

**NOTE OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY  
IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009  
AT THE MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Members**

Dave Allen  
Jim Crowe  
Evan Davies  
Caroline Eayrs  
Ian Ferris  
Margaret Gregory  
Mike Kerr  
Darren Locke (supported by Graham Lowe)  
Liz Neal  
Rhonwen Parry  
Jonathan Richards (supported by Becky Stephens)  
Judith Tomlinson  
Bill Thompson  
Pauline Young

**Assembly Officials**

John Carter  
Alyson Collins  
Sarah Watkins

**Others**

Sam Williams – LDIAG Information Officer

**1. Apologies**

1.1 In David Felce's absence, Steve Beyer agreed to take the Chair.

1.2 Apologies were received from David Felce, Christine Griffiths, Chris Maggs and Peter Woods (members) and Ann Ferris (official).

**2. Feedback from People First Representatives**

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

### **3. A holistic approach to meeting the general and specialist health needs of people with a learning disability.**

3.1 This item was introduced by Ian Ferris and a discussion followed. It was agreed that this was an important issue not just for people with a learning disability but gastro patients and the elderly. It was suggested that a scoping exercise was needed to clarify the number of people affected across all groups; the issues that needed to be addressed; and solutions.

#### **Action**

- To draft a letter setting out the issues for David Felce to send to the Deputy Minister (Ian Ferris/Mike Kerr/Judith Tomlinson)

### **4. Private and Voluntary Health care (Wales) Regulations 2002 Consultation.**

4.1 John Carter introduced this item. He said that the Group would wish to consider whether it should send a formal response to this consultation which was due to end on 16<sup>th</sup> February. A discussion followed. Members were reminded of the previous LDIAG advice that had gone to Ministers on the size of establishments for people with a learning disability and the need for consistency.

#### **Action**

- It was agreed that the LDIAG should send a formal response to the consultation. Members were asked to send any comments they might to David Allen who would draft a response for David Felce to submit. (Members/David Allen/David Felce)

### **5. 'Paying for Care' Consultation**

5.1 This item was introduced by John Carter who said that the consultation was designed to start a discussion which would lead to a proposal to be consulted on in the next few months. He added that the Group would wish to consider whether it should send a formal response to this consultation which was due to end on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Jim Crowe said that he had been invited to sit on the Paying for Care Advisory Group which had its first meeting the previous week. He said that Learning Disability Wales was the only disability organisation invited onto the Advisory Group. Given this, Jim said that he would find it helpful to receive input into the work of the Advisory Group from the LDIAG. A discussion followed on the consultation document.

A number of omissions were noted included references to informal carers, Independent Living Fund, benefits and access to employment.

### **Action**

- It was agreed that the LDIAG should send a formal response to the consultation. Liz Neal agreed to draft a response for consideration by members. (Liz Neal/members).

## **6. Day Services**

6.1 Steve Beyer introduced this item and a discussion followed. Members suggested some areas where the document could be strengthened such as risk management, Further Education, Direct Payments and the Mental Capacity Act. John Carter commented that the document should be designated practice guidance and not Section 7 guidance. Steve asked for the group's views on whether the Day Services document should be issued as a single document or whether it should be issued with the guidance on Employment and Supported Living. Merit was seen in both options but on balance it was considered that the publication of the Day Services document should not be delayed and that it should be issued as a single document.

### **Action**

- To e.mail comments on the draft document to Steve Beyer (Members).
- To circulate a final draft to members and seek Deputy Ministers approval to publish (Steve Beyer/David Felce).

## **7. The United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities**

7.1 Jim Crowe reminded Members that the Welsh Assembly Government had indicated that they thought the UN Convention was a good thing. The UK Government had not yet signed up to the Convention but were expected to do so shortly.

### **Action**

- To give a joint presentation on this item at a future LDIAG meeting (Jim Crowe/AWPF).

## **8. DWP proposals for a specialist disability employment programme**

8.1 This item was introduced by Steve Beyer and a discussion followed. Concern was expressed that the proposals did not take fully into account the needs of people with a learning disability or the position in Wales.

## **Action**

- To write to Jane Hutt AM about this issue (Steve Beyer/David Felce)

## **9. Sub-group Reports**

9.1 Health Sub-group – Mike Kerr said that the subgroup was considering Health Passports; that the Therapies review was due to restart shortly; and that consideration was being given to how Health Promotion for people with a learning disability could be integrated into generic Health Promotion.

9.2 Mental Health & Challenging Behaviour – Bill Thompson said that a draft paper on the interface between mental health and learning disabilities should be available for discussion at the next LDIAG meeting.

## **Action**

- To put the Mental Health and Challenging Behaviour paper on the agenda for the March meeting (Secretariat)
- To share this paper with the Adults with ASD Task & Finish Group (Secretariat).

9.3 Meaningful Lives – Steve Beyer said that the sub-group was due to discuss a draft of the Supported Lives paper that afternoon.

## **10. Minutes of the last meeting (29<sup>th</sup> November 2008)**

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

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

11.1 Replacement for Circular 1/91 – John Carter said that the replacement to Circular 1/91 had been circulated to the internal WAG Health, Social Care and Housing officials group for their comments. The next step would be seek the consent of the Deputy Minister for a consultation exercise on the replacement circular. Steve Beyer said that Adrian Roper, Chief Executive Officer, Cartrefi Cymru had written to David Felce asking if his organisation could assist with any consultation events on the replacement to circular 1/91 should they be held. John said that he had also received a letter from Adrian Roper. This one was a request for funding for a conference on the accommodation and support available for adults with a learning disability in Wales.

## **Action**

- It was agreed that Adrian Roper's letter to David should be passed to the Secretariat for consideration (Secretariat).
- It was agreed that Adrian's Ropers letter to John should be circulated to members of the WOC 1/91 Task & Finish Group for their views (Secretariat).

11.2 Healthchecks update – Mike Kerr said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report was due to be presented to the Welsh Assembly Government shortly.

11.3 Commissioning Services for People with a Learning Disability – John Carter said that the document was being finalised and would be sent on to David Felce for him to forward to the Deputy Minister for her consideration.

## **12. Any Other Business**

12. 1 No-one Knows - Learning Disabilities and Learning Difficulties in Prisons – Mike Kerr said that Dr Glyn Jones had asked if he could give a presentation to the Group on 'No-one Knows'. Members agreed that this would help to inform their work.

### **Action**

- To invite Dr Glyn Jones to give a presentation to the Group (Secretariat)
- To send members a hyperlink to this document (Secretariat)

12.2 Advocacy Grant Scheme – John Carter drew members attention to the paper circulated at the meeting listing the organisations awarded grant for capital items under the small grants scheme. He added that the successful applicants for revenue grant under the large grant scheme would be announced shortly.

12.3 LDIAG Action Plan Consultation responses – The consultation responses were circulated at the meeting. It was agreed that these would be discussed at the next LDIAG. John Carter said that as these responses had not yet been published they were for members eyes only at this time.

### **Action**

- To discuss at the March LDIAG meeting (Secretariat)

12.4 Valuing People - John Carter drew members attention to the letter circulated at the meeting on the 'Launch of Valuing People now'.

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

13.1 Members noted that the next meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

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Secretariat to the LDIAG