard, especially when people are living in supported living and family carers are still involved with doing a lot of caring.



This must be improved and we need better systems in place for checking how well there is partnership working, that families are being listened to, better provision of advocacy for carers and general measures for ensuring that things are changing for the better for families.

ACTION Dave is going to get feedback from the National Forum about good practice in recruiting families

HOW WE OPERATE AS A BOARD

Sam asked us all to think about how we are operating as a board.

We were given the outline of 'What makes a good Partnership Board' to look at and think about and everyone was given card to write on saying what is working well and what we need to improve

We will come back to this at the beginning of the next meeting to discuss further what we can do to make our board better.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Harrop was not able to attend the meeting but faxed through some information that he wanted to share with the board about a project in East Riding:

FIND are a group of parents and family carers of mainly young people with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD). They formed a not-for-profit charity in the early 2000's to develop a respite service and day opportunities.



They have worked together with Adult Services to develop a way to use personal budgets for a daytime service for PMLD.



They have re-named themselves FIND 2 and are about to open the new service which will offer daytime opportunities to PMLD in a non-traditional setting.

It will have activities that are person centred and an individual's time is planned specifically for them.

It will open in May/June 2010 and will be funded through Personal Budgets.

ACTION Sam needs to send Dave contact details of Family Carer's that are actively involved in using personal budgets



Sam told us about some sessions IN are holding around money called "Who's money is it anyway" aimed at people with learning disabilities and carers which is free to IN members



Gavin asked if there is a way to test if Valuing People Now is working for people with learning disabilities in rural areas. We think this information may come out of Partnership Board Reports

ACTION Kirsty is going to invite Jane Shepherd to the meeting in September to do a joint presentation with Jenny around "Aiming High for Disabled Children."



We decided that in Autumn we are going to have a discussion around money

Next meeting:



2nd July April 1pm-4pm

Leeds United Football Club, Elland Road, Leeds.