

NOTE OF THE THIRTY NINTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 6th DECEMBER 2007 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

PRESENT:

David Felce – Co-chair

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

Members

Evan Davies

Margaret Gregory

Christine Griffiths

Chris Maggs

Helen Matthews

Liz Neal

Louise Price (supported by Tracey Drew)

Jonathan Richards (supported by Bernard Williams)

Judith Tomlinson

Pauline Young

Assembly Officials

John Carter

Alyson Collins

Jill Lewis

Others

Chris Bradigan – Mencap Cymru (attending as an observer)

1. Apologies, resignations and introductions.

1.1 Apologies were received from David Allen, Steve Beyer, Jim Crowe, Caroline Eayrs, Ian Ferris, Mike Kerr, Sean O'Reilly, John Williams and Peter Woods (Members); Jeni Clarke-Moore and Sarah Watkins (Officials).

1.2 David Felce said that since the last meeting Lis Walters had resigned as LDIAG Communication Officer.

1.3 Chris Bradigan, Mencap Cymru was welcomed to the meeting as an observer.

2. Feedback from People First Representatives

2.1 People First representatives said that the previous meeting had gone well and that members had avoided using jargon and abbreviations.

3. Draft Action Plan to support the Policy and Practice Paper

3.1 David Felce introduced this item. He advised that the structure of the document had changed to introduce the idea that the Action Plan is for continuous improvement; and that the number of targets had reduced. A discussion followed.

Action :

- To revise the Action Plan as appropriate in the light of the discussion (David Felce).
- To write to the Deputy Minister enclosing the final draft of the Action Plan with a request for a meeting to discuss (David Felce).

4. Discussion on the 'Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards' consultation paper

4.1 This item was introduced by John Carter. It was agreed that the Group would give a collective response to this consultation although this would not preclude members from responding on an individual basis or in their representational role.

Action :

- To send comments on the consultation document to Helen Mathews by 5th January (Members)
- To draft a consultation response for discussion at the LDIAG meeting on 17th January (Helen Matthews/Jim Crowe).

5. Sub-group Reports

5.1 Meaningful Lives Sub-group – Evan Davies said that the sub group was considering drawing up a single good practice document to cover the various aspects of daily living that it had looked at so far.

Action

- Document to be drawn together once items from the various contributors had been received (Meaningful Lives Sub-group).

5.2 Mental Health & Challenging Behaviour Sub-group – Helen Matthews said that the review on Secure Services was due to report in January 2007.

Action :

- To bring a paper on the Secure Services Review to the January LDIAG meeting (Helen Matthews)

5.3 Strategic Planning Sub-group – Liz Neal said that the sub group had completed its work on Advocacy Standards which would be integrated into a Standards Paper by BILD and submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government; and that its work on commissioning was continuing.

5.4 Health Sub-group – members were advised that representatives of the Health sub-group were meeting with the Chief Medical Officer on 16th January 2008.

6. Communication Strategy Update –

6.1 Linton Gower and Jonathan Richards reported that both the North and South Wales Roadshows had gone well. Representatives of the Police Force had attended both Roadshows and there was much discussion about personal safety, hate crime and anti-social behaviour.

Action :

- Learning Disability Wales to recruit a new LDIAG Communication Officer (Jim Crowe in liaison with the Welsh Assembly Government).

7. Minutes of the last meeting (17th October 2007).

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

8. Action Log and Matters Arising

8.1 Advocacy Grant Scheme – John Carter said that a successor grant scheme was dependent on the outcomes of the Welsh Assembly Government's budget planning round and that the budget for the three years 2008-09 to 2010-11 would be published on 12th December.

8.2 Health Gain and Service and Financial Framework (SAFF) Targets – Judith Tomlinson said that she had received a few suggestions for Learning Disability Health Gain and SAFF targets and that although it was now too late to feed these into the 2008-09 targets from the Welsh Assembly Government they could be included in the Action Plan.

Action :

- To include the suggested Health Gain and SAFF targets in the Action Plan as appropriate. (Judith Tomlinson/David Felce).

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Association of Directors of Social Services (ADSS) – Chris Maggs said that the ADSS had been re-launched in 2007 and that Gwen Carrington, Director of Social Services, Gwynedd Council had the lead on learning disabilities issues.

9.2 Annual Healthchecks for Adults with a Learning Disability – Liz Neal asked where negotiations stood on the All Wales Agreement which would include the learning disability health checks as a Directed Enhanced Service (DES).

Action

- To find out the present state of play on the DES negotiations (Secretariat)

9.3 Ongoing consultations – John Carter drew members attention to two ongoing consultations on the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006. Helen Matthews said that the Act would have a considerable impact on people with a learning disability and urged services users to look at the consultation papers.

9.4 New Care and Social Services Wales (CSSW) Inspector – Jill Lewis said that Ann Ferris would be taking over as the main Inspector on learning disability issues and would be attending the LDIAG as the CSSW representative in the future. Jill added that she would continue as a member of the Meaningful Lives Sub-group.

10. Date of next meeting

10.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 17th January 2008 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

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