



Learning Disability Partnership Board

Friday 23rd July 2010, 12.00pm - 3.00pm

The Diamond Centre, Irthlingborough

Short notes

The Board introduce themselves and tell everyone their favourite television programme.

The co-chairs welcome Craig Hart, Lisa Galloway, Janice Peskett and Linda Bristow to the Board as new members..

Sharon reads the action list and 12.25 News

Agenda item 1 – East Northants Local Partnership Group Presentation by Richard Sherratt and John Goldsworthy

Please read the presentation for more information.

Christine Davies says the Wellingborough Group is in the same position as East Northants. They would like a “we want more information” column to be added to dot voting sheets as it is hard to make a decision without all the information.

Suzanne Palmer says the Northampton Group agrees with this, more information and a 3rd column is needed. Chris Ball asks for groups to be told what they need to look at as so much information is being sent out.

The East Northants Group asked to receive presentations 5 weeks before the Board meeting. Dawn says this will start for the October meeting. When this happens, reps will be able to go back to the presenter to ask questions and get more information.



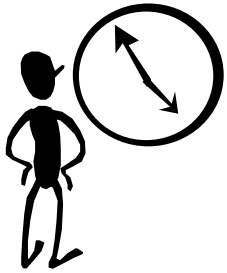


Agenda Item 2 – Northamptonshire Continence Service by Nicola Carter (standing in for Tracy Longhurst)

Please read the presentation for more information.

Suzanne says that herself and Sharon Tansley were involved in a meeting with the service, the answers to their questions were not correct and not good enough.

The service said that you could have a morning or afternoon delivery but you can't. Nicola replies that the provider's contract says that they have to do a morning or afternoon delivery when requested by the customer. Nicola will phone the service today to discuss and will also discuss at the contract review meeting.



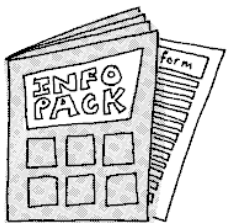
Suzanne also says that filling in a baseline chart is degrading to an older person, other people don't have to do that. Nicola replies that the charts are used to find a suitable product for the person. The group will discuss if there is another way to do this.



Christine Davies says that in schools, there are not enough pads for people and staff do not have gloves and aprons to change pads. Nicola replies the delivery is to the client so pads should be taken from home to school. Schools have a responsibility to provide aprons and gloves for employees. Dawn asks Nicola to check on these things, Dawn also asks if Maria Faller can speak to the schools to check they are providing aprons and gloves for staff. Maria will check after the summer holiday.



Nicola asks if it would be helpful if the service put together an information pack for schools and day services. The Board votes and all agree this would be helpful.



Agenda Item 3 – Personalisation

Please read the presentation for more information.

There was a long question and answer session, full information and responses are in an extra document, please contact us if you would like a copy to read.





Agenda Item 4 – Learning Disability Development Fund Budget

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Suzanne says that the Northampton Group is concerned about not paying for the leadership course, they suggest we should stop paying for the Person Centred Planning (PCP) facilitators in December so that the money can be used to pay for the leadership course.



Christine says that the information did not say if the amount of money that was being saved is all or part of the amount of funding for that project. Dawn apologises, the funding panel looks at the detail of the information and the Board need to comment and vote on it,



Dawn says that the PCP facilitators were due to be funded until November 2010, and then extended to March 2011. so they have an extra 5 months to put person centred thinking into every area of life in Northamptonshire. If we end the work in December, the roll out to other areas will not happen.

Christine Freeman asks if a PCP impacts on the personal budget. Dawn replies that a PCP does not decide the budget, this is done by assessment.

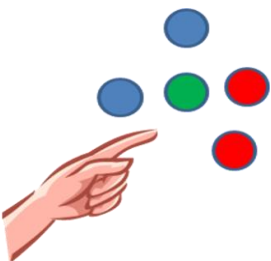


Justin Hammond says that the leadership Course is for 12 people and costs £40,000, the PCP team will work with many more people than this and affect many more lives

John says that the East Northants Group suggests keeping the county-wide event as this is more beneficial to people. We could then increase the savings for Housing, Employment and Health and take an extra £1000 from each to run the county-wide event.

The Board vote with cards about if they are willing to dot vote about the budget. 22 people agree that they will dot vote. 2 people say they don't know.

The results of the dot voting are on the last page.



Questions from visitors



A parent carer has some comments in response to the question and answer session on personalisation. She says that the County Council seem to have time and staff to send out bills for day services but they do not have staff when it comes to processing personal budgets. She was disappointed that people were reading out questions already asked, the opportunity has been wasted to have a discussion on personal budgets.



Pete Sidgwick replies that the Board asked the panel to answer questions in this way. Dawn says that the questions are from a regional carers meeting and she apologises if the panel felt they had to stick to written answers.

Any other business?



Maria Faller suggests reps should speak to parent groups in schools to get parents involved in the local partnership groups. Maria will check the parent groups are still running as John questions whether they still have funding.

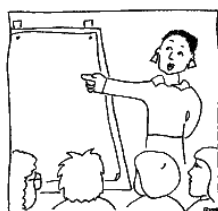


Dawn Line says that the County Council is changing the charges for transport for people aged 16 to 19. Dawn Crawford asks if the transitions group could give the Board their main worries about this and the Board will write to the Council with those views (Ann Wakeley is putting together all the comments). The Board agrees.

This is Justin Hammond's last meeting as the money has been stopped for his regional job as employment lead, he will go back to his old job at Leicester City Council. Thank you to Justin for his input.



**The next Board meeting is on
Thursday 2nd September, 12pm to 3pm
at Nene Centre, Northampton**



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Results of Dot Voting on the Budget

	Yes	Don't know	No
Not pay for the leadership course for people with a learning disability (£40,000)	19		5
Not have a county wide big meeting or event (£3,000)	20		6
Not pay for new projects for helping people to join in their community (£35,000)	12	3	6
Give less money to work on employment (£5,000)	12		6
Give less money to work on housing (£5,000)	14		3
Give less money to work on relationships (£15,000)	16		9
Give less money to work on health (£5,000)	14		4
Not having any spare money for urgent things, this is called a contingency (£20,000)	17		1
Not having a team of person centred planning facilitators after March 2011. (£115,000)	11	3	8
Not using some extra money that we found out about (£50 000)	18		5
New Suggestions			
Keep Leadership Course and stop PCP team in December	4		13
Keep county-wide event and cut an extra £1000 from Housing, extra £1000 from Employment, extra £1000 from Health	2		16