

**NOTE OF THE FIFTY EIGHTH (& FINAL) MEETING OF THE LEARNING
DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON
16TH SEPTEMBER 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
Wayne Crocker
Jim Crowe
Evan Davies
Christine Griffiths
Mike Kerr
Darren Locke (supported by Graham Lowe)
Lloyd Nelson (attending for Carolyn Eayrs)
Kate Young (attending for Pauline Young)

Assembly Officials

Alyson Collins
Steve Vaughan (part of the time)

Others

Sam Williams – LDIAG Information Officer

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1 Kate Young attending for Pauline Young, AWF&C was welcomed to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Caroline Eayrs, Stephen Hughes, Glyn Jones, Chris Maggs, Michael Murphy, Rhonwen Parry, Jonathan Richards, Cathy Roberts, Judith Tomlinson and Pauline Young (members) and 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. Consideration of the final draft of the practice guidance on 'Developing a Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities'.

3.1 Steve Vaughan introduced this item and a discussion followed. Members considered that the document could be strengthened by adding more on the health side including : the complexity of health issues for this client group; how health and social care interact; and signposting. Further work will be undertaken in relation to health information for commissioning.

3.2 Steve Vaughan said that related work strands of work were underway around community equipment and communication aids. The business case for an All Wales approach for complex equipment was being developed. The study on communication equipment was at an early stage and Steve said that he would be looking for professional and service user input into this work.

Action

- To amend the commissioning guidance taking into account members views and issue in a timely manner – Steve Vaughan.
- To undertake some further work on health information to inform commissioning. – Steve Vaughan.
- To add the work on the Communication Equipment to the legacy list for any successor advisory group – David Felce.

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

4.1 Steve Beyer introduced this item. He advised that in drawing up this final draft he had taken into account comments made at the previous LDIAG meeting and : re-arranged some text; included some signposting; and added case studies. Members confirmed that they were content with the final draft presented. A discussion followed about the timing of the circulation of this document. Members agreed that the three guidance documents produced by the sub-group (Day Services, Employment and Community Living) should be circulated together. Members asked for their thanks to be recorded to the Meaningful Lives sub-group for all their work in drafting the three documents.

Action

- To write to the Deputy Minister for Social Services enclosing the document for her information and advising her of the Group's wish to issue as LDIAG guidance – David Felce.
- To circulate to interested parties – Secretariat.
- To place on the LDIAG website – LDIAG Information Officer.

5. Consideration of the final draft of the ‘Practice Guidance on Community Living’.

5.1 Steve Beyer introduced this item. He advised that in drawing up this final draft he had taken into account comments made at the April LDIAG meeting and improved the structure of the document; added the pros and cons of the different housing models; and examples of good practice. He added that the document needed to be proof read before being finalised. Members confirmed that they were content with the final draft presented. Linton Gower said that an easy read version of this document should be available and members agreed with this view.

Action

- To proof read the document – LDIAG Information Officer
- To write to the Deputy Minister for Social Services enclosing the document for her information and advising her of the Group’s wish to issue as LDIAG guidance - David Felce.
- For an easy read version of the guidance to be produced – Secretariat.
- To circulate to interested parties – Secretariat.
- To place on the LDIAG website – LDIAG Information Officer.

6. Consideration of a paper on the development of a Health and Social Care Charter.

6.1 Mike Kerr introduced this item. Members agreed that a Health and Social Care Charter, developed on the lines set out in Paper, would be a useful tool for both people with a learning disability and their parents and carers.

Action

- To write to the Deputy Minister for Social Services suggesting that a small working group is established to develop a Charter on the lines set out in the Paper presented.

7. Consideration of an update paper on the No-one Knows Report.

7.1 The contents of this paper were noted. Members were reminded that Glyn Jones and Judith Tomlinson were members of the No-one Knows NOMS Working Group.

Action

- Jim Crowe and Wayne Crocker agreed to become members of a Task & Finish Group being set up to develop a pathway for adults with learning disabilities who come into contact with criminal justice agencies – Secretariat to advise NOMS Cymru.

8. LDIAG Communication Strategy

8.1 Sam Williams said that two Roadshows had been arranged for 9 and 16 November. These Roadshows were only open to people with a learning disability and their support workers although LDIAG members would be very welcome.

9. Minutes of the last meeting (17th June 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 Development of a Care Pathway for Obesity in individuals with a Learning Disability – To redraft the Care Pathway in view of members comments at the June LDIAG meeting (Judith Tomlinson); and to write to the Deputy Minister supporting the Public Health Service's proposals to develop such a pathway (David Felce).

10.2 Accessible Information and Learning Disability Awareness Training : WAG has recently written to Learning Disability Wales inviting them to work with other LD voluntary organisations to put together a draft proposal for consideration by Assembly officials.

11. Stocktake of outstanding work and legacy for any successor group.

11.1 Members agreed that the following items should be considered by any successor advisory group:

- Friendships, relationships and parents with a learning disability;
- Employment of people with a learning disability;
- The Continuing Healthcare Guidance and people with a learning disability
- Challenging Behaviour – to consider an individual checklist
- Access to mental health services
- Commissioning Strategy – open dialogue with commissioners/ensure guidance is kept up to date.
- Feeding and administration of medicine
- Communication Equipment
- Hate Crime
- Keep a watching brief on people with ASD and a co-existing learning disability;
- Keep a watching brief on personalisation.

12. Further discussion on the proposed model for a successor advisory group and any interim arrangements.

12.1 After discussion Members agreed that a successor Group should be formed with a new remit with the first meeting being held in April/May 2011.

Action

To write to the Deputy Minister suggesting a new advisory group should be formed and suggesting what might be in its remit.

13. Any other business

13.1 John Carter's retirement – members asked for their thanks to be recorded to John Carter for his guidance and advice over the years and wished him well in his retirement.

13.2 David Felce – members thanked David for his hard work and commitment as co-chair of the Group and wished him well for the future. In recognition of his work, members made him a presentation.

Alyson Collins
Secretariat to the LDIAG