

**NOTE OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING  
DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2008 AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD  
WELLS.**

**PRESENT:**

David Felce – Co-chair

Darren Locke – Acting Co-chair (Supported by Graham Lowe)

**Members**

Steve Beyer

Wayne Crocker – attending for Liz Neal

Evan Davies

Caroline Eayrs

Ian Ferris

Margaret Gregory

Chris Maggs

Sean O'Reilly

Rhonwen Parry

Louise Price (supported by Becky Stephens)

Judith Tomlinson

Bill Thompson

**Assembly Officials**

John Carter

Jeni Clarke-Moore

Alyson Collins

**Others**

Axle Kaehne – Welsh Centre for Learning Disabilities

**1. Welcome and apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from David Allen, Jim Crowe, Christine Griffiths, Linton Gower, Mike Kerr, Liz Neal, Jonathan Richards, Peter Woods (members) and Sarah Watkins (official)

**2. Feedback from People First Representatives**

2.1 People First Representatives had no particular comments on the previous meeting.

**3. Paper on Learning Disability Research Priorities**

3.1 This item was introduced by David Felce. He said that the paper circulated in support of this agenda item set out the results of a consultation exercise carried out in 2008 by the Learning Disability and Autism Network to find out what research questions stakeholders thought were important to address; and to identify areas in both learning disabilities and autism that people thought required more research. A discussion followed and areas considered a priority included early intervention, general health, employment relationships and the impact of the Mental Capacity Act. It was agreed that new research should be applied research and concentrate on where there are gaps and what could make a difference.

#### **Action**

- For members to consider further and let David Felce have any further comments (Members)
- To seek the views of members of the Adults with ASD Task & Finish Group on priority research areas for ASD (Secretariat)

### **4. Replacement Circular 1/91**

4.1 John Carter introduced this item. He said that at the request of the Minister for Health and Social Services a working group had been set up to review Welsh Office Circular 1/91 'Support and Accommodation for People with a Mental Handicap'. He explained that the new guidance would assist commissioners and planners in their work and help to inform Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales' decisions on the registration of care homes for younger adults with a learning disability. John said that once a final draft of the paper had been drawn up it would be circulated to the Health, Social Care and Housing Officials Group for their consideration before being put to Ministers. If Ministers agreed, the paper would then go out for consultation. A discussion on the draft paper followed. Chris Maggs questioned whether the paper raised equality issues in that if it was good practice for adults with a learning disability to live in community homes of not more than 4 people then wouldn't it be best practice for other groups of people such as the elderly as well.

#### **Action**

- To provide comments on the draft circulated by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December (Members).
- To seek advice from WAG lawyers on the equality issue raised (Secretariat)

4.2 John Carter said that a complimentary piece of work was the consultation to a proposed draft amendment to the 'Private and Voluntary Health Care (Wales) Regulations 2002 in relation to private independent hospitals

providing care for persons with learning disabilities' and that the closing date for this consultation was 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

### **Action**

- To discuss this consultation paper at the January LDIAG meeting (Secretariat)

## **5. Health Checks update**

5.1 This item was introduced by John Carter. John said that a meeting had been held earlier on in the year to consider the information flow between Local Health Boards (LHB's) and Social Services Departments (SSD's) and that following that meeting letters had been issued to all LHB's and SSD's to set out the changes agreed to improve the information flow. Chris Maggs had agreed to check on what SSD's had done in response to their letter. John asked for suggestions on what the LDIAG could do to maximise the take up of health checks whilst recognising that individuals could choose not to participate.

### **Action**

- To advise members what was available electronically to assist GP's with this work (Judith Tomlinson)
- Mencap Cymru/AWPF to discuss the promotion of health checks possibly to coincide with the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of their introduction (Mencap/AWPF)
- To discuss with WAG policy colleagues if GP protected learning time could be used to raise awareness of learning disabilities amongst GP's (Secretariat).

## **6. Sub-group Reports**

6.1 Health Sub-group – Ian Ferris said that the sub-group would be meeting that afternoon.

6.2 Mental Health & Challenging Behaviour – Bill Thompson said that the issues surrounding the interface between mental health and learning disabilities were proving complex particularly around children.

### **Action**

- To provide contact details of people working in children's policy areas (Secretariat)

6.3 Day Services - Steve Beyer said that a paper on Day Services would be brought to the January LDIAG meeting.

#### **Action**

- To include consideration of the Day Services paper on the agenda for the January LDIAG meeting (Secretariat).

### **7. Minutes of the last meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008)**

7.1 The minutes of the meeting were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

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

8.1 Adults with ASD Task & Finish Group – John Carter said that thematic sub-groups had now been set up on Diagnosis and Assessment; Monitoring and Community Support Services; Employment; and Housing. John added that the final report of the Task & Finish Group was expected in March/April 2009.

#### **Action**

- Details of the sub-groups to be circulated and LDIAG members to link in as appropriate (Secretariat/members)

### **9. Any Other Business**

9.1 John Carter drew members attention to the papers distributed at the meeting :

- Advocacy Grant Scheme : further grants programme
- 'Paying for Care in Wales : Creating a fair and sustainable system' consultation document
- Deafblind Practice Guidance 'Moving Forward : services to Deafblind People

#### **Action**

- To discuss the 'Paying for Care in Wales' consultation document at the January LDIAG meeting (Secretariat)

### **10. Date of the next meeting**

10.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

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