

YORKSHIRE & HUMBER REGIONAL PROGRAMME BOARD MEETING MINUTES

2nd July 2010

Team Talk, 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.



HOW WE OPERATE AS A BOARD

Scott from Inclusion North led us through what we had done at the last meeting where we had looked at what we are doing well as a board, and what we could be doing better.



From the previous meeting, the attendees had voted on what the most important things we needed to change as a board to make it better

These were:



- Including everyone



- Linking with BME communities



- Linking with Children and Transition services



- Having a co-chair on the board that has a learning disability

Scott split the board into two groups and gave them two points each to discuss.



He then asked the groups to think about their points with regards to the following questions:

1. What it is we need to do?
2. How are we going to do this?
3. Who will do this?
4. When will it be done by?

Each group then fed back their main point to the board



Including Everybody:

- Work out who we need to be including
- Go to each Partnership Board and get three questions from them each to ask the board
- Use the website more to share and collect information

Self Advocate Co-Chair

- We definitely need someone!
- It should be someone other than the Regional Forum representatives already on the board
- Perhaps we could work a system with each area's Partnership Boards whereby we ask their self advocate chair to come sit on the board as a co-chair, with the next one in line joining the meeting and then becoming the co-chair of the next meeting



Involving BME Communities

- Write out to Partnership Board, ADASS, family carers and Local Authority to ask if anyone is willing to join the board
- Hopefully have one BME Family Carer, one BME self advocate and one person who works in services supporting BME Communities



Linking with Children and Transition Services



- Use networks to get involvement
- Look into working with someone from 14-19 Education
- Talk to Aiming High for Disabled People
- Write out to ADASS
- Look at having a Children's Councillor
- Family Carer of a child with learning disabilities or a young person themselves to join the board

ACTION Kirsty and Jenny to speak with Lead Officers to see if they can help us with engaging with the right people to make the Board better.

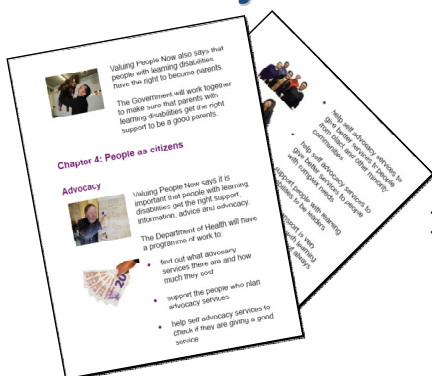
ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP



Gary Bourlet and Ian Margerison from Inclusion North came and told us about the work they are doing both in the region and nationally around Advocacy and Leadership.

This is their presentation:

Valuing People Now Advocacy and Leadership



Advocacy steering group

An advocacy steering group has been set up to oversee all the Valuing People Now advocacy work



The steering group is chaired jointly by Scott Watkin and Liz Brookes the National Valuing People Advocacy Lead

Advocacy in your region



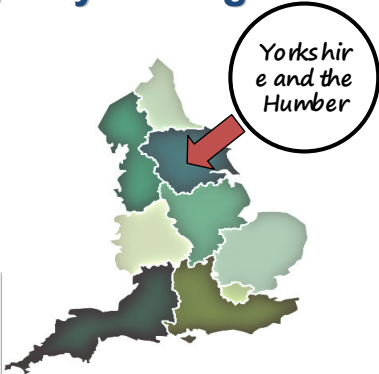
Jenny Anderton



Dalia Magrill



Alison Owen and Gavin Harding



What kinds of advocacy do we are finding out about?

Self-advocacy

People coming together to speak up for themselves



Citizen advocacy

Volunteers developing long-term relationships with people and speaking up for them.



Professional or Representational advocacy

People being paid to advocate with, and for, individuals for either a short or long time.

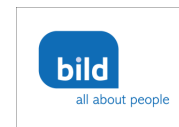


Peer advocacy

People who have the same or similar experience of discrimination as the person they being an advocate for.



BILD have already done some work on advocacy groups.



This is what we are sending each of the forums

Which organisation?	What kind of advocacy?				Any comments
	Self	Citizen	Professional	Peer	
Advocacy Experience Based in: Warrington					
Advocacy Options C.I.C Based in: Blackburn					
Advocacy West Lancashire Based in: Skelmersdale					

What we have done so far Leadership



Nationally

Locally



What we have done so far Advocacy



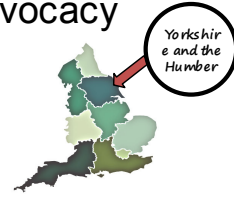
Nationally

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Some of the issues we've been told about Yorkshire.

- Funding
- Accessible information
- Commissioning advocacy
- Leadership
- People with high support needs



Can you talk about?

Next steps



Who needs to be involved in the Advocacy regional planning group?

Who we need to be involved in the mapping of what advocacy their is in Yorkshire and the Humber

How can the program board contribute to the regional Advocacy plan supporting advocacy to get stronger in Yorkshire and Humberside.



Contact us

Questions



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We discussed about Leadership Networks in each region and how they need to continue after Valuing People finishes.

Graduates from Leadership Colleges need to lead on this and also recruite new people to come onto the courses.

ACTION The Board has to think about who has the responsibility to make this happen.

ACTION National Forum work on Advocacy and Inclusion North's work need to be brought together

ACTION Gavin to pass on Peter Phillip's details to Ian and Gary to talk about North Yorkshire's Advocacy Network Group

FUTURE



Peter Flanagan talked to us about the future of the Department of Health in respect to Programmes such as Valuing People



He told us that there is a review in finances and the Valuing People Programme will end in March 2011. There is a limit on spending money and no more people will be taken on for a job at this moment in time.



It looks like the Valuing People Strategy will still be kept, but it is unsure if there will be any money to support a programme in the region



Jenny asked us to think about forward planning around what we need to keep and why.

What parts of the programme would you miss?

- Employment
- Safeguarding
- Overseeing Partnership Boards
- Network support (maintaining networks for self advocates and family carers)
- Health Self Assessment Framework – seeing improvements so really important to keep going
- Supporting older carers





- Partnership Board Self Assessments
 - Hospital Passports
 - Personalisation Programme
- Regional Programme Board – if this is not here then how do we check what is happening locally?
 - Sharing Good Practice



ACTION Jenny will be taking a paper to ADASS and PCT Chief Executives to see if they can keep anything going and add in the Board's thoughts.



MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Jenny went through the minutes of the last meeting from 16th April and what actions still needed to be completed:

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

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

ACTION Kirsty to get in touch with Tim Gollins regarding list of projects around Personalisation to send to Lead Officers in the region

ACTION Jenny to feedback to Richard Tassle (Safeguarding) about Personalisation

ACTION Jenny, George and Dave are to speak to each other to work out what questions would be best to ask Partnership Boards to get them talking about Personalisation

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

ACTION Kirsty to put 'Money' on the agenda for the next meeting

HEALTH SELF ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK



Jenny and Heather have met with each area's Partnership Board to talk about their Health Self Assessment return.

They are in the process of writing a letter that tells the Partnership Boards:

- Their individual scores
- What was good
- What needs to be worked on
- What their challenges are

These will be fed back to each area in the next few weeks.

The questions on the assessment are rated with either Red, Amber or Green.

We have no Red's overall in the region, which is really good.



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ACTION Moira is going to send the information on to ADASS when the final report has come out
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REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM FAMILY CARERS

This is the paper that was handed out at the meeting:

Region/ organisation:	Yorkshire & Humber Regional Family Carer Network
Date:	May 2010



What do you want to tell us about?

What is going well?

- **Lots of really good carers advocacy, information and involvement happening across the region:** E.g. Older carers worker in Doncaster, carers advocate in Bradford, 'Let's Talk' meetings in Rotherham, FLASH group in Sheffield, improved support for carers to speak up in York, successful Marketplace events in Scarborough, Rydale and Whitby and in Leeds, Carers Forum established in Harrogate & Craven and increased carer and self-advocate representation, carers meetings restarting in North Lincs as there is now a carers rep. The worry is that future cuts to funding may impact on this involvement.

What are your 3 big issues?



1. Lifelong learning

- Making sure that Local Authorities include the right information about the needs of learners with learning disabilities into their statement of needs by September or lots of funding could be lost
- Making sure that people with learning disabilities over 25 don't miss out on education opportunities
- Need a review and commitment about what lifelong learning really is
- Need to lobby MPs to ask that DLA becomes a 'passport benefit' for learning



2. Personalisation

- Still lots of worry about this and how it is being rolled out. E.g. one area was just dishing out assessment questionnaires when people were reviewed without no chance for people to prepare
- Still worries about how people with more complex needs can get the budget they need for their lives – extremely stressful for families



3. Funding and uncertainty

- Concerns about the impact of a change of government on people with a learning disability and their families and the work that is going on locally
- Concern about the future stability of this Network. How do we keep it going
- People under 25 on Incapacity benefit getting inaccessible letters from DWP for compulsory interview but interviewers and process not set up for them

Other news:

We have made links with our regional lead for carers, Nicky Guy, who hopes to regularly attend our Network but who has also invited Dave and Dalia to the Regional Carers Strategic Partnership Meeting at the end of June to tell them about how the structures work for our Network to feed up and down



FEEDBACK FROM REGIONAL FORUM

The Regional Forum are having an Advocacy Day where they will be looking at:

- What makes self advocates stronger
- How will the advocacy group survive in the future
- How will they commission people to help

ACTION Speakup will do a report on the Advocacy days and circulate it

Next meeting:



15th October 2010 1pm-4pm

Venue to be confirmed