



Wiltshire Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting

19th May 2010
County hall, Trowbridge



People who came to the meeting

Sue Redmond	Department of community services (Chair)
David Martin	Co-Chair Partnership Board
Phil Powell	Department of community services
Mike Claydon	South Wilts Family Carer
Julia Davey	Department of community services
Margaret Greenman	North Wilts Family Carer
Sheriff Lawburt	Chair, West Wiltshire Partnership Board
Rhonda Ward	Department of community services
Emily Lewis	NHS Wiltshire
Jemima Milton	Councillor – Adult Social Care
Gavin Mullings	Salisbury Independent Self Advocacy Group
Viv Fortune	Carer – Kennet planning & development group
Caroline Loveless	Co-chair Salisbury LD Group
Caroline Cummings	Chair, Open Minds
Angie Carmichael	Chair, Transformation Board
Tina Reddick	Chair, East Wilts Planning & Development Group

Supporters

Annie Clayton	Wiltshire People First
Lucy Key	Wiltshire People First
Susie Morgans	Salisbury Independent Self Advocacy Group

Facilitators/ Observers

Maria Cattelona	Department of community services
Avril Mendel	Department of community services



People who could not come to the meeting

Boni Williams
Ian Spalding

United Response
White Horse Care Trust

Introductions and Welcome



The meeting was chaired by Sue Redmond and David Martin.



David asked everyone to introduced themselves and explained how the traffic light cards worked.

Actions from the notes of the last meeting



Sue gave the board a quick update and said that most of this would be talked about in the meeting today.

Main Agenda

The partnership board self assessment report



Phil told the board about the self assessment report that we had to write for the regional and national boards. We wrote the report to tell them about all the work we have done from April 2009 to March 2010.



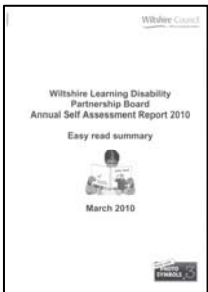
Phil said this was a good thing for us to do as it showed us where we are doing well and not so well.



He said we are not good at making our voices heard in some of the groups that take really important decisions that affect the lives of people with learning disability.



Phil thanked everyone for their help in finishing the report as the form we were sent was not easy to understand. He said that he had told Valuing People we did not find the form easy to fill in.



We have written our own easy to read summary of the report and copies are here for people to take away today.



Jemima asked for the report to be sent to councillors and primary care trust members?

The January meeting



David showed us a presentation and he told us about all the things the different groups had talked about at the meeting in January.

We may be able to use some of these ideas in the new board.

The proposal



Phil said that the Partnership Board, and what it does, is well known amongst the members and the district groups, but we do not have a voice in the “big” world.



There are people making plans about housing and other very important things, but the Partnership board does not have a voice at those meetings.



It has not been easy for board members to represent larger groups of people and we need to find a way to involve more people.



The current partnership board needs to end and a new board will be created.



The new Board will have more elected people who want to represent groups.

This will mean that the link between the Partnership Board and the district groups will change.

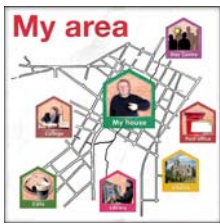


District groups can continue to meet, but the Partnership Board will not be able to give the groups more money.

The way forward



Heather talked about all the other partnerships that are already meeting. These are groups like the housing partnership and community safety partnership.



There are other groups called the community partnerships and area boards. The area boards have money and people can go to these boards if they want to get things done where they live. The Partnership Board would like the district groups to make their voices heard at these local meetings.



Heather said we need to work in a different way and there are things that can be done in local groups. This board needs to change to make sure this work will happen.

The next steps

Heather and Phil will work out how to make these changes happen.



Heather said that these groups should include everyone but people with learning disabilities will need to be helped to be included in them. She said this is

something that we can work on.



These changes mean the board can get involved and be helped to make things happen.



Some members of the board were not sure if the voices of people with learning disabilities would be heard. Sue said that the board has not been able to do all the work it needs to do and that we can not change things in this group.



What we need to do now is make the links with these other important groups and make sure they hear about the issues of people with learning disabilities.



Mike said that he was concerned that the Learning Disability Development Group (LDDG) in Salisbury is not being represented on the Board.



Viv asked what had happened to groups like the housing sub group? Phil said that unfortunately they had not worked as the Board had hoped. Those groups would finish, but we still need to reach out to the groups that decide the council's housing strategy. The new Board would work out how to do that.



Margaret asked whether children's services would have a place on the new board? Phil said that there would be a space on the new board for someone from children's services.

The Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF)



David asked what is going to happen to the LDDF? Phil said that we are about to get £263,000. There are things that have to be paid for from the LDDF which will leave us with about £60,000.



Phil said that some of this money may be needed to make the new board work.

Summary and actions



Work will be done to make the community partnerships and area boards easier for people to go to and understand.



Heather will visit the district groups to talk more about how this will happen.

Any other business



Gavin has written to the board to let them know that he has resigned from his role as chair of Salisbury Independent Self Advocacy Group (SISAG). Caroline Loveless has taken over as chair of SISAG.



Mike talked about the online newsletter project in south Wiltshire. The website is still being added to but it has stories and film made by people with learning disabilities. This was funded by money from the Learning Disability Development Fund. It is worth a look and the website address is



www.ourlivesonline.org