

NOTE OF THE FORTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2008 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

PRESENT:

David Felce – Co-chair
Linton Gower – Co-chair (Supported by Yvonne Hedges)

Members

Emma Ashley (supported by Celia Lewis)
David Allen
Margaret Gregory
Christine Griffiths
Mike Kerr
Chris Maggs
Helen Matthews
Liz Neal
Sean O'Reilly
Louise Price (supported by Graham Lowe)
Judith Tomlinson
John Williams
Peter Woods
Pauline Young

Assembly Officials

John Carter
Jeni Clarke-Moore
Alyson Collins
Jill Lewis

Others

Nia Lewis – Welsh Assembly Government (part of the time)

1. Apologies and introductions.

1.1 Apologies were received from Steve Beyer, Jim Crowe, Evan Davies, Caroline Eayrs, Ian Ferris and Jonathan Richards (members) and Ann Ferris and Sarah Watkins (officials).

2. Feedback from People First Representatives

2.1 People First representatives thanked members for speaking through the co-chairs at the last meeting; and asked whether the reason for discussing items at the LDIAG could be included on the agenda.

Action :

- To include on the agenda the reason for discussing items (Secretariat).

3. Presentation on the ‘National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services in Wales’ – Nia Lewis, Welsh Assembly Government.

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

Action :

Members agreed that they would like to feed into the review of the National Service Framework being undertaken in the Autumn and that :

- The group should discuss the changes it would like to see made to Chapter 5 (members); and
- Nia should be invited back to the September meeting to discuss the changes that the LDIAG would like to see made to Chapter 5. (Secretariat).

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

4.1 This item was introduced by David Felce who had met Gwenda Thomas, Deputy Minister for Social Services the previous week. The Group was advised that no changes had been proposed to the document and that the Deputy Minister was happy to formally receive the Action Plan with a view to putting it out to consultation. The Deputy Minister had stressed that no additional resources were available from the Welsh Assembly Government to fund the Action Plan. The Deputy Minister had asked for her thanks to be passed on to the LDIAG for all their hard work in producing the document. It was agreed that the document could now be shared.

Action :

- The Action Plan to be formally submitted to the Deputy Minister for consideration (David Felce)

5. Consideration of the sub-group paper on day opportunities

Steve Beyer was unable to attend the meeting and this item was deferred to the April meeting.

Action

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

6. Feedback on the piloting of the audit tool to assess the quality of local services for people with complex needs/challenging behaviour.

Members agreed to discuss this item although the supporting paper was not provided within the agreed timescale.

6.1 David Allen introduced this item and a discussion followed. The Group agreed that it was content for the self-assessment tool to be amended as set out in the document. There was a discussion about whether the document needed to be produced bi-lingually. Members were advised that given it was a technical document it may not meet the Welsh Assembly Government's criteria for translation.

Action

- Changes to be made to the document before being formally sent to the Welsh Assembly Government (David Allen).
- Welsh Assembly Government to consider whether to arrange a workshop on the self assessment tool (Secretariat)

7. Sub-group Reports

7.1 Health : Mike Kerr advised that : the Therapies Scoping Exercise was almost complete; the first monitoring report on the 'Public Health Impact of Health Checks for Adults with a Learning Disability in Wales' had been published and circulated to the LDIAG for information.

Action

- To discuss a paper on the Therapies scoping exercise at the April LDIAG meeting (Christine Griffiths/Secretariat)

7.2 Strategic Planning : Liz Neal said that the sub group had met with Steve

Vaughan to talk about commissioning and in particular outcomes and measures and workforce development.

Action

- To bring a paper on Commissioning to the May LDIAG meeting (Liz Neal/Secretariat)

8. Discussion on health promotion for adults with a learning disability (carried forward from the February meeting)

8.1 Mike Kerr said that health promotion and healthy lifestyles were being discussed by the Health Sub group and that consideration was being given to organising a conference on these issues.

Action

- To write to the Chief Medical Officer about health promotion for adults with a learning disability (Mike Kerr/David Felce to draft the letter and Jeni Clarke Moore to provide evidence of good practice).

9. Communication Strategy Update

9.1 Liz Neal said that the voluntary sector groups represented on the LDIAG had met to discuss the LDIAG Communication Officer post. There had been general agreement that the work of the Communication Officer should continue but a further discussion was needed about the role of the post.

Action

- To discuss and bring a proposal back to the Group on the LDIAG Communication Officer post (Voluntary Sector Representatives)

10. Minutes of the last meeting (17th January 2008).

10.1 Two amendments necessary : Judith Tomlinson's name to be added to the list of attendees; and at Para 3.1 (i) 'accountable' to be amended to read 'accessible'. Otherwise the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

11. Action Log and Matters Arising

11.1 Health Inspection Wales All Wales Review Report on NHS Specialist LD Services – David Felce advised that he had not yet had a response to his letter of 29th January which he sent to Ann Lloyd and copied to Richard Davies, both at the Welsh Assembly Government.

11.2 DRC Report 'Inequalities in Health' – Mike Kerr/David Felce said that they had written to the Equality and Human Rights Commission about whether they would be following up on any of the recommendations. The response received asked what the LDIAG would wish to do.

Action

- To draft a response and circulate to members for comments (Mike Kerr/David Felce)

11.3 Service Principles & Service Responses sharing good practice event – John Carter said that Mencap Cymru and Learning Disability Wales were taking this forward on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government. Local Authorities have been asked for examples of best practice and lessons learnt.

11.4 To develop the idea of creating a network for Key Managers in learning disabilities across Wales and holding a launch event.

Action

- To establish whether Mencap UK hosts a learning network in England (Liz Neal).

12. Any Other Business

12.1 There was no other business.

13. Date of next meeting

13.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 10th April 2008 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

Alyson Collins
Secretariat to the LDIAG