

Wiltshire Local Partnership Board Meeting

Thursday 30th August 2007
County Hall, Trowbridge



People who came to the meeting

Sue Redmond	Department of Community Services (Chair)
Heather Hughes	Partnership Board Co-chair
Amy Roberts-Phare	Chair North Wilts Action Group
Angie Carmichael	Wiltshire People First
Martin Fortune	Wiltshire & Swindon Users Network
Mike Claydon	South Wilts Mencap
Angela Goff	Co-chair West Wilts Action Group
Rhonda Jenkins	Learning Disability Provider Services
Brigadier G Read	South Wilts Family Carer
Georgina Ruddle	Ridgeway Partnership NHS Trust
Kay Rudge	CARE Wiltshire
Mrs Seager	County Councillor
Geoff Shepherd	Support to Heather Hughes
Phil Stevenson	North/West CTPLD
Nigel Stovold	Co-chair Kennet LD Group
Margaret Greenman	North Wilts Family Carer
Avril Mendel	Department of Community Services
Phil Powell	Department of Community Services
Jo Kirk	West Wiltshire CTPLD
Julia Davey	Department of Community Services
Caroline Cummings	West Wilts Action Group



People who couldn't come to the meeting

Carol Glenister	Kennet Family carer
Trevor Hazelgrove	Wessex Community Action
Paul Hughes	West Wilts Partnership Board
Caroline Loveless	Learning Disability Development Group
Gavin Mullings	Salisbury Independent Self Advocacy Group
Paul Myles	Connexions
Kathy Smith	North Wilts Family Carer
Ian Spalding	White Horse Care Trust
Margaret Strange	South Wilts Family Carer
Viv Fortune	Kennet Family Carer
David Proudfoot	Kennet/South CTPLD
John Thomson	County Councillor
Boni Williams	United Response



Introductions and Welcome

The meeting was chaired by Sue Redmond and Heather Hughes.



Heather asked everyone to introduce themselves.

There were a lot of people who couldn't come today. Some people are on holiday and some have other meetings to go to.

At the meeting we talked about:



1. Things from the notes of the last Partnership Board meeting on 13th June 2007



Talk Time – Rhonda said that the Talk Time sessions would be starting again at the beginning of October.



Special phone number for problems with transport- Wiltshire People First working with Paul to solve this complaint.

2. Future agendas

This is all about how the board does its job properly. It is not right that Phil decides what should be on the agenda on his own.

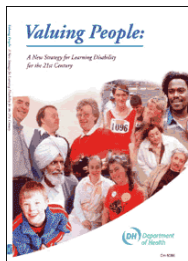


How can we do that differently?



Sue said there should be a key group to set agenda items. The group would need to meet a few weeks before the Board Meeting to decide what goes on the agenda.

Action : We will set up a group who will meet to do this.



We have fallen behind with some of the work that Valuing People says we have to do. A piece of work will have to be done to find out where the gaps are, and update the strategies that we have.

This will be a big piece of work and it would be good to use the Conference in November to look at this.



Action- We will bring a report back to the next Board Meeting in January to let everyone know where we are with the Valuing People objectives.

3. Partnership Board Conference- 23rd July 2007



Phil told us about what came out of the conference on 23rd July. We had groups to talk about Transitions, Health and Employment.

Each group made a list of the things that we need to work on. We brought this information to the Board Meeting. Phil asked if everyone was happy to take the information away with them and feed back any ideas or comments to him.



Avril explained what was in the notes.



Phil said that we would have liked more people with Learning Disabilities at the conference. We will try to get more people along to the next conference.

4. Sub Groups for Transitions and Person Centred Planning

5. Learning Disability Commissioning Board

(these 2 items were talked about together)



Phil talked about the 5 sub-groups that we used to have as part of the Partnership Board. He said some of them had been lost.

Wiltshire County Council has set up a new board to replace the Joint Commissioning Group, called the Learning Disability Commissioning Board. It will need people from the Local Partnership Board on this new Board.

Margaret Greenman asked where the carers group fitted into the Local Partnership Board/Commissioning Board? Phil said that Carers for people with learning disabilities would still attend the Local Partnership Board and its local groups. All other carers have the Carers Strategy Group.



People thought that the new Commissioning Board would be a good idea. Kay said that if the new board was the place where Wiltshire's priorities are decided, it was a good idea.



Sue suggested a group meet outside the Local Partnership Board to talk about what is important to them. These ideas could then be taken to the Commissioning Board.

6. Advocacy



Phil told the board that SWAN had asked for funding from the Learning Disability Development Fund. Their idea is to pay for an Advocacy service for people with learning disabilities across Wiltshire. It will cost 60 to 65 thousand pounds (£60-£65k).

The Board did not agree this request.



Sue asked what we do across the County for Advocacy. Sue will get a small group of experts together to look at this and report back to the Board.



Phil said we need to look at the priorities and not spend too much from the 150 thousand pounds (£150k) that we have left in the Learning Disability Development Fund until we know what is most important.

7. Learning Disability Development Fund

The Learning Disability Development Fund will be continuing for another year. This will help look again at Valuing People and make sure that the Objectives are happening.



8. Feedback from the Commission for Social Care



Sue talked about the meeting with Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) that took place at the end of July.



CSCI would now like to meet people to talk about the service. CSCI will tell us in November how good or bad Wiltshire's services were from April 2006 to March 2007.

9. Bits and Pieces

Amy

Amy told us that the North Wilts Planning Group is having a Jobs Day on 14th September. There will be some stalls and people to talk to about jobs.



West Wilts Open Day

Angela told the Board about the West Wilts open day for employment. This is at Civic Hall in Trowbridge on 18th September. There will be some stalls and employers from the area. Our Voice will also be there.



Angela

Angela said that it didn't feel good because lots of staff had left Ashton Street centre.



Transport

Nigel wants someone to come to the Board to talk about transport. This is because there have been changes in the bus timetables.



Rhonda Jenkins said someone from either the Bus Company or Wiltshire Independent travel will be asked to come to Kennet Group.



The Board said it would be a good idea if they could visit all of the local groups.

Judy said that Nigel Bruce-Robertson from PTU is a useful contact.



Action : Avril will contact him.

Perhaps Louise Rendle from Wiltshire Independent Travel could visit all four local planning groups with Nigel Bruce-Robertson to talk about transport?

Paid work



Much more is happening to get paid work. Amy had been offered the chance to work at Sheldon School but turned it down because she didn't want to be bullied. She said she had been bullied there before.



Amy told us about the type of job that she would like to do and Greg suggested she tell her job coach so that he can help her find the right job.

Accessible website



Avril told the Board about the work we have been doing on the accessible website for the Local Partnership Board.

We will be setting up a group to help look at the information that we put on the website. We need to make sure that it is accessible for everyone.

Action : Contact Avril on 01225 771675 if you would like to be part of this group.

Dates of future meetings

Julia asked everyone if they could let her know about any venues across Wiltshire that could be used for the next Conference.

We would like to get a group together again to plan the Conference and we will contact people soon to find out who would like to help.



This is the date of the next conference 21St November. We will be sending out more information about this soon.