

NOTE OF THE FIFTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 22ND APRIL 2010 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

PRESENT:

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

Members

David Allen
Steve Beyer
Jim Crowe
Evan Davies
Christine Griffiths
Stephen Hughes
Glyn Jones
Mike Kerr
Darren Locke (supported by Graham Lowe)
Liz Neal
Lloyd Nelson
Carol Rea (attending for Chris Maggs)
Cathy Roberts
Jonathan Richards (supported by Claire Turner)
Judith Tomlinson
Pauline Young

Assembly Official

Alyson Collins

Others

Sam Williams – LDIAG Information Officer

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Caroline Eayrs, Chris Maggs, Michael Murphy and Rhonwen Parry (members) and John Carter, Ann Ferris, Peter Meredith-Smith and Sarah Watkins (officials).

2. Feedback from members

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

3. Presentation on the Development of a Minimum Dataset for Learning Disabilities’.

3.1 Andrew Stephens, Local Government Data Unit introduced this item and a discussion followed. Members were supportive of the development of a dataset that could potentially help to improve, monitor and compare services for people with a learning disability across Wales. The need to use common definitions was stressed as was the importance of engaging with those who will use the dataset in its development. Andrew thanked the group for their comments and said the next step would be for him to put a proposal for the development of the minimum dataset to the Welsh Assembly Government for consideration.

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

4.1 Steve Beyer introduced this item and a discussion followed. It was agreed that references and links should be made in the document to the recently published Welsh Assembly Government Circular 008/2010. Comments were made about the barriers in place that prevented people living in the community such as PEG feeding; the aspirational nature of the document given the present economic climate; levels of staff support and training; and the role of community support teams.

Action

- Comments on the document to be sent to Steve Beyer as soon as possible (members).

5. Consideration of the final draft of the 'Practice Guidance on Employment'.

5.1 The final draft of this guidance was not available in time for discussion at the meeting. Steve Beyer gave a presentation on the guidance and it will now be discussed at the June LDIAG meeting.

Action

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

6. Annual Healthchecks Monitoring Report

6.1 Mike Kerr introduced this item. He reminded members that the use of the new software Audit + would allow electronic data to be extracted on the healthchecks and that a further report would be published providing this information in due course. A discussion followed. In answer to some of the points made Judith Tomlinson said that the Learning Disability DES Toolkit on the Public Health Service website had a sample letter inviting people to attend for a health check and advice and a checklist for GP's. Liz Neal said that to encourage the take-up of the healthchecks the Welsh Assembly Government

had funded Mencap to produce a video and that this would be launched in June.

7. Sub Group Reports

7.1 Strategic Planning Sub-group – Liz Neal introduced a paper drawn up by the sub-group on the utilisation of the money the Assembly has allocated for Accessible Information and Learning Disability Awareness Training for staff working in public services in Wales. A discussion followed. Members were generally content with the sub-groups proposals.

Action :

- To revise the paper in line with the comments made (Liz Neal)
- To send the final paper to the Deputy Minister for consideration (David Felce)

7.2 Health Sub-group – Mike Kerr said that the Sub-group would be meeting that afternoon to discuss the development of a Health and Social Care Charter.

7.3 Mental Health and Challenging Behaviour Sub-group – David Allen said that: the next meeting of the Challenging Behaviour Community of Practice had been arranged for 9th June; following the launch of a suite of E-learning resources in January 2010 some 500 people across Wales were undertaking training; and that following demand for a checklist to be developed for completion on an individual rather than an area basis such a checklist was now being piloted.

Action :

- To bring the individual checklist to the LDIAG (or its successor group) for consideration in 3 to 4 months time (Sub-group).

8. LDIAG Communication Strategy

8.1 Sam Williams provided the following update :

Website – The Website has now gone live.

Roadshows – the two Roadshows held in March went well, were well attended and received positive feedback. Attendance by LDIAG members was however poor. Two further Roadshows are being planned for the 12th and 19th October.

9. Minutes of the last meeting (11th February 2010)

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

10. Action Log and Matters Arising

10.1 The development of a proposal to pilot a 'Care Pathway for Obesity in Individuals with a Learning Disability' – Judith Tomlinson said that a draft proposal would be circulated for discussion at the June LDIAG meeting.

Action

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

10.2 Consultation on the 'All Wales Obesity Pathway' – members were reminded that their comments should be sent to Judith Tomlinson who is responding to the consultation on behalf of the LDIAG.

10.3 No-one Knows Report - Liz Neal and Jonathan Richards said that they had not received any information about the Task and Finish Groups that they had volunteered for. Judith agreed to follow this up.

10.4 Feeding and administration of medicine – Members were advised that due to other pressures the Task & Finish group would not meeting until the end of June at the earliest.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 David Felce said that the June meeting of the LDIAG could possibly be its last meeting. Items that needed to be discussed included the shape of a successor Advisory Group, an audit of ongoing work and topics that the LDIAG would wish a new group to take forward. Jim Crowe said that he would like Continuing Healthcare to be included in the latter.

Action

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

11.2 Liz Neal asked whether there would be time in the next meeting for Mencap to do a short presentation on 'Getting it Right' - Mencap's new health campaign for 2010.

Action

- To consider when drawing up the agenda (Secretariat)

11.3 Good Practice Framework for People with a Learning Disability

Requiring Planned Secondary Care – members asked about the status of this document and were advised that it would be issued for consultation shortly.

Action

- To send copies of the consultation document to members when available (Secretariat).

11.4 Liz said that this was her last meeting as a member of the LDIAG as she was stepping down as Director of Mencap Cymru. Wayne Crocker will be Acting Director until a new appointment is made. Members thanked Liz for all her hard work and commitment to the Group and wished her well for the future.

12. Date of the next meeting

12.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 17th June 2010 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

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Secretariat to the LDIAG