

**NOTE OF THE THIRTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING  
DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2007 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD  
WELLS.**

**PRESENT:**

David Felce – Co-chair  
Linton Gower – Co-chair (Supported by Malcolm Cansdale)

**Members**

David Allen  
Steve Beyer (am only)  
Jim Crowe  
Evan Davies (am only)  
Caroline Eayrs  
Chris Evans (supported by Celia Lewis)  
Ian Ferris  
Margaret Gregory  
Chris Griffiths  
Chris Maggs  
Helen Matthews  
Liz Neal  
Sean O'Reilly  
Louise Price (supported by Graham Lowe)  
Mike Thomas  
Judith Tomlinson  
John Williams  
Peter Woods

**Assembly Officials**

Alyson Collins  
Jill Lewis  
Sarah Watkins

**Others**

Lis Walters – Communication Officer, Learning Disability Wales  
Jonathan Richards – All Wales People First

**1. Apologies, resignations and introductions**

1.1 Apologies were received from Bill Collins, Mike Kerr and Pauline Young (Members); John Carter and Peter Meredith-Smith (Officials).

1.2 David Felce said that since the last meeting Cynthia Arthur and Stephen Wade had resigned from the LDIAG. He advised that Linton Gower had agreed to become a permanent member of the Group and take on the role of Co-chair and that as Stephen Wade was not a representative of any organisation a replacement for him would not be sought.

1.3 Mike Thomas, Social Services Improvement Agency was welcomed to the LDIAG as a replacement for Beverlea Frowen, Welsh Local Government Association. Jonathan Richards, All Wales People First was welcomed to the meeting as an observer.

## **2. Feedback from People First Representatives**

2.1 People First representatives thanked members for keeping to time at the last LDIAG meeting and for providing the papers on time. Members were reminded that they should use plain English and avoid jargon.

## **3. Presentation on the Mental Capacity Act – Susan Elsmore, Welsh Assembly Government**

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

### **Action :**

- It was agreed that Susan would give an update on the implementation of the Mental Capacity Act at a future LDIAG meeting (Secretariat).

## **4. Draft Action Plan to support the Policy and Practice Paper**

4.1 David Felce introduced this item and a discussion followed. Members were supportive of the document and thanked David for drawing it up. A discussion followed on the need to get the targets right and to make them SMART.

### **Action :**

- It was agreed that the targets should be lifted out of the document and sent to members for their consideration and comments (David Felce/members).

## **5. Draft Mental Health Act Code of Practice: Chapter on 'Patients with a Learning Disability and Autism' – John Shirreffs**

5.1 Following the presentation Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and a discussion followed. Members expressed concern that: the consultation events being facilitated by MIND would not be accessible for people with a learning disability; that in encouraging attendance at consultation events people with a learning disability would have to be targeted differently to those with mental health problems; and that there was little time between the end of the consultation period and implementation of the Code of Practice. The Group thanked John for his helpful presentation.

### **Action**

- John Shirreffs agreed to discuss the Group's comments with colleagues and to speak to MIND about how they planned to address the needs of people with a learning disability when organising the consultation events (John Shirreffs).

## **6. Paper on Person Centred Planning**

6.1 This item was introduced by Jim Crowe and a discussion followed.

### **Action**

- It was agreed that the Action Points in the PCP paper should be taken into account when revising the Action Plan (Jim Crowe/drafting sub group).

## **7. Sub-group Reports**

**7.1 Strategic Planning** - Liz Neal said that the Sub-group had met with Steve Vaughan, Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales to talk about the draft commissioning guidance he was drawing up. The Sub-group had also discussed Advocacy and in particular the future of the current Advocacy Grant Scheme round which was in its second and final year. The sub group's view was that the existing advocacy grant scheme should be extended by a further six months to be followed by an open competition for a three year grant round. This should give sufficient time for discussions on a cross sector advocacy grant scheme to be completed.

### **Action**

- Comments on the sub groups proposals on the future of the Advocacy Grant Scheme to be sent to Liz Neal (Members)
- To bring a paper on the future of the Advocacy Grant Scheme to the October meeting of the LDIAG (Liz Neal).

**7.2 Meaningful Lives Sub-group** - Jill Lewis said that a workshop was being held on 9<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the accommodation needs of people with a learning disability.

**Action**

- To bring a paper on the accommodation needs of people with a learning disability, including good practice, to a future meeting of the LDIAG (Steve Beyer).

**7.3 Health Sub-group** – Ian Ferris said that the sub group was presently looking at health checks for people with a learning disability and in particular the process used to administer the health checks. The sub-group considered that the system could be improved if GP's had access to an electronic system. David Felce said that he had written to the Minister suggesting that the health check documentation is incorporated within the GP computer system to enable electronic recording. The Minister had responded saying that she would ask officials to look at the possibility of doing this. Judith Tomlinson confirmed that the National Public Health Service for Wales was considering an electronic template. Jim Crowe, on behalf of Liz Neal, said that Mencap Cymru had written to LHB Chairs about the implementation of the healthchecks.

Chris Griffiths said that funding had been secured for the Therapies scoping exercise and that questionnaires had now been sent out with a return date of 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Action :**

- To bring a paper, setting out Mencap's findings on the implementation of healthchecks, to the October LDIAG meeting (Liz Neal).

**7.4 Mental Health & Challenging Behaviour Sub-group** – David Allen said that the Welsh Assembly Government had given him the go ahead to start the pilot study on the audit tool for people with challenging behaviour.

**Action**

- To report back to the Group on the pilot study by the end of 2007/ beginning 2008 (David Allen).

**8. Communication Strategy Update**

**8.1 LDIAG Roadshows** - Lis Walters said that some 50 people had attended the Llanelli Roadshow, mainly people with a learning disability but also some professionals. She confirmed that the next two Roadshows were to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November in North Wales and 12<sup>th</sup> December in South Wales.

## **Action**

- To consider the questions and points raised at the Summer Roadshows (drafting sub-group for the Action Plan).

**8.2 LDIAG Website** – Lis said that she had received a query about the breast test screening programme and woman with a learning disability. Members pointed out all women over 50, registered with a GP, would automatically be invited to attend a screening and that breast screening was included on the healthcheck questionnaire.

- To contact Breast Test Wales for advice on whether they had accessible information on the breast test screening programme (Lis Walters).

## **9. Minutes of the last meeting (28<sup>th</sup> June 2007).**

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

## **10. Action Log and Matters Arising**

10.1 **Health Gain and Service and Financial Framework targets** – The Group was advised that the sub-group had not yet met to discuss these.

### **Action**

- To bring a paper on targets to a future meeting of the LDIAG (David Felce/Health Sub group).

10.2 **Health of People with a Learning Disability** – Sarah Watkins said that the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) was unable to attend the October or December LDIAG meetings due to other commitments but had offered to meet with a small group of LDIAG members at some other time.

### **Action :**

- It was agreed that a date for this meeting should be sought from the CMO and that Health sub-group members who were available on the day would attend. (Sarah Watkins/Health sub-group).

10.3 **Transition Conference** – Jim Crowe said that the conference details had not yet been finalised.

## **Action**

- To advise members of the conference details in due course (Jim Crowe/Secretariat).

## **11. Any Other Business**

11.1 Dates of future LDIAG meetings – a list of suggested dates for LDIAG meetings in 2008 was circulated.

### **Action :**

- To put on the agenda for the October LDIAG meeting (Secretariat).

## **12. Date of next meeting**

12.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

Alyson Collins  
Secretariat to the LDIAG