

**NOTE OF THE FORTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE LEARNING
DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 10TH
APRIL 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
Steve Beyer
Jim Crowe
Evan Davies
Caroline Eayrs
Ian Ferris
Margaret Gregory
Christine Griffiths
Mike Kerr
Darren Locke (supported by Graham Lowe)
Helen Matthews
Sean O'Reilly
John Williams

Assembly Officials

John Carter
Alyson Collins
Ann Ferris

Others

Bethan Evans – attending for the third agenda item
Simon Stranks – attending for Liz Neal

1. Apologies, introductions and new appointments.

1.1 Apologies were received from Liz Neal, Chris Maggs, Jonathan Richards, Peter Woods and Pauline Young (members) and Jeni Clarke-Moore and Sarah Watkins (officials).

1.2 Members were advised that Louise Price's place on the Group had been taken by Darren Locke as he had recently been appointed Chair of All Wales People First.

2. Feedback from People First Representatives

2.1 People First representatives were pleased that the agenda had been changed, as requested, to include the reason for discussing items.

3. Report back on the Therapies Scoping Exercise – Chris Griffiths and Bethan Evans.

3.1 This item was introduced by Chris Griffiths and Bethan Evans. Chris said that the report circulated to the group prior to the meeting had been drawn up by the Clinical Audit & Effectiveness Facilitator and contained raw data. Some work now needed to be done to analyse the raw data; gather correct population figures; and determine referral rates etc.

Action :

- Health sub group to consider the information gathered and prepare a report for the September LDIAG meeting.

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

4.1 The sub-group paper on Day Opportunities has not been finalised.

Action

- Agenda item for the May LDIAG meeting.

5. Discussion on Chapter 5 of the National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services in Wales.

5.1 This item was introduced by John Carter. He reminded members that following the presentation from Nia Lewis at the February LDIAG meeting they had agreed that they would like to feed into the review of the National Service Framework (NSF) being undertaken in the autumn.

Action

- Item to be put on the agenda for discussion at the May LDIAG meeting (Secretariat).
- Following the May meeting a draft paper on the changes the LDIAG would like to see made to the NSF to be drawn up for consideration by members at the July LDIAG meeting (Jim Crowe)

6. Discussion on the interface between mental health and learning disabilities.

6.1 John Carter introduced this item. He said that learning disability issues were discussed at the February meeting of the Health and Social Services Departmental Management Board. In particular, the Board had considered the Healthcare Commission's 'State of Healthcare 2006-07' Report and the references within that report to the investigations undertaken by the Healthcare Commission into the care and treatment of people with learning disabilities at Cornwall partnership NHS Trust (2006) and Sutton and Merton PCT (2007); the Healthcare Commission's review of specialist inpatient health care services for people with learning disabilities in England (2007); the Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) report on its review of NHS specialist learning disability services for young people and adults published in December 2007. One of the outcomes from the Board was the need to look into the accessibility of generic mental health services for adults with a learning disability – a problem area that the LDIAG had previously highlighted.

Action

- To draft a paper setting out the difficulties people with a learning disability faced in accessing generic mental health services; how these problems had arisen; and possible solutions. To extend the paper to cover adults with Aspergers Syndrome where possible. To complete this work within 2-3 months (Mental Health & Challenging Behaviour sub-group).

7. Sub-group Reports

Meaningful Lives : Steve Beyer said that papers would be brought to future LDIAG meetings as follows :

- May - Day Opportunities
- July – Employment
- September – Supported Living

Health : Mike Kerr said that the sub group was presently focusing on therapy services. He added that a meeting was being arranged with the National Public Health Service on the link between generic and specialist health promotion.

Mental Health & Challenging Behaviour : David Allen said that the final version of the 'Self Assessment Checklist for Monitoring Services for People with Learning Disability and Challenging Behaviour' had been circulated to members.

Action

- To submit the checklist to the Deputy Minister as a key document drawn up by the LDIAG asking the Welsh Assembly Government to distribute and promote its use (David Allen).
- To actively promote the checklist through a roadshow/workshops (Secretariat/LDIAG Communication officer on appointment).

David added that the paper on 'Commissioning Care from Independent Private Hospitals' had also been finalised and circulated to the Group for information. This would feed into the review of Private and Voluntary Health Care (Wales) Regulations 2002 which the Quality and Safety Improvement Branch of the Welsh Assembly Government was leading on. A consultation will be held on the proposed changes.

Strategic Planning : David Felce said that the sub group needed input from Steve Vaughan, Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales before completing its work on commissioning. Other areas the sub group is looking at are :

- How European Union procurement rules affect commissioning.
- Demographic trends by local authority.
- How to move to meaningful outcome indicators.
- How to develop a network of key managers working in Learning Disability services

8. Communication Strategy update

8.1 Jim Crowe said that the LDIAG Voluntary Sector Representatives had not yet concluded their discussions on the role of the LDIAG Communication Officer post.

Action

- To bring proposals to the May LDIAG meeting (Jim Crowe)

9. Minutes of the last meeting (28th February 2008)

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

10. Action Log and Matters Arising

10.1 Action Plan to support the Policy and Practice Paper – The Deputy Minister has confirmed that she proposes to issue the Action Plan as a consultation document; to reach decisions in the light of the consultation responses received; and to discuss elements of the Action Plan with

Ministerial colleagues as a number of the action points fall outside her portfolio.

Action

- To put the consultation process in hand (Secretariat)

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Consultation on the NHS re-organisation – members agreed that they should send a response to this consultation.

Action

- To consider at the May LDIAG meeting (Secretariat)

11.2 United Nations Convention on Disabled People – members agreed that they should discuss this document.

Action

- To consider at a future LDIAG meeting (Secretariat)

11.3 Consultation on developing Epilepsy Services in Wales – members were reminded that this document had been sent to them and that they may wish to respond on an individual basis.

11.4 The National Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Strategic Action Plan for Wales - John Carter advised that the Strategy would issue before the end of April.

11.5 Jim Crowe said that a ‘Disabled Children Matter Wales’ campaign was being worked up and that the steering group comprised Children in Wales, Contact a Family, Learning Disability Wales and Mencap Cymru.

12. Date of next meeting

12.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 22nd May 2008 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

Alyson Collins
Secretariat to the LDIAG