

**NOTE OF THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2008 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.**

**PRESENT:**

David Felce – Co-chair  
Linton Gower – Co-chair (Supported by Celia Lewis)

**Members**

David Allen  
Jim Crowe  
Evan Davies  
Darren Locke (supported by Graham Lowe)  
Helen Matthews  
Liz Neal  
Jonathan Richards  
Judith Tomlinson  
Pauline Young

**Assembly Officials**

John Carter  
Alyson Collins

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Steve Beyer, Carolyn Eayrs, Ian Ferris, Margaret Gregory, Christine Griffiths, Mike Kerr, Darren Locke, Chris Maggs, John Williams (members) and Ann Ferris and Sarah Watkins (officials).

**2. Feedback from People First Representatives**

2.1 People First representatives were pleased with the running of the previous meeting. They reminded those present that papers should be provided as early as possible.

**3. Consideration of the sub-group paper on Day Opportunities – Evan Davies**

3.1 This item was introduced by Evan Davies. He said that the sub group was seeking comments on the paper; advice on whether the 3 documents being produced should be merged into one; what status the document(s) would have; and whether an easy read version(s) should be produced. The Group considered that there were benefits of having one document but that it would

be very long and each part could have a different readership; on the status of the documents they could issue from the LDIAG as Good Practice; whether there was an easy read version was a matter for the sub group to determine and agree with the Welsh Assembly Government and consideration will also have to be given to whether a bi-lingual version should be produced.

**Action :**

- To send any comments on the document to Steve Beyer by Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June (Members. Secretariat to advise absent members of this deadline)

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

4.1 Jim Crowe gave a presentation on the Chapter 5 of the document to help inform the discussion on what changes the LDIAG would like to see made to the document.

**Action**

- Comments to be sent to Jim by 20<sup>th</sup> June (Members)
- Jim to send a draft paper to the Secretariat by 30 June (Jim)
- Paper to be discussed at the July LDIAG meeting (Secretariat).

**5. Discussion on the NHS re-organisation consultation paper.**

5.1 This item was introduced by John Carter and a discussion followed. It was agreed that this was a significant shift in the way the NHS did business in Wales and that the LDIAG should respond to the consultation.

**Action**

- David Allen and David Felce to draft a consultation response and send to members for their comments and submit the final version by 10 June. (David Allen/David Felce/members)

**6. Communication Strategy update – Jim Crowe**

6.1 Jim Crowe said that the consortium had met earlier on in the week to discuss the role of the LDIAG Communication Officer. The consortium had agreed that it would like to keep the post broadly as before with the addition of two new areas of work : to provide easy read papers for the meetings; and to do research to help inform the work of the LDIAG. The LDIAG was content with this proposal.

## **Action**

- Consortium to discuss the details of the Communication Officer post with the Welsh Assembly Government (Jim Crowe/Secretariat)

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

7.1 It was agreed that the sub-group reports should be held over until the next LDIAG meeting.

## **8. Minutes of the last meeting (10<sup>th</sup> April 2008)**

8.1 The first bullet point on Page 4 to be amended to read that David Felce would submit the Self Assessment Checklist to the Deputy Minister and not David Allen. Otherwise the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

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

9.1 Sub-group Reports.

Health sub group – Judith Tomlinson advised that a meeting had been arranged with the National Public Health Service to discuss the link between generic and specialist health promotion.

Strategic Planning Sub-group – Liz Neal said that the paper on Commissioning would be brought to an LDIAG meeting in the autumn.

9.2 United Nations Convention on Disabled People – for discussion at a future LDIAG meeting.

## **Action**

- to send a hyperlink to the UN document to members (Secretariat)

## **10. Any Other Business**

10.1 The Wales Transport Strategy - Liz Neal drew members attention to the Wales Transport Strategy Document which was issued in April and suggested that the Group might like to consider this document.

## **Action**

- To discuss at the July LDIAG meeting (Secretariat)

10.2 Advocacy Grant Scheme – John Carter said that an extension had been granted to BILD for the administration of the advocacy grant scheme for a further six months to 30 September 2008; that the tendering process had been put in hand for the organisation to manage the successor Advocacy Grant Scheme; and that advocacy services for a people on the autistic spectrum would be eligible for grant under the successor advocacy grant scheme. He added that consideration would have to be given to how the LDIAG might involve itself in the grant application selection process given that the eligibility criteria had been widened to include advocacy services for adults with ASD and those in NHS continuing care arrangements.

### **Action**

- Copies of the document ‘Good practice in advocacy and advocacy standards’ drawn up by BILD and endorsed by the LDIAG to be circulated to members. (Secretariat)

10.3 The Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Strategic Action Plan for Wales – John Carter said that the LDIAG might wish to consider how it should respond to the publication of the ASD Strategic Action Plan and how it should link up with the newly appointed ASD Implementation Manager.

### **Action**

- To discuss at the July LDIAG meeting (Secretariat)

10.4 Research Report by the Association for Real Change Cymru into ‘The nature of support provided by social care organisations upon the admission of people with learning disabilities into hospital’ – John Carter said that the Deputy Minister had agreed that the Report should be published and that one of the actions coming out of the Report was for Welsh Assembly Government officials to work with the LDIAG to develop a patient’s passport.

### **Action**

- Judith Tomlinson agreed that the Health sub group would consider the development of a patient’s passport.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

11.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells. It was agreed that for the future all the main meetings should start at 10.00am and that any sub-group meetings should take place in the afternoon.

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