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Welsh Assembly Government's Learning Disability Implementation Advisory Group

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LDIAG on the road North Wales

- A lot of people came to the North Wales roadshow to hear what the group has been doing
- People told the group about worries about new private hospitals opening in Wales.
- People talked about not having enough staff.
- Everyone was asked what they thought money should be spent on. Some people said in direct services and hospitals.
- Thank you to everyone who came.



LDIAG on the road SOUTH WALES 18th January, Llanelli contact 01554 784905 info@allwalespeople1st.co.uk for more details

Local Authority funding

- The group looked at reports of how local authorities had spent some of their special learning disability funding called "Service Principles and Service Responses section seven grant"
- This money is not going to be given to the local authorities separately anymore.
- The group are worried that it might not be spent on learning disability services now.
- The group talked about some people's person centred plans are not being used properly.
- Every person centred plan should be reviewed every year and changes need to be monitored.



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Happy New Year! This month's newsletter talks about the LDIAG on the road event in North Wales, the next event in Llanelli and the Service Principles and Service Responses grant money.

LDIAG on the road North Wales

The LDIAG held its North Wales event in December. It was a very successful event, attended by around seventy people. The day took the form of an information exchange. Different members of the group explained what the subgroups are currently working on, a bit about the history of the group, who is who in the group and about the website. The audience then had a chance to ask questions. Issues were raised about staffing problems in some areas and people not having social workers. The impact of staffing problems was highlighted and the fact that people were unable to do what they wanted to do. The group were asked what they could do about private hospitals opening in Wales. Strong feelings against private hospitals were expressed and the group stated they were also concerned about them. The current cuts in funding were highlighted and questions were asked about where the money had gone.

After lunch everyone split in to workshops to discuss some key elements of the group's current work. The main question each workshop looked at was what the financial priorities should be. Some groups felt it was impossible to prioritise and that it should be based on need, others thought direct services, hospitals, police. The cost of support for an ageing population was highlighted as another priority. There were many more points raised and a full report will be compiled of all the discussions soon.

A big thank you to everyone who came, and helped make it such a successful day.

LDIAG on the Road South Wales, Stebonheath, Llanelli.
18th January. 10am -3:15pm Meet the members of the group
and let us know what the issues are for you!
Contact info@allwalespeople1st.co.uk to find out more



Service Principles and Service Responses Grant

The group looked at the Service Principles and Service Responses grant monitoring reports. The group were concerned that the grant is no longer ring fenced and so can now possibly be used outside learning disability services. Local Authorities had to have plans of what they would do when the funding changed so now it is possible they will use these plans. Some posts, which have come about through the grant, are joint funded with the NHS and other partners. Normally, for first year the money is retained within the services it was initially allocated too. The group were concerned that sometimes nothing comes out of person centred plans. The group stressed there was a need to monitor outcomes. Under current guidance plans should be reviewed at least once a year. The reports also showed the difficulty of recruiting people for temporary posts.



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