

**NOTE OF THE FIFTY FIFTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY
IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2010
AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.**

PRESENT:

David Felce – Co-chair
Linton Gower - Co-chair (Supported by Claire Turner)

Members

Steve Beyer
Evan Davies
Carolyn Eayrs
Christine Griffiths
Stephen Hughes
Glyn Jones
Darren Locke (supported by Graham Lowe)
Liz Neal
Rhonwen Parry
Vicky Poole (AM only)
Carol Rea (attending for Chris Maggs)
Cathy Roberts
Jonathan Richards (supported by Claire Turner)
Judith Tomlinson
Pauline Young

Assembly Officials

John Carter
Alyson Collins
Peter Meredith-Smith
Sarah Watkins

Others

Sam Williams – LDIAG Information Officer

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1 Vicky Poole and Cathy Roberts were welcomed to LDIAG meeting - Vicky as the WLGA/SSIA representative on the Group and Cathy as the third ADSS representative on the Group.

1.2 Apologies were received from David Allen, Jim Crowe, Mike Kerr, Chris Maggs and Michael Murphy (members) and Ann Ferris (official).

2. Feedback from members

2.1 Members had no particular comments to make on the previous meeting.

3. Consideration of a paper on 'Obesity in individuals with a learning disability'.

3.1 Judith Tomlinson introduced this item and said that she was seeking members' views on whether there was merit in developing a Care Pathway/Good Practice guidance around the issue of obesity in adults with a learning disability. Dr Watkins advised members that there was a draft All Wales Obesity Pathway currently out to consultation. The Group agreed that it would like to send a response to this consultation and Judith agreed to do this.

Action

- To develop a proposal to pilot a care pathway for obesity (Judith Tomlinson/Public Health Service)
- To send members the hyperlink to the draft All Wales Obesity Pathway consultation and the Map of Medicine (Secretariat)
- To send Judith Tomlinson comments on this consultation by the end of March (Members)
- To draft a LDIAG response to the consultation (closing date of 28 April) for consideration by the Group (Judith Tomlinson)

4. Presentation on the 'Development of a Learning Disability Learning and Improvement Network (LIN)'.

4.1 Vicky Poole introduced this item and asked for members views on the questions listed at the top of Page 2 of the paper circulated. A discussion followed about whether a LIN was needed and if it was needed who it should be for (multi-agency); what its focus should be (adults); and how it should be structured and managed.

Action

- To send ideas on the need, shape and work of the LIN to Vicky Poole to enable her to draw up options by the end of March (Members)
- To send Vicky's e.mail address to members (Secretariat)

5. Consideration of the Welsh Assembly Government's proposals for taking forward the LDIAG Action Plan.

5.1 John Carter introduced this item. John advised that he had met Andrew Stephens, Local Government Data Unit the previous week about developing a

Minimum Dataset. Andrew had explained that the Data Unit was already working on a database that could possibly be adapted for learning disability purposes and he agreed to attend the April LDIAG meeting to talk about this and to listen to members views of what learning disability data set needed to be collected and why. John explained that the data collected would not primarily be for the use of the Welsh Assembly Government but would help improve local management information. ADSS reps said that one of the problems with data collection was the differing definitions used in local authorities.

Action

- To put Andrew's presentation on the agenda for the April LDIAG meeting (Secretariat)

5.2 There was a discussion about the LDIAG's work plan to take forward the various strands of action outline by the Deputy Minister including the development of accessible information, awareness training and a Health & Social Care Charter. It was agreed that this work should be taken forward by the sub-groups. John said that Autism Awareness Training was being developed and information on this could be provided to the relevant sub-group if it would prove helpful.

Action

- Accessible Information and Awareness Training to be considered by the Strategic Planning sub-group.
- Health & Social Care Charter to be considered by the Health sub-group.

6. Consideration of the paper on the 'No-one Knows' report

6.1 John Carter introduced this paper which sets out the actions being taken by the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) Cymru. He advised that he was already engaged with the work of NOMS along with 3 other LDIAG members : Glyn Jones, Judith Tomlinson and Sarah Watkins and that NOMS were now seeking the involvement of LDIAG members on 3 Task & Finish Groups. Members volunteered as follows :

- Collaborative Services and Interventions – Liz Neal
- Training – Jonathan Richards
- Screening – Jonathan Richards & Judith Tomlinson

Action

- To advise NOMS (Cymru) about the volunteers for their Task & Finish Groups (Secretariat)
- To identify any Therapists that may be interested in this work (Chris Griffiths)

- To report back to the LDIAG (LDIAG members on the T&F Groups)

7. Consideration of the final draft of the 'Practice Guidance on Day Services'

7.1 Steve Beyer introduced this item and invited comments from members on the final draft. It was noted that the main focus of the paper was Social Services. Given that people with continuing healthcare needs were also receiving day services then the NHS should also be included in the paper. Concern was expressed that given the current financial climate much of what was in the paper may not be achievable. The status of the paper was discussed and it was agreed that it should be issued as LDIAG guidance and as such a consultation would not be needed.

Action :

- To send any specific text amendments to Steve Beyer by 25th February (members)
- To proof read the document (Sam Williams volunteered to do this)
- To write to the Deputy Minister enclosing a copy of the document for her information (David Felce)
- To arrange for the translation and circulation of the document (Secretariat)

8. Consideration of the final draft of the 'Practice Guidance on Community Living'.

8.1 As this paper was received less than 7 days before the meeting it was agreed that it should be deferred for consideration at the April LDIAG meeting.

Action

- To put on the agenda for the April LDIAG meeting (Secretariat)

9. Sub-group Reports

9.1 Strategic Planning – David Felce advised that the letter setting out the Group's views on the future of the Advocacy Grant Scheme had been sent to the Deputy Minister.

9.2 Meaningful Lives – Steve Beyer said that the paper on Employment would be brought to the April LDIAG meeting.

Action

- To put the employment paper on the agenda for the April LDIAG meeting (Secretariat).

9.3 Health – an update report was not available.

9.4 Mental Health and Challenging Behaviour – Members were reminded that the Deputy Minister had written back to David to say that before reaching a decision on the LDIAG paper ‘Access to Mainstream Mental Health Services for People with Learning Disabilities and Autistic Spectrum Disorders’ she would like to seek the views of the Mental Health Implementation Advisory Group at its meeting in March.

10. LDIAG Communication Strategy

10.1 Sam Williams provided the following update :

Communication Sub-group – additional members are still being sought

Action

- For individuals to advise Sam if they wish to join this sub-group (Members)

Website – The launch of the Website is now scheduled for the end of February.

Action

- Outstanding profiles to be sent to Sam as soon as possible (Members)

Roadshows – Flyers have been sent out for the two roadshows arranged for 16th March (Colwyn Bay) and 23rd March (Llanelli).

Action

- To attend the Roadshows (Members).

11. Minutes of the last meeting (10th December 2009)

11.1 The minutes of the meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

12. Action Log and Matters Arising

12.1 Feeding and Administration of medicine – Peter Meredith-Smith said that a group would be meeting in March to discuss this.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 John Carter said that an update on the implementation of the ASD Strategic Action Plan for Wales would be brought to the June LDIAG meeting so that the group could consider the interface between learning disabilities and autistic spectrum disorders.

Action

- To put on the agenda for the June LDIAG meeting (Secretariat).

14. Date of the next meeting

14.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 22nd April 2010 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

Alyson Collins
Secretariat to the LDIAG