

**NOTE OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING
DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 27TH
APRIL 2006 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD
WELLS.**

PRESENT:

David Felce – Co-chair

Members

David Allen
Cynthia Arthur (supported by Malcolm Cansdale)
Jim Crowe
Evan Davies
Ian Ferris
Margaret Gregory
Chris Maggs
Helen Matthews
Liz Neal
Louise Price (supported by Graham Lowe)
Ann Thomas
John Williams
Peter Woods
Pauline Young

Assembly Officials

John Carter
Alyson Collins
Howard Teague – part of the time
Steve Vaughan – part of the time

Others

Lis Walters – Communication Officer, SCOVO

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1 Peter Woods, representing the North Wales Health Trusts Learning Disabilities Network was welcomed to his first meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Steve Beyer, Bryan Brayford, Bethan Evans, Mike Kerr, Sean O'Reilly, Brickchand Ramruttan and Stephen Wade (Members) and Jill Lewis and Peter Meredith-Smith (Officials)

2. Update on the Implementation of the Unified Assessment Process (UAP) – Howard Teague

2.1 Following the update, members were given the opportunity to ask questions and a discussion followed. The Group raised a number of concerns about UAP, progress on its implementation and its application for people with a learning disability. The Group thanked Howard for his helpful presentation.

Action :

- To circulate to members the membership list of the UAP Advisory Group (Secretariat)
- For the Group to feed their comments to Howard for him to refer back to the UAP Advisory Group (members/Howard Teague).
- to provide a further UAP update presentation to the LDIAG later on in the year (Howard Teague/Secretariat).
- For the Group to have presentations from NHS and Social Services teams working on the IT developments to support the full implementation of the UAP. (Secretariat).

3. Update on the LDIAG website and communication strategy – Lis Walters

3.1 Lis said that the LDIAG Roadshow held in March at Treforest had been very well supported with over 70 attendees. She thanked the LDIAG members who attended. She added that the next Roadshow had been arranged for 16 June in Llandudno and extended an invitation for LDIAG members to attend.

4. Sub Group Reports

4.1 **Strategic Planning** – Liz Neal said that that Group had had a useful talk from Steve Vaughan, SSIW on Commissioning Guidance that morning and that Steve had invited the sub-group to inform the work he was doing. She advised that the Assembly was running a consultation exercise on the Care Standards Act 2000 and the Children Act 1989 (Regulatory Reform and Complaints) (Wales) Regulations 2006. Members agreed that the LDIAG should respond to this consultation.

Action :

- To send members the hyperlink to the consultation (Liz Neal/Secretariat)
- To provide a draft consultation response for members to consider at the June LDIAG meeting. (Liz Neal)

4.2 Health

Mental Health and Challenging Behaviour – Helen Matthews said that the British Psychological Society/Royal College of Psychiatrists had drafted a consultation report on Challenging Behaviour – a unified approach; that there was likely to be a rewrite of the Mansell Report; and that Valuing People were looking at doing a piece of work on ‘Coming Home’. John Williams added that the sub group was looking at producing a multi-layered tool kit that could be used by all rather than one that was just for clinicians.

Action

- To circulate the draft consultation report designated for ‘members eyes only’ (Helen Matthews/Secretariat)
- That where possible the LDIAG should link in to the work being done by Valuing People.
- That the All Wales Community Living Network and Jill Lewis, SSIW should be brought into the work of the sub group as appropriate.

4.3 Meaningful Lives – Louise Price said that a workshop on employment was being planned for June.

4.4 Transition – Jim Crowe said that continuing efforts were being made to engage with officials in the Children & Families and Education & Lifelong Learning Departments of the Assembly Government.

5. Discussion on papers drawn up by the Strategic Planning Sub-group

5.1 Review of the Advocacy Grant Scheme : Chris Maggs introduced the paper drawn up by the sub group and a discussion followed.

Action :

- Members confirmed that they were happy for the paper as drafted to be sent to the British Institute for Learning Disabilities (BILD) via the Assembly Government and for BILD to contact Liz Neal to progress matters.

5.2 Research Paper on a study into the present and future need of adults with a learning disability in Wales : David Felce introduced the paper highlighting the changes from the version previously seen by the Group. Members confirmed that they were happy with the revised paper. David advised that the Welsh Centre for Learning Disabilities had submitted a proposal to the Wales Office of Research and Development for funding for this piece of research.

6. Discussion on the Mental Capacity Act 2005 Draft Code of Practice

6.1 Jim Crowe introduced this topic. Members' attention was drawn to the two papers circulated on the consultation – Helen Matthews' comments and a briefing note from Mencap. A discussion followed.

Action:

- Members to send Jim Crowe or Helen Matthews their comments on the draft Code of Practice. To draft a consultation response and circulate to members for comments. (Members/Jim Crowe & Helen Matthews/Secretariat)
- AWPf advised that they would also be responding separately to the consultation and that they would be happy to circulate their response to members for information. (AWPF/Secretariat).

7. Minutes of the last meeting (23rd March 2006)

7.1 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

8. Action Log and Matters arising

8.1 **Health Checks** : John Carter advised that the nature of the healthcheck had been agreed but not the delivery mechanism and that the Assembly Government's discussions with the British Medical Authority and the Association of Directors of Social Services were continuing.

Action :

- The agreed Healthcheck to be circulated to members for information (Secretariat).

8.2 **Private Hospital provision for people with a learning disability and challenging behaviour or dual diagnosis in Wales** – the draft letter was considered and agreed by the Group. Peter Woods said that an old NHS hospital in North Wales had been re-opened by the private sector.

Action :

- For the letter on Private Hospital provision to be sent to the Minister as drafted (David Felce).
- To obtain further information on the private sector re-opening an NHS hospital in Wales with a view to sending the Minister a further letter on this (Peter Woods/LDIAG).

8.3 **Designed for Life** – Liz Neal advised that along with David Allen she would be meeting Geraint Martin, Strategy Unit, Health & Social Services Department at the Welsh Assembly Government.

Action :

- To let Liz /David know of any matters they would like brought up with Geraint Martin (Members).

8.4 **Service User vacancy** – Cynthia Arthur advised that interviews for the vacant post would be held shortly and that it was expected to be filled in time for the June LDIAG meeting.

8.5 **All Wales Learning Disability Network** – Chris Maggs advised that he had not yet heard back from Jon Skone on this.

8.6 **Learning Disability Practice Collaborative** – Chris Maggs reminded members that if they wished to attend this conference on 13 June they had to return the booking form.

9. Any other business

9.1 **Resettlement from Bryn y Neuadd** – Louise Price read out a statement expressing concern about the people who are to remain on the Bryn y Neuadd site. Peter Woods said that the proposal was that while these people had continuing health care needs they would be accommodated in purpose built accommodation on the site but that there was a possibility that if their needs changed they could be accommodated in the community in the future.

9.2 **Advocacy Grant Scheme** - After expressing an interest (as Learning Disability Wales co-hosts a number of Advocacy Grant Schemes) Jim Crowe asked why funding for some of the schemes was to due to cease in 2006.

Action :

- To provide members with information on which organisations had had their grant funding ended and why. (Secretariat).

9.3 **Making the Connections** – John Carter said that the making the Connections Team was to undertake some People Panel Surveys about

receiving services and that he had sent e-mails to Liz, Jim and Elis Jones, All Wales People First about this.

9.4 Research Structure across Wales in Health & Social Services - David Felce mentioned some of the work being undertaken in this area and the Group agreed that it would like to have a presentation on this.

Action :

- Stuart Todd, Network Co-ordinator for the Learning Disability and Autism Research Network to be invited to give a presentation on this. (David Felce/Secretariat).

10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 15th June at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

Alyson Collins