

NOTE OF THE THIRTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 28TH JUNE 2007 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

PRESENT:

David Felce – Co-chair

Members

Steve Beyer

Wayne Crocker – attending for Liz Neal

Jim Crowe

Evan Davies

Chris Evans (supported by Malcolm Cansdale)

Linton Gower – attending for Cynthia Arthur (supported by Celia Lewis)

Chris Griffiths

Helen Matthews

Sean O'Reilly

Judith Tomlinson

Stephen Wade

Glayne Walker – attending for Louise Price (supported by Graham Lowe)

John Williams

Peter Woods

Pauline Young

Assembly Officials

John Carter

Alyson Collins

Jill Lewis

Others

Lis Walters – Communication Officer, Learning Disability Wales

1. Apologies & Introductions

1.1 Apologies were received from David Allen, Cynthia Arthur, Bill Collins, Carolyn Eayrs, Ian Ferris, Margaret Gregory, Mike Kerr, Chris Maggs, Liz Neal and Louise Price.

1.2 David Felce said that on this occasion no-one would be taking over as co-chair in Cynthia's absence.

1.3 Christine Griffiths, replacing Bethan Evans as the representative of the Welsh Therapies Advisory Committee on the LDIAG, was welcomed to her first meeting.

2. Feedback from People First Representatives

2.1 People First representatives said that : the previous meeting had gone on for too long; the timings set out in the agenda were not kept to; papers were still not being provided early enough and a greater effort should be made to use plain English.

Action

- If discussions are in danger of going outside the time allowed for an item on the agenda then members should be asked if they wish to continue the discussion (Co-chairs).
- To hold papers over to future meetings if they are not provided at least a week before a meeting (Members and Secretariat).
NB. In view of this decision the Person Centred Planning Paper was held over until the September meeting.

3. Health Gain and Service and Financial Framework (SAFF) Targets

3.1 This item was introduced by John Carter. He reminded members that in the Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Disability Rights Committee Report 'Closing the Gap' a commitment was given that :

'by April 2008 the Welsh Assembly Government would review the use of health gain targets for people with learning disabilities and people with mental health problems, and consider how best to use them to ensure the physical health gain of people from these groups is properly reflected'.

John Carter added that the Welsh Assembly Government would be going out to consultation on the proposed Health Gain and SAFF targets for 2008/09 towards the end of 2007. A general discussion followed on what Health Gain and SAFF Targets the LDIAG would like to see introduced for people with a learning disability.

Action

- To produce a draft paper on Health Gain and SAFF Targets for people with a learning disability for discussion at the September meeting of the LDIAG (Sub-group comprising Mike Kerr, Judith Tomlinson, Stephen Wade and Peter Woods).

4. Sub-group Reports

4.1 **Meaningful Lives Sub-group** – Steve Beyer advised that: the Day Opportunities paper would be available for the September meeting; the Employment paper should be ready for the October meeting; and that he was organising a workshop on Supported Living for October.

Action

- To bring a paper on Day Opportunities to the September meeting of the LDAIG (Steve Beyer).

4.2 **Strategic Planning Sub-group** – Wayne Crocker advised that in that morning's meeting the sub group had talked about advocacy and in particular: Advocacy standards and BILD's draft 'Good Practice in Advocacy & Advocacy Standards' document; and the need to develop accredited training in advocacy.

Action

- Subject to the sub-group leader's views (Liz Neal) a paper on Advocacy Standards will be brought to a future meeting of the LDIAG (Liz Neal).

4.3 **Mental Health & Challenging Behaviour Sub-group** – Helen Matthews reminded members that the piloting of the sub group's audit tool had been put on hold whilst a review of NHS LD services was being undertaken by Health Inspection Wales (HIW). Now that HIW's review was nearing completion the piloting would start. She added that the work of the Task and Finish Group on the review of secure Mental Health Services was moving forward and that stakeholder events would be held in the autumn.

Action

- To report back to the Group on the pilot study in due course (David Allen/Helen Matthews)
- To circulate to members the project plan for the Secure Services Learning Disability Sub-group (Helen Matthews)

5. Communication Strategy Update

5.1 **LDIAG Roadshows** - Lis Walters said that 63 people had attended the North Wales Roadshow in June which had the theme 'What a normal life means to me'. She thanked all LDIAG members who attended the event. She added that a South Wales Roadshow was to be held in later in the month and that planning for the next set of Roadshows had started.

Action

- To provide a written report on the Summer Roadshows for circulation to the LDIAG (Lis Walters/Secretariat).

5.2 **LDIAG Website** - Lis advised that visits to the website totalled 172 in May with 50% of these being return visits.

5.3 **Communication Sub group** – Lis said that at its March meeting the sub-group talked about creating a network for key managers in Learning Disabilities across Wales and holding an event to launch this network and share experiences and best practice.

Action

- To develop the idea of a network and launch event and bring proposals back to the LDIAG for discussion (Communication sub-group).

6. Minutes of the last meeting (10th May 2007).

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

7. Action Log and Matters Arising

7.1 **Proposed scoping exercise on Therapies** – Chris Griffiths said that after speaking with Bethan Evans it had been decided that the best way forward would be to look at incidences and what therapies exist (Action - Chris Griffiths)

7.2 **Health of People with a Learning Disability** – To ask the Chief Medical Officer to attend the October meeting of the LDIAG to talk about the health of people with a learning disability (Action - Secretariat).

7.3 **Action Plan to support the Policy and Practice paper** – to draft an Action Plan for consideration by the drafting group and bring to the September LDIAG meeting (Action - David Felce).

7.4 **Communication Strategy** – comments still welcome from individual members on what the contemporary statement means for them (Action – members)

7.5 **Launch of the contemporary Statement on Policy and Practice for Adults with a learning Disability** – to write to the Deputy Minister asking if she would agree to launch the Statement and seeking a meeting between the Deputy Minister and co-chairs (Action – David Felce).

7.6 **Transition** – Jim Crowe advised that the Transition Conference had now been arranged for 29th November in the ECIS Centre, Treforest. Details would be circulated to members nearer the day (Action – Jim Crowe/Secretariat).

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Disability Right Commission (DRC) Report 'Closing the Gap' – John Carter advised that the DRC was meeting Edwina Hart, Minister for Health & Social Services on 17th July and that DRC's Inquiry Panel would be reconvening in London on 24th July.

8.2 Advocacy Grant Scheme – John Carter drew members attention to the paper circulated at the meeting which listed the organisations allocated grant from the 2007-08 underspend.

8.3 Mental Capacity Training and Awareness Raising and Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) Service Commissioning update – John Carter drew members attention to the paper circulated at the meeting (for members eyes only) setting out the position in Local Authorities, Local Health Boards and Trusts across Wales.

9. Date of next meeting

9.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 13th September 2007 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

Alyson Collins
Secretariat to the LDIAG