

**NOTE OF THE FIFTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING  
DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
2010 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Members**

David Allen  
Wayne Crocker  
Jim Crowe  
Evan Davies  
Christine Griffiths  
Glyn Jones  
Mike Kerr  
Darren Locke (supported by Graham Lowe)  
Chris Maggs  
Lloyd Nelson (attending for Carolyn Eayrs)  
Rhonwen Parry  
Cathy Roberts  
Jonathan Richards (supported by Claire Turner)  
Judith Tomlinson  
Pauline Young

**Assembly Officials**

John Carter  
Alyson Collins

**Others**

Sam Williams – LDIAG Information Officer

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Steve Beyer, Caroline Eayrs and Michael Murphy (members) and Ann Ferris, Peter Meredith-Smith and Sarah Watkins (officials).

1.2 Wayne Crocker advised that he would be representing Mencap Cymru on the LDIAG following his appointment as Interim Director of Mencap Cymru.

**2. Feedback from members**

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

### **3. Consideration of the final draft of the 'Practice Guidance on Employment'.**

3.1 In Steve Beyer's absence David Felce introduced this item and a discussion followed. Members generally considered that the document was comprehensive and that it read well. However it was considered that : the guidance was aimed specifically at people in contact with local authorities (excepting those with challenging behaviour) and not the general learning disability population; more practice examples could be given; as well as a greater emphasis on aspiring people to consider work. Concern was expressed about whether innovations in employment could be achieved in the current economic climate. Jonathan Richards said that he supported the document but suggested that it should be made more accessible.

#### **Action**

- To relay members comments back to Steve Beyer to enable him to finalise the guidance. (David Felce).

### **4. Consideration of a draft proposal for the development of a 'Care Pathway for Obesity in individuals with a learning disability'.**

4.1 Judith Tomlinson introduced this item explaining what a care pathway was and that obesity amongst people with a learning disability was a particular problem. Members discussed the difficulties in dealing with obesity in the general population; the impact life style and social factors can have; whether a generic pathway can be designed for a whole range of people with widely varying needs; and the need to include a section on the evidence base for the pathway. Members said that they would be happy to support the development of a Care Pathway for Obesity in Individuals with a Learning Disability.

#### **Action**

- To redraft the Care Pathway in view of the comments made (Judith Tomlinson).
- To write to the Deputy Minister supporting the Public Health Service's proposal to develop such a Care Pathway (David Felce).

### **5. An update on the implementation of the ASD Strategic Action Plan for Wales.**

5.1 John Carter introduced this item explaining that to date the emphasis had been on getting the infrastructure in place. John also talked about the two day conference on Adults with ASD which had been held the previous week.

Members noted the progress made and stressed the importance of focusing on the needs of all adults with ASD and not just those with Aspergers. Given the interface between learning disabilities and ASD it was considered that the LDIAG successor group would need to consider any overlaps. Jim Crowe advised that he was a member of the reconvened Adults with ASD Task & Finish Group and would be happy to take any views/comments LDIAG members may have to that Group.

## **6. Proposed model for a successor Advisory Group.**

6.1 Jim Crowe aided by Darren Locke and Jonathan Richards introduced this item. Jim explained that the proposal presented to the Group had been drawn up by the voluntary sector organisations represented on the LDIAG. A discussion followed on the purpose, form and timing of any 'new' group; whether any interim arrangements needed to be put in place and what impact the establishment of the LIN would have for any 'new' group. It was suggested that any 'new' group would need to focus on consolidation and improving practice rather than the consideration of new issues. Many members favoured any 'new' group being of similar size and composition as the existing one and considered that the level of skills in the LDIAG meant that informed and balanced advice was provided to Ministers. Darren Locke said that sometimes the items discussed at meetings were outside his experience and Jonathan Richards added that he found it easier and less intimidating to work in small groups.

### **Action**

- To consider further at the September LDIAG meeting (Secretariat).
- To draw up a list of 'inheritance' subjects for any successor 'Advisory Group' for consideration at the September LDIAG meeting – now listed at Paragraph 7.3 of these minutes (David Felce).

## **7. Stocktake of outstanding work.**

7.1 Meaningful Lives Sub-group – David Felce said that the 'Employment' and 'Community Living' Guidance had yet to be completed.

### **Action :**

- To bring final drafts to the September LDIAG for consideration (Steve Beyer/Secretariat).

7.2 Health Sub-group – Mike Kerr said that the group was presently drawing up a paper on the development of a Health and Social Care Charter.

### **Action**

- If finalised to bring the paper on the development of a Health & Social Care Charter to the September LDIAG meeting (Mike Kerr/Secretariat).

### 7.3 Other ongoing work :

Accessible information and awareness training  
Advocacy Grant Scheme  
Challenging Behaviour Community of Practice (individual checklist)  
Co-ordination of LDAN /LIN/stakeholder network and leadership/advisory function  
Commissioning Guidance  
Friendships and relationships  
General advice on learning disability issues  
Health & Social Care Charter  
Monitoring Healthchecks and Health Initiatives (obesity/PEG feeding & administration of medicine)  
Maintenance of the website and Advisory Group guidance  
Mental Health/LD interface  
Monitoring service (possibly linked to analysis/interpretation of National Minimum Dataset)  
Responding to consultations (input of LD perspective)  
Review of the Unified Assessment Process

#### **Action**

- To be considered further at the September LDIAG meeting (Secretariat).

## **8. LDIAG Communication Strategy**

8.1 Sam Williams drew members attention to the evaluation papers from the two roadshows held in March, which were circulated prior to the meeting. Overall the feedback was very positive although there was still a worrying lack of awareness about the LDIAG. Dates for two Roadshows have been provisionally set for October.

8.2 Sam said that a conference was being held in September about Learning Disability Services in Torfaen and that a member of the LDIAG had been invited to open the event.

#### **Action**

- anyone interested in putting themselves forward for the conference in Torfaen to speak to Sam (members).

## **9. Minutes of the last meeting (22<sup>nd</sup> April 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 Access to Mainstream Mental Health Services for people with LD and ASD – David Felce said that he had not yet heard from Bill Walden-Jones,

Chair, Adult Mental Health IAG following their discussion of this issue at their meeting in March.

### **Action**

- To follow up on a response from the Adult Mental Health IAG (Secretariat).

### **11. Any Other Business**

11.1 WAG Circular 15/2010 'Continuing NHS Healthcare : New National Framework for Adults' – John Carter drew members attention to this document which was circulated at the meeting for information.

### **12. Date of the next meeting**

12.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

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Secretariat to the LDIAG