

NOTE OF THE THIRTY THIRD MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2007 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

PRESENT:

David Felce – Co-chair

Cynthia Arthur (supported by Malcolm Cansdale) Acting co-chair

Members

Steve Beyer

Jim Crowe

Evan Davies

Caroline Eayrs

Bethan Evans

Ian Ferris

Linton Gower (for Chris Evans supported by Celia Lewis)

Margaret Gregory

Mike Kerr

Chris Maggs

Helen Matthews

Liz Neal

Louise Price (supported by Graham Lowe)

Stephen Wade

John Williams

Assembly Officials

John Carter

Alyson Collins

Jill Lewis

Peter Meredith Smith

Others

Lis Walters – Communication Officer, Learning Disability Wales

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from David Allen, Bill Collins, Chris Evans, Judith Tomlinson and Pauline Young (Members).

2. Consideration of the amended draft Contemporary Policy and Practice Paper Statement

2.1 This item was introduced by John Carter. He reminded members that the document circulated for discussion was the core strategy document and did not include priorities/action points which would be the subject of a separate document. He added that a further three key steps needed to be taken with the document :

- to give further consideration to the key principles;
- to proof against the changes suggested by the LDIAG and the consultation responses; and
- to proof against the equality and diversity agenda.

and that the drafting sub group would be meeting on 14th February to consider the document further. On timing, Mr Carter advised that if the final document was to be issued by the present administration, it needed to be agreed by Ministers and issued before the start of the 'pre- election' period. Otherwise the document could not be published until after the Assembly elections and it had been considered by the new administration.

Action

- To send textual changes to the Secretariat by 22 January (members).
- To incorporate changes and circulate the revised document to the drafting sub group prior to the meeting on 14 February (secretariat).

3. Consideration of the draft paper on 'Future Expenditure Priorities'

3.1 This item was introduced by David Felce and a discussion followed.

Action

- To send comments to David Felce by 22 January (members).
- To consider the priorities paper alongside the contemporary Policy and Practice Paper (drafting sub group).
- Employment/European Convergence Funds – to write to Andrew Davies the Minister for Enterprise, Innovations & Networks about the employment of people with a learning disability using European Convergence Funds (Liz Neal/Chris Maggs).

4. Consultation Document on the Re-focusing of the Carers Strategy for Wales.

4.1 This item was introduced by John Carter and a discussion followed ;

Action

- To send comments on the consultation document to Evan Davies by 26th January (members).
- To send final response to the Welsh Assembly Government by 26th February 2007(David Felce).
- To send members papers on the 'Expert Patient Module for Carers' (Secretariat).

5. Draft future work programme

5.1 The item was introduced by John Carter and a discussion followed.

Action

- Sub group meetings to be held in the morning on 1st March (Secretariat)
- Presentation of sub group papers to move from the March to the May meeting (Sub groups/Secretariat).
- To hold an all day meeting on 10th May (Secretariat).
- To include a paper from Jim Crowe on Person Centred Planning for the May meeting (Jim Crowe/Secretariat)

6. Presentation on Day Activities

6.1 The Meaningful Lives sub group gave a presentation on 'Ways to Change Day Services' and a discussion followed.

Action

- To circulate an electronic version of the presentation (Steve Beyer/Secretariat).

7. The National Patient Safety Agency Report ‘Understanding the Patient Safety Issues for People with a Learning Disability’

7.1 This item was introduced by Mike Kerr. He advised that the General Health sub group was looking at the 5 key areas identified by the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) and considering how these could be delivered/ actioned.

Action

- To sent out the paper drawn up by the sub group for comments (Mike Kerr/Secretariat)
- To get an update from NPSA on where they are on each of the 5 areas and new timetables (Secretariat).
- To clarify what NPSA’s roles and responsibilities are (Secretariat).

8. Update on the review of Secure Mental Health Services

8.1 Helen Matthews said that the Task & Finish Group was : looking at the evidence base, working out what was actually needed; and in discussion with the National Public Health Service. She added that there was a need to map existing services in Wales in both the Public and Private Sector. This work is expected to be finalised in the summer and Helen agreed to provide a further update to the LDIAG after that.

Action

- To provide update reports to LDIAG members at future meetings (Helen Matthews)

9. Sub Group Reports

9.1 General Health Sub Group – Proposal for a Scoping Exercise for Therapy Services Working with people with a Learning Disability

Bethan Evans introduced this item and a discussion followed.

Action

- As the Therapy Strategy for Wales, published in November 2006, identified a need to identify and review the range of therapy services that should be available across Wales. It was agreed that Bethan should speak to Inga-Marie Bevan at the Welsh Assembly Government about the sub group’s proposal (Bethan Evans).

10. LDIAG Communication Plan

10(a) Update on the LDIAG Website and Road Shows - Lis Walters said that the North Wales Road Show held in December was well supported with over 70 attendees and that the feedback had been very positive. A full report is to follow.

10(b) Paper on how the LDIAG should respond to comments made at the Road Shows – LDIAG responses to points raised at the North and South Wales 2006 Road Shows were circulated at the meeting.

11. Minutes of the last meeting (23rd November 2006).

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

12. Action Log & matters arising

12.1 **Service Principles & Service Responses practice sharing event** – it was agreed that this should take place during 2007-08, after the Policy and Practice Statement had been issued.

Action

- To consider possible dates for this event (Secretariat)

13. Any other business

13.1 **Health Checks** – Cynthia Arthur said that her recent healthcheck hadn't been as thorough as she had expected. It was agreed that the follow-up research and development work would pick up such issues but it was suggested that Cynthia should register her concern with the Local Health Board. David Felce said that GP's had not yet received the educational packs that he had offered to work with Welsh Assembly Government officials on.

Action

- To remind Derek Fishwick, General Medical Services Branch, Welsh Assembly Government that the Minister had agreed that he would make contact with David Felce about this (Secretariat).

14. Date of next meeting

14.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 1st March 2007 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

Alyson Collins
Secretariat to the LDIAG