

**NOTE OF THE FORTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING
DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 10TH JULY
2008 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.**

PRESENT:

David Felce – Co-chair

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

Members

Steve Beyer

Jim Crowe

Evan Davies

Ian Ferris

Margaret Gregory

Darren Locke (supported by Graham Lowe)

Chris Maggs

Helen Matthews

Louise Price (supported by Yvonne Hedges)

Simon Stranks (attending for Liz Neal)

Judith Tomlinson

Pauline Young

Assembly Officials

John Carter

Jeni Clark-Moore

Alyson Collins

Sarah Watkins

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from David Allen, Carolyn Eayrs, Christine Griffiths, Mike Kerr, Liz Neal, Jonathan Richards, Peter Woods (members) and Ann Ferris (official).

2. Feedback from People First Representatives

2.1 Linton said that it would be helpful if more notice could be given of the items to be raised under any other business. He reminded members that to have a good discussion everyone should go through the Chairs.

**3. Discussion on ‘A Well Being and Mental Health Service Fit For Wales’
a paper written by Professor Michael Williams.**

3.1 This item was introduced by John Carter and a lengthy discussion followed. Those present at the meeting were concerned amongst other things: about the lack of detail provided on how the proposals outlined would affect people with a learning disability; at the suggestion that people with a learning disability should be embraced within Mental Health Services and; that there would be a shift away from the social model of disability to the medical model of disability. David Felce read out an e.mail he had received from Peter Woods who was generally in favour of paper as he thought it would move learning disabilities up the political agenda. The discussion turned to whether the LDIAG wished to suggest an alternative arrangement. The consensus was that : the LDIAG Action Plan, once consulted on, should guide priorities; lead responsibility for learning disability should remain with local authorities; current ring fencing of learning disability expenditure should remain; and each integrated Trust should set up a Learning Disability Partnership Board.

Action :

- David Felce to draft a consultation response and circulate to members for their comments.

4. Paper on the changes the LDIAG would like to see to the National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services in Wales.

4.1 This item was introduced by Jim Crowe. He said that the paper had been drafted following the discussion at the May LDIAG meeting and incorporated any comments received following that meeting. He reminded members that Nia Lewis, NSF Implementation Support Manager was attending the September LDIAG meeting and that the paper would feed into the review of the National Service Framework (NSF) being undertaken in the autumn.

Action

- Members to send any further comments on the paper to Jim (Members)

5. Discussion on how the LDIAG should respond to the publication of the ASD Strategic Action Plan for Wales and how it should link up with the ASD Implementation Manager.

5.1 This item was introduced by John Carter. He advised that Hugh Morgan, ASD Implementation Manager had agreed to give a presentation at the September LDIAG meeting.

Action

- Hugh Morgan, in his capacity as Welsh Assembly Government official to be asked to sit on the LDIAG (Secretariat)

- At the September meeting to ask Hugh whether a member of the LDIAG can join the Adult Autism Group (David Felce)

6. Discussion on 'One Wales : Connecting the nation- The Wales Transport Strategy'

6.1 Liz Neal had suggested that this item should be discussed at the LDIAG. Given that Liz was unable to attend the meeting it was agreed that it should be deferred to a future meeting.

Action

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

7. Paper on Employment – Meaningful Lives Sub-Group

7.1 The sub-group paper on Employment has not yet been finalised.

Action

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

8. Sub-group reports

8.1 Meaningful Lives Sub-group – Steve Beyer said that a final draft of the Day Services Report would be presented to the LDIAG in the autumn.

8.2 Mental Health & Challenging Behaviour Sub-group – Helen Matthews said that the sub group's paper on the difficulties people with a learning disability faced in accessing generic mental health services would be presented to the LDIAG in the autumn.

9. Minutes of the last meeting (22nd May 2008)

9.1 Jonathan Richards and Jeni Clark Moore should have been marked as present at the meeting and Darren Locke should have been marked as absent. Otherwise the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

10. Action Log and Matters Arising

10. 1 Communication Officer Post – Jim Crowe said that following discussions with the consortium a job description and costings for the Communication Officer Post had been forwarded to the Welsh Assembly Government for consideration.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Advocacy Grant Application Round – John Carter said that two organisations had expressed an interest in submitting tenders to manage the advocacy grant scheme from 1 April 2009 and that both had been invited to submit tenders.

Action

- Members interested in joining either the Tender Evaluation Board being held by the Welsh Assembly Government on 20 August or the Grant Application Round Funding Panel being held by BILD at the end of August to contact the Secretariat.

12. Date of next meeting

12.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 11th September 2008 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

Alyson Collins
Secretariat to the LDIAG