
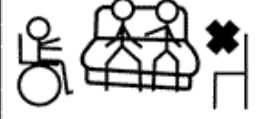





 <p>The Puddle Board (LDPS) "Action Group"</p> <p>minutes</p> 	<p align="center"><b>Devon's Learning Disability Partnership Board</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Action Group</b></p> <p align="center"><b>28 September 2006</b></p> <p align="center"><b>County Hall Exeter</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Minutes</b></p>
<p><b>People at the meeting</b></p> <p>Carolyn Elliott Maxine Edwards Nigel Lott Lloyd Waterman Simon Langridge Luke Eveleigh David Wilson Bill Allen Jemma Howard Glenn Madeley Robert Hawken Lynne McDonagh Anne Brand Sue Mears Abbi Culham Hilary Allen</p>	<p>Assistant Director Learning Disability Modernisation Manager Devon People First Co-ordinator Support Devon People First SURF SURF Chairperson/Laura House Totnes ARC/ROC ARC/CPND CARE/WASP CARE Exeter Expressions Exeter CVS County Carers' Forum County Carers' Forum Mencap (Community Support) Note taker/WASP</p>
<p><b>apologies</b></p> 	<p>Wendy Gardner (Mencap) and Barbara Wilson (Carer) could not come.</p>
<p><b>meeting</b></p> 	<p>Carolyn welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. Carolyn explained the agenda and that the people interested in becoming a Co-chair would each take part of the meeting.</p>

  	<h2>Minutes</h2> <p>What we talked about last time</p> <p>Kathi Connick has written the plan for Person Centred Planning. Now that Kathi has left people in each area will carry on the work.</p> <p>Devon County Council expenses paper – people can get their fares paid when they attend meetings.</p>
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	<h2>Learning Disability Development Fund Outcomes</h2> <p><b>Nigel Lott took the Chair for this item.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maxine explained that some money has been saved this year because Kath Bird is on maternity leave, Kathi Connick has left and some of the other projects have not used all their money. People are suggesting ways to spend this money.</li> <li>• SURF has asked for some of this money to have a drama group at the big SURF meeting to perform a play about In Control. They would like £1,250 pounds. Bill suggested this should be increased to £1,500 so that a professional video could be made of the play to be shown widely to other groups. The Partnership Board agreed to this.</li> <li>• Money had also been asked for, to help with the 'Start Up for Home Ownership'. This was agreed but David thought there should be a proper process set up so that service users have equal opportunities. Carolyn will look into doing this.</li> <li>• Carolyn asked for £5,000 so that a member of staff could help with some research into sexual abuse. Carolyn will bring more information to the next meeting and ask Fulfilling Lives Managers for information about the training given to service users on keeping safe.</li> <li>• There will be the same amount of money available in 2007-2008. How some of this is to be spent has already been</li> </ul>
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decided but the Partnership Board needs to decide about the rest.

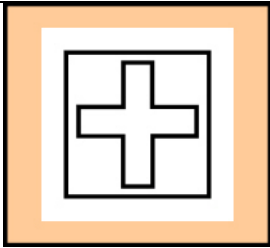
- It was agreed that the money should be spent on Advocacy Services, Accommodation and Support Officers and Action for Health Lead as already detailed in the paper on LD Development Fund. The meeting asked for more evidence about Person Centred Planning.



## **Cornwall Report**

**Robert Hawken took the Chair for this item.**

- Carolyn handed out a summary of the report and said that she will send the full report to anyone who would like a copy. It is fairly accessible.
- The summary shows what things we should look out for in Devon. Residential care services and Supported Living will be looked at by an independent group of people from BILD (British Institute for Learning Disabilities). A carer and a service user will also be involved. A team of staff and managers will also look at other things that we do which we can improve on. Carolyn said that the report gives an opportunity for the Partnership Board to think about this and help with the work that is being done in Devon about the Cornwall report.



## Good Health Presentation

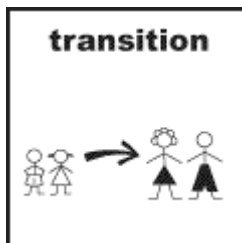
**Glenn Madeley took the Chair for this item.**

Dil Thomas gave a presentation about this. (If you would like a copy, please contact Hilary).

- A Questionnaire had been sent out to people in Mid Devon to find out what they think about health services and what is important to them. People First told the meeting about this.
- Information is going to Devon Partnership Trust Board about how Mental Health Services can better help people with learning disabilities who have mental health problems.
- There is now a Liaison Nurse at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, but not yet in North Devon.
- Partnership Board will write to the Chief Executive of North Devon Primary Care Trust about the lack of a Liaison Nurse at North Devon District Hospital.

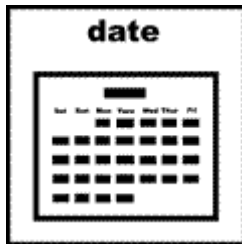
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### Other things we talked about

- Transition – Maxine and Carolyn talked about the report. Children’s Services will find someone to be the Project Lead for Transition. Person Centred Planning is being piloted but the plans need to be looked at regularly. There is a project called Dynamite which introduces young people to In Control. Some young people have been trying this out over the summer.
- Anne Brand said that Mencap and Social Services are holding a joint event on 10 November 2006 at Arena Park about ‘What are we educating our children for’. Please phone Anne 01392 494694 for more information.
- Social Services re-organisation – Carolyn explained that the new Adult and Community Services will include Adult and Community Learning. There are lots of Managers leaving but the aim is to keep the same services. Carolyn is the Assistant Director and



responsible for learning disabilities, but the structure is still being worked on. Carolyn will give the Partnership Board more information when it is available. All the Primary Care Trusts in Devon will merge into one on 1 October 2006. A review of the Health and Social Care Partnership will be done led by Keith Portlock. Carolyn will suggest that service user and a carer help with this.

- Dates for the meetings in 2007 were given out. The Partnership Board will need to decide which topics are looked at and SURF needs to be added in somewhere.
- Robert reported on a visit to a meeting in Bristol about Equality. He showed a pack of information. More packs will be obtained for people to take away.
- Exeter Expressions have written to Exeter College and Ben Bradshaw MP about cancelled courses. Ben Bradshaw sent a copy of a press release which was too difficult to understand. Exeter Expressions are still trying to get some satisfactory answers.
- Choice and Control subgroup – this met in September. They would like to know the names of JIP leads for East and South Devon.
- Mencap – Abbi showed copies of the Mencap magazine which includes an article about Cornwall.
- Mencap Breaking Point Campaign – Abbi had brought copies of this. Mencap are working on a toolkit to help families get services.





### **Date of next meeting**

- Full Partnership Board meeting on 24 November 2006 at the Loop Centre. The agenda will be sent out soon.