

**NOTE OF THE FIFTY THIRD MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2009 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  
Caroline Eayrs  
Christine Griffiths  
Stephen Hughes  
Darren Locke (supported by Graham Lowe)  
Chris Maggs  
Liz Neal  
Rhonwen Parry  
Jonathan Richards (supported by Claire Turner)  
Pauline Young

**Assembly Officials**

John Carter  
Alyson Collins

**Others**

Sam Williams – LDIAG Information Officer

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from David Allen, Mike Kerr, Michael Murphy, and Judith Tomlinson (members) and Ann Ferris, Peter Meredith-Smith and Sarah Watkins (officials).

**2. Feedback from members**

2.1 Jonathan Richards said that although the draft agenda had been sent out electronically two weeks before the meeting, hard copies had not been provided to those not on e.mail.

**Action**

- To send out timely hard copies of the draft agenda as necessary (Secretariat).

2.2 Members considered the previous meeting went well with lots of interaction between members particularly on the National Transport Plan consultation document

### **3. Presentation on ‘Relationships’**

3.1 Jonathan Richards and Claire Turner gave a presentation on ‘Friendships and Relationships’ and a discussion followed. Members agreed that the two reports presented were powerful and relevant and that a further discussion was needed. Jim Crowe reminded members that the Welsh Assembly Government had commissioned Learning Disability Wales to do a piece of research on parents with a learning disability and in particular their numbers, experiences and support received. This report was now with the Assembly Government for consideration.

#### **Action**

- For the National Council (All Wales People First) to write a report on next steps (including details of positive and negative experiences) to include funding estimates as necessary (All Wales People First representatives).
- To put the National Council’s report on the agenda for a future LDIAG meeting (Secretariat).
- To ask the Family Planning Association (Wales) if they still provide training on relationships for support workers and if not, then why not (Jim Crowe)

### **4. Presentation on a ‘Charter for People with a Learning Disability who present Challenging Behaviour’**

4.1 Roger Banks gave a presentation on ‘Challenging Behaviour – a Charter’ and a discussion followed. Members generally endorsed the spirit of the Charter but considered supplementary material could be needed to link back to Policy documents and that examples of how the Charter could be used would be useful.

#### **Action**

- To send any comments on the draft document to Roger (Members)
- To write to the National Challenging Behaviour Strategy Group via Roger giving the LDIAG’s views of the Charter (David Felce).

### **5. Sub Group Reports**

5.1 Strategic Planning – Liz Neal asked members if their comments on the sub groups proposals for the Advocacy Grant Scheme could be sent to her a week earlier (by 23 November) than agreed at the September meeting.

#### **Action**

- To send comments to Liz Neal by 23 November (members).

5.2 Meaningful Lives – Steve Beyer said that the Day Services paper had been finalised; the Supported Living paper was nearing completion; and that the Employment paper was progressing.

#### **Action**

- To send Secretariat the final version of the Day Services paper for consideration at the December LDIAG meeting (Steve Beyer).

5.3 Mental Health and Challenging Behaviour – Rhonwen Parry spoke about the 'Access to Mainstream Mental Health Services for people who experience Learning Disabilities and Autistic Spectrum Disorders' paper circulated prior to the meeting. Members agreed that they were content.

#### **Action**

- To send the paper to the Deputy Minister for Social Services for consideration (David Felce).

### **6. LDIAG Communication Strategy**

6.1 Sam Williams provided the following update :

Website – the shell of the site is available and has been demonstrated at the Roadshows. Further testing will take place at All Wales People First Groups.

#### **Action**

- To provide profiles to go on the website (Members)

Roadshows – two Roadshows have been held. The one in Flint was well attended but the one in Swansea was poorly attended. Linton expressed disappointment at the poor attendance of LDIAG members at the Roadshows.

#### **Action**

- To advise LDIAG members of the dates of future Roadshows at the earliest opportunity (Sam Williams).

### **7. Minutes of the last meeting (10<sup>th</sup> September 2009)**

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

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

8.1 Health Passports – the Health sub-group is now proposing an alternative to this and will need to seek the endorsement of the LDIAG.

### **Action**

- To put a revised proposal to the LDIAG (Health sub-group).

8.2 Therapies Scoping Exercise – Given the recent changes to the NHS in Wales there is some doubt over whether this piece of work can be taken any further at this time.

- To consider whether further work needs to be done (Health sub-group).

## **9. Any Other Business**

9.1 Funeral Expenses paper – it was considered that the issue raised in the paper was a matter for the Court of Protection and that it was not appropriate to discuss it at the LDIAG. For this reason it was agreed the paper should be re-classified as 'For members eyes only'.

### **Action**

- To e.mail LDIAG members not present at the meeting to advise them of the re-classification of the paper (Secretariat)
- To arrange a presentation on the implementation of the Mental Capacity Act when members could raise issues about its implementation (Secretariat).

9.2 Future meetings of the LDIAG – it was agreed that a meeting schedule for 2010 should be drawn up.

### **Action**

- To send members a meeting schedule for 2010 (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, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at the Media Resource Centre, Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells.

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