

**NOTE OF THE TWENTY- NINTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING
DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 13TH
JULY 2006 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD
WELLS.**

PRESENT:

David Felce – Co-chair
Chris Evans – Co-chair (supported by Celia Lewis)

Members

David Allen
Cynthia Arthur (supported by Malcolm Cansdale)
Steve Beyer
Evan Davies
Caroline Eayrs
Bethan Evans
Ian Ferris
Chris Maggs
Liz Neal
Sean O'Reilly
Louise Price (supported by Yvonne Hedges)
Brickchand Ramruttun
John Williams

Assembly Officials

John Carter
Alyson Collins
Jill Lewis

Others

Lis Walters – Communication Officer, Learning Disability Wales
Bob Rhodes – Retired Chief Executive , TACT UK (part of the time)
Colin Campbell – Development Director, TACT UK (part of the time)

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1 Chris Evans, was introduced and welcomed as the new co-chair of the LDIAG.

1.2 Bob Rhodes and Colin Campbell were welcomed to the meeting.

1.3 Apologies were received from Jim Crowe, Margaret Gregory, Mike Kerr, Ann Thomas, Stephen Wade and Pauline Young (Members) and Peter Meredith-Smith (Assembly Official)

2. Presentation on TACT UK's action research work with people with marked 'behavioural' representations – Bob Rhodes

2.1 Following the presentation Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and a discussion followed. The Group thanked Bob for his presentation.

3. Presentation on the new learning Disability Research and Development Network – Stuart Todd

3.1 Stuart Todd was unable to attend the meeting.

Action

- This presentation will be re-arranged for a future meeting of the Group (David Felce/Secretariat).

4. Update on the LDIAG Website, communication strategy and LDIAG Roadshows – Lis Walters

4.1 Lis Walters advised that :

i) given the problems with the LDIAG Forum outlined at the previous meeting it had been decided to close it down for the time being.

ii) she had received correspondence from Janet Griffiths, Chair All Wales Special Interest Group for Special Oral Health Care asking for representation on the general health sub-group.

iii) 64 people had attended the Roadshow in Llandudno on 14th July and given very positive feedback. A discussion followed about how the LDIAG could demonstrate that it was listening to the views of the people who attended the Roadshows.

Action

- Technical advice is to be sought on how to prevent adverts being posted to the LDIAG Forum. (Lis Walters)
- The query from Janet Griffiths is to be passed to Mike Kerr for consideration by the general health sub-group. (Lis Walters/Mike Kerr)

- On the views of people attending the Roadshows it was suggested that David Felce and Lis Walters should review the views received, consider the LDIAG's response and post to the LDIAG website. TO be considered further at the next meeting of the LDIAG. (David Felce/Lis Walters)

4.2 Cynthia Arthur asked members whether they thought more Roadshows should be held. Members said that this was a good idea providing the Roadshows linked back to the work of the Group.

Action

- To consider further Roadshow events (AWPF/LDW/Mencap/Lis Walters).

5. Sub Group Reports

5.1 Strategic Planning – Liz Neal said that the sub-group was on target to produce the paper on 'Standards in Advocacy' for consideration by the Group at its September 2006 meeting. She added that Steve Vaughan, SSIW was keen to involve the sub group in his work on developing guidance for commissioning.

5.2 Health

Mental Health and Challenging Behaviour – David Allen said that the sub-group's interim paper on the audit tool had been slightly delayed and would now be available for consideration at the LDIAG meeting in October. This audit tool will include best practice from within Wales.

General Health Issues – Ian Ferris advised that the sub group was considering the National Patient Safety Agency Report and how general and acute services could implement its recommendations. The proposal was to produce a paper on this for the LDIAG meeting in November.

5.3. Meaningful Lives – Steve Beyer said that the sub group's paper on Day Activities had been slightly delayed and would now be available for consideration at the October meeting of the LDIAG. He added that a workshop on Employment had been arranged for October.

5.4 John Carter reminded members that any reports produced by the sub groups would need to consider issues such as sustainability, welsh language, carers and equality.

6. Consideration of the consultation responses to the LDIAG's proposed statement on Policy and Practice for Adults and Older People with a Learning Disability.

6.1 The majority of the consultation responses were sent to members prior to the meeting and some further responses were circulated at the meeting. Members were advised that unfortunately the response from the Bro Morgannwg Special Projects Team had not been copied around.

6.2 John Carter reminded the Group that the Minister had agreed to give further consideration to the LDIAG's draft Policy and Practice Statement and decide whether it should be issued as contemporary statement on learning disability in the light of the consultation responses.

Action

- To circulate the consultation response from the Bro Morgannwg Special Projects Team (Secretariat)
- For all sub group chairs to review their areas of interest within the draft Policy and Practice Statement and consider whether any amendments needed to be made in the light of the consultation responses received and to inform the drafting sub group. (Sub-group chairs)
- For the original drafting sub group (David Felce, Liz Neal and Chris Maggs) plus Stephen Wade to consider whether any amendments needed to be made to the draft policy statement in the light of comments from the sub group leaders (see above) and the consultation responses received.

7. Minutes of the last meeting (15th June 2006)

7. 1 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

8. Action Log and Matters arising

8.1 Norah Fry Research Centre Report 'Finding the Right Support? – support for parents with learning disabilities' – Liz Neal said that she would e.mail a draft letter to members for their comments. Members agreed that the Policy and Practice Statement should include a reference to parents with a learning disability. (Liz Neal/drafting sub group)

8.2 Private Hospital provision for people with a learning disability and challenging behaviour or dual diagnosis in Wales – Liz Neal said that she and others had met with the St Lukes Group to talk about their plans for developments in Wales. The St Lukes' representatives had suggested that

Health Commission Wales (HCW) had invited them to set up private hospitals in Wales.

Action

- To follow-up on the suggestion that HCW were encouraging St Lukes to set up private hospitals in Wales (Secretariat).

8.3 **Designed for Life** – Liz Neal said that she and David Allen would be meeting Geraint Martin on 17 July

8.4 **Advocacy Grant Scheme** – a paper was circulated at the meeting detailing why some organisations who received funding in the first application round had had their funding withdrawn in the second application round.

8.5 **Making the Connections** – John Carter advised that the Making the Connections Team was not now going ahead with the People Panels for people with a learning disability.

9. Any other business

9.1 **Peg feeding for people with complex needs** – Ian Ferris raised the issue of people who needed peg feeding being placed unnecessarily in nursing homes when peg feeding was a skill that could be taught and administered in care homes or a person's own home. The Group agreed that this was an issue that they would wish to raise with the relevant bodies.

Action

- Ian Ferris and Chris Maggs to draft a letter for David Felce to send on behalf of the Group to the Chief Medical Office/Chief Nursing Officer copied to the Minister for Health and Social Services and Rob Pickford, Chief Executive, Care Standards Inspectorate Wales.

9.2 Lis Walters advised members that Learning Disability Wales was holding its Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting on 20th September at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells. She added that the theme of the Conference was 'Growing Older – You're never too young or too old to plan for the future' and that all LDIAG members were welcome to attend.

10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 14th September at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

Alyson Collins