

**NOTE OF THE THIRTY FOURTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING
DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 1ST
MARCH 2007 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD
WELLS.**

PRESENT:

David Felce – Co-chair
Cynthia Arthur (supported by Malcolm Cansdale) – Co-chair

Members

David Allen
Caroline Eayrs
Chris Evans (supported by Celia Lewis)
Margaret Gregory
Mike Kerr
Chris Maggs
Helen Matthews
Liz Neal
Louise Price (supported by Malcolm Cansdale)
Judith Tomlinson
Peter Woods
Pauline Young

Assembly Officials

Alyson Collins
Jill Lewis

Others

Lis Walters – Communication Officer, Learning Disability Wales
Linton Gower – Observer

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Steve Beyer, Bill Collins, Jim Crowe, Evan Davies, Bethan Evans, Ian Ferris, Stephen Wade and John Williams (Members) and John Carter and Peter Meredith Smith (Officials).

2. Update on the contemporary Policy and Practice Statement for Adults with a Learning Disability and the proposed Action Plan.

2.1 David Felce introduced this item. He advised that the drafting sub group had met and agreed a final draft of the contemporary Policy and Practice Statement. He read out the foreword that had been drafted for the Minister's consideration.

2.2 David reminded members that the Minister had agreed that the Group should provide him with advice on what future new investment priorities in the learning disability field might be. David said that he was now thinking of asking the Minister if this brief could be widened to the production of an Action Plan to complement the contemporary statement. Members were content with this proposal but questioned what status this Action Plan would have.

Action

- To send the Minister the final draft of the contemporary Statement on Policy and Practice for Adults with a Learning Disability for his consideration (David Felce).
- To ask the Minister if the Group may draw up an Action Plan for the Welsh Assembly Government's consideration (David Felce)
- If the Minister agrees to the above, to bring a draft of the Action Plan to the May meeting of the LDIAG and discuss its status (David Felce/Secretariat/Members)

3. Consideration of the Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan for Wales consultation document.

3.1 David Felce introduced this item. A discussion followed and members' initial comments were noted.

Action

- To convey members' comments to Jim Crowe (Lis Walters)
- To draw up a draft response to the consultation document to be considered by the LDIAG at its May meeting. (Jim Crowe).

4. Presentation on Healthcare Inspectorate Wales' review of NHS learning disability services- Lesley Simpson & Colin Hedges

4.1 Following the presentation Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and a discussion followed. The Group thanked Lesley and Colin for their presentation.

Action

- For the LDIAG to receive a further presentation as the Review progresses (HIW/Secretariat)

5. Presentation on the Mental Health Bill 2006 – Claire Fife, Mental Health Bill implementation Project Manager.

5.1 Following the presentation Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and a discussion followed. The Group thanked Claire for her presentation.

Action

- To work with the LDIAG on the Code of Practice to ensure that learning disability aspects are accurately reflected (Claire Fife/Members).
- To send members the Statement of Information on the Mental Health Bill 2006 (Claire Fife/Secretariat)
- To provide the LDIAG with further advice on the proposed competencies for undertaking the role of Responsible Clinician (Peter Meredith-Smith/Secretariat).
- To circulate to members that part of the Bill that relates to the role of Approved Mental Health Professional (Secretariat).
- To seek LDIAG membership on the proposed Bournemouth Advisory Group (Claire Fife/Secretariat).
- To e.mail Claire Fife direct if further information/advice on the Mental Health Bill is required (Members).

6. Sub group Reports

6.1 Challenging Behaviour sub-group

6.1 (i) David Allen said that due to the review being undertaken by HIW, the piloting of the sub group's audit tool was on hold and he was concerned over this loss of momentum. He added that he was surprised to see a reference to the audit tool in HIW's presentation as he was not aware that the sub group had given permission for the audit tool to be shared with HIW.

6.1 (ii) Helen Matthews gave a progress report on the Welsh Assembly Government/Health Commission Wales Secure Services Review.

6.2 General Health Sub group

6.2 (i) Mike Kerr said that the sub group would provide papers on the Disability Rights Commission Report and Healthchecks for the May meeting.

6.2 (ii) David Felce said that a meeting had been arranged with Welsh Assembly Government officials to discuss peg feeding and that Ian Ferris would be attending.

Action

- To provide papers for the May meeting (sub group)
- To report back to the Group on peg feeding (Ian Ferris)

7. Communication Strategy

7.1 **LDIAG Road Shows** – Lis Walters said that some 40 people had attended the Road Show held in Llanelli in January. She thanked the LDIAG members that attended. Issues raised at the roadshow included transport, choice of housing and accommodation and living independently.

7.2 **Website** - Lis advised that the web site had received 700 hits in the previous 3 months.

7.3 **Other activities** – Lis said that she had visited Newport First and given a presentation on the LDIAG.

8. Minutes of the last meeting (11th January 2007)

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

9. Action Log and Matters Arising

9.1 Health checks, education pack for GP's. – David Felce advised that he had attended a meeting with Welsh Assembly Government officials and there was general agreement that an education pack would be helpful to GP's.

Action

- To await further advice from the Welsh Assembly Government (Derek Fishwick/David Felce).

10. Any other business

10.1 Cynthia Arthur presented a paper on 'Guidelines and making the meeting work for everyone including people with a learning disability'. A discussion followed.

Action

- It was agreed that members should endeavour to keep to the guidelines set out in the paper although it was acknowledged that this was not always possible (Members/Secretariat)
- It was agreed that the name cards used at LDIAG meetings should include people's job titles/who they were representing (Secretariat).
- It was agreed that regular feedback should be given on how the meetings were working for members with a learning disability (AWPF representatives).

10.2 Members indicated that they would find a presentation on the Mental Capacity Act and an update on the Advocacy Grant Scheme helpful.

Action

- To arrange a presentation on the Mental Capacity Act and an update report on the Advocacy Grant Scheme (Secretariat)

10.3 Liz Neal said that she had seen an article that suggested GP's were acting outside their legal powers in prescribing tablets in blister packs. This could have consequences for people with a learning disability that the health sub group or main group might like to consider.

Action

- To circulate the article to the Group (Liz Neal/Secretariat).

14. Date of next meeting

14.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 10th May 2007 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells and would be an all day meeting.

Alyson Collins
Secretariat to the LDIAG