

**NOTE OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY
IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2004
AT METROPOLE HOTEL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS.**

PRESENT:

David Felce – Co-chair
Paul Lawrence – Co-chair (supported by Yvonne Hedges)

Members

Roger Banks
Jim Crowe
Evan Davies
Paul Leathwood (supported by Anna Suschitzky)
Chris Maggs
Chris Major
Liz Neal
Sean O'Reilly
Stephen Wade
Glayne Walker (supported by Cyril Luke)
Peter Watkins
Bryan Williams

Assembly Officials

John Carter
Alyson Collins
Peter Meredith Smith
Pat Vogt

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Ian Ferris, Margaret Gregory, Brickchand Ramruttan and Ann Thomas (members) and Peter Lawler and Sarah Watkins (Assembly officials).

2. Communication Action Plan

2.1 A 'Voluntary Sector Communication Action Plan and Costing' Paper was circulated at the meeting and introduced by Jim Crowe. A detailed discussion followed. Members agreed that it was important to separate out what the Group needed to do to communicate and what the voluntary sector needed to do to fulfil its representative role. It was agreed that a revised costed proposal should be drawn up, on this basis, for consideration by the Welsh Assembly Government. [**Action: David Felce and Jim Crowe**].

3. Person Centred Approach Draft Guidance

3.1 It was agreed that the Group should formulate its views on the draft guidance and send a written response to the Welsh Assembly Government. David Felce and Liz Neal volunteered to draw up the response. This would not however preclude individuals/organisations on the Group responding separately.

3.2 The Group was reminded that it would be given the opportunity to see the consultation responses and the final draft guidance at its meeting in May.

3.3 Following a detailed discussion on the draft guidance the Group noted that there was a range of views about a Person Centred Approach. **[Action : David Felce and Liz Neal to draw up a draft consultation response for the Group to consider].**

3.4 Given the link between a Person Centred Approach and the Unified Assessment Process (UAP) it was agreed that a presentation on UAP should be given at a future meeting and that Howard Teague, SSIW should be invited to the meeting in May. **[Action : Secretariat/SSIW]**

4. Minutes of the sixth meeting (4th December 2003)

4.1 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. Matters arising

5.1 Work Programme Stocktake – David Felce said that a revised Work Programme would be produced the next time the Work Programme was put on the Agenda for consideration. **[Action : David Felce]**

5.2 Advocacy Grant Scheme – the Group was advised that the application for an advocacy grant award towards the cost of the Four Nations Seminar on Advocacy, discussed at the previous meeting, had been submitted, but that the outcome was not known.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Llanfrechfa Grange & Bryn y Neuadd Hospitals – Group members asked for an update on the continuing health care and re-provisioning plans for Llanfrechfa Grange and Bryn Y Neuadd Hospital. John Carter advised that discussions on the Llanfrechfa Grange NHS Business Case were continuing and that as far as he was aware all concerned were still working towards the agreed closure date of December 2005. He added that the final two people in Llanfrechfa Grange assessed as in need of social care were due to be resettled to Blaenau Gwent in the near future. On Bryn y Neuadd, John Carter advised that although the social care resettlement programme had been rescheduled it was nonetheless due to be completed by December 2006. The Group expressed concerns about delays in progress on the re-provisioning plans for these two hospitals and agreed that these concerns

should be brought to the attention of the Minister for Health and Social Services. **[Action : David Felce, Co- chair to write to Jane Hutt on this matter]**

6.2 Advocacy Grant Scheme – John Carter advised that a further £95,000 had been awarded in one –off grants under the Advocacy Grant Scheme. This left some £30,000 of non - expenditure. He added that interviews had taken place for the Monitoring Officer Post. The Group recommended that BILD should reflect the source of the grant funding in their grant scheme documentation. **[Action : Secretariat/BILD].**

6.3 Launch of Partners in Care Campaign – John Carter said that he had attended the launch of the Partners in Care Campaign – a joint campaign being run by the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. Information on this year long campaign is available from www.rcpsych.ac.uk

7. Date of Next Meeting

7.1 Members noted that the eighth meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 26th February 2004 at Rhayader Leisure Centre.

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Learning Disability Implementation Group