

**NOTE OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY  
IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2004 AT THE  
MEDIA RESOURCE CENTRE, LLANDRINDOD WELLS**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Members**

Roger Banks  
Mary Browning (attending with Peter Watkins)  
Jim Crowe  
Evan Davies  
Ian Ferris  
Margaret Gregory  
Paul Leathwood (supported by Anna Suschitzky)  
Chris Maggs  
Liz Neal  
Sean O'Reilly  
Glayne Walker (supported by Cyril Luke)  
Peter Watkins  
Bryan Williams

**Assembly Officials**

John Carter  
Alyson Collins  
Howard Teague

**1. Welcome & apologies**

1.1 Mary Browning was welcomed to the meeting. Ms Browning attended with Peter Watkins and will deputise for him in future as and when necessary

1.2 Apologies were received from Brickchand Ramruttun, Ann Thomas and Stephen Wade (members) and Peter Meredith-Smith, Pat Vogt and Sarah Watkins (Assembly officials).

**2. A Person Centred Approach – consideration of the Group's response to the consultation document**

2.1 The Group's thanks were passed on to Liz Neal for co-ordinating the draft consultation response on behalf of the Group. A number of the members had already passed their comments to Liz. Some further minor amendments/additions were suggested and Liz agreed to take these on board. [**Action:** Liz Neal to make the necessary additions/amendments and send the Group's final consultation response to SSIW].

### **3. Presentation on the Unified Assessment Process**

3.1 Howard Teague, SSIW, NAW gave a presentation on the Unified Assessment Process (UAP). The Group was given the opportunity to raise queries and a wide ranging discussion followed. Some members had general concerns about the assessment process and in particular its application to people with a learning disability. The Group also expressed concern that it had not been given the opportunity to influence the development of the guidance. Howard Teague said that the guidance now issued was substantive and that there were no plans to review it at least in the short term. He did however say that he was happy to consider any comments on the guidance that he received from members [**Action** : Members to write to Howard Teague with any comments. The Group to be advised of the composition of the UAP \working Group and the consultation arrangements prior to finalising the UAP guidance].

### **4. Service Principles & Service Responses – consideration of the Group’s response to the consultation document**

4.1 Mr Carter advised that the consultation period had ended on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Some 130 responses had been received and as previously agreed the responses would be copied to members. He reminded members that the final post consultation version of the draft guidance was to be considered at the May meeting of the Group. [**Action** : Secretariat]

4.2 The Group’s thanks were passed on to Jim Crowe and Adrian Roper for co-ordinating the draft consultation response on behalf of the Group. Members made a number of comments on the draft provided. [**Action**: Jim Crowe to redraft the response in the light of comments from Group members and agree the final response with the co-chairs before submitting it to the Assembly].

### **5. Minutes of the Eighth Meeting (26<sup>th</sup> February 2004)**

5.1 On Para 2.5 Paul Leathwood said that some members had been of the opinion that the Advocacy Conference should be held sooner than that reported in the minutes. [**Action**: It was agreed that this would be reconsidered at the May meeting of the Group].

### **6. Any Other Business**

6.1 Correspondence – David Felce said that he had received a letter from the West Glamorgan Forum appealing against the decision not to award them grant under the Advocacy Grant Scheme. The Group confirmed that it had full confidence in the arrangements that it had put in place to participate in the consideration of bids made under the Advocacy Grant Scheme. [**Action** : David Felce to respond on this basis].

6.2 Continuing Heath Care Guidance – John Carter drew members attention to the CHC guidance that had been circulated prior to the meeting. He pointed

out that the closing date for responses was Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April and apologised for the delay in circulating to members. Many members confirmed that they had previously been sent a copy of the paper directly from the Assembly.

6.3 Communication Action Plan – Jim Crowe asked whether he could bring a redrafted Communication Action Plan to the next meeting for the Group's consideration. This was agreed. [**Action** : Jim Crowe and David Felce to redraft the Communication Action Plan for consideration at the May meeting of the Group. ]

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

7.1 Members noted that the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group would take place on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May in mid Wales (venue subsequently confirmed as Rhayader Leisure Centre).

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Secretariat to the  
Learning Disability Implementation Group