

Greenwich Learning Disability Partnership Board

18th September 2009, at Woolwich YMCA, Antelope Road, Woolwich, SE18

Co-chairs of the Board

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Advocacy in Greenwich

Leila Ntege, Cicilene Moseley, Steve Maxwell, David

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Community Learning Disability Team (CLDT)

Paul Barry, Dominique Berry, Liz McGrath, Sophie Braybrooke

Community Link

Bernard Dattadean, Cassie Price, Thomas Kampani, Taiwo Jagun, Kendi Jagun, Viryan Sadiq

Greenwich 2012 Unit

Paul Martindill (at the meeting for item 5)

Greenwich Community College

Daniel Marchant, Geoff Saunders

Greenwich Mencap

Liz Hannah

Outlook Care

Jumoke Ibidapo

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust

Stephen Whitmore, Kay Jones, Charmaine Wiggins,



Angela



Claire



Leila



Daniel

Marian Collins

Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Elaine Hurault

Sherard Road Day Service

Maureen Haley, Brenda Buckingham, Kevin McGrath, Maureen King, Tommy Weller, Phillip Brennan, Susan Larkin, Mark Bugg, Catherine Perrin, Evette Vaughan, Jackie Rowe Denham

Voyage Care

Helen Randall

Working with Words

James Bennett



Marian



James

1 Introduction and sorry from people who couldn't come to the meeting

The meeting was introduced by **John Auld**.

John Auld, Alison Cuffy and **Nadia Khan** were sorry they could not come to the meeting.

2 Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed.

3 Work we had to do

Ref.Item 8: **Welfare Benefits:** Mencap and Welfare Rights are in contact about this.

Oxleas NHS: there will be an Oxleas Trust meeting on 30 September at O2 Arena. This is about mental health services.

4 Feedback from group

Person Centred Planning/Transition

Marian Collins told the Board what people had talked about at the workshop.

This had looked at:

- where people live
- going on holiday



Minutes



- money
- new plans and knowing more about money
- things to be paid for having a support plan
- who does the supporting
- things people would like to change
- college
- work



5 Olympics and Paralympics

Paul Martindill, Interim Head of Sports Legacy led a discussion around opportunities for people with learning disabilities in Greenwich.

These points arose from this:

Paralympics

Accessibility is suitable for everyone including people with learning disabilities.

Football

Long Lane Football Club facilitates the Special League Football Club with is open to people with learning disabilities. Coaching is free.

Gyms

People were free to use any gym in the borough and these have all have workers who are trained to work with people with learning disabilities. The Greenwich Saver Card offers discounts for sports events in Greenwich.

Swimming

Questions were asked about more **accessibility** to pools and hoists for helping people get into and out of the water. It is planned that wheelchair lifts will be in pools from March.

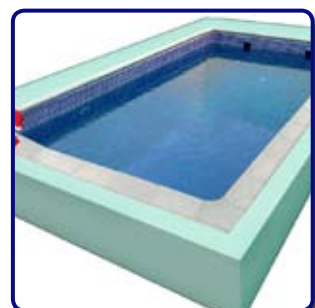
Paul will make these enquiries and will keep the Board informed:

a Swimming

There was a comment that it was difficult to get slots to accompany people to the pools. People talked about the need for **hoists** to help people get in and out of the water.



Paralympics



Action:
Paul

b Gyms

There are teachers in the gym who will have had training to work with people with learning disabilities.

A Board member said that gym induction forms were difficult to fill in and too long.

Exercise for people with physical and learning disabilities:

Football: Ladies' participation.



6 London Forum for People with Learning Disabilities

Leila Ntege, James Bennett, Cassie Price and **Cicilene Moseley** had been to the London Forum for People with Learning Disabilities.

There was a **vote** and two service user reps were elected.

There was a discussion about the role of representatives.

There were workshops about getting a job, training, application forms, colleges and schools and what they offer, work experience, advice on benefits.



7 Mind Body and Soul

Dean Bogle introduced the new group for service users which is running as a pilot. This is run each month by Dean and **Quaisra Khan** from Oxleas. This started in **May** this year and is based at **Woolwich Y**. At the moment about eight service from different cultural backgrounds go to the group.

The group has talked about things like: what gives you peace hope, joy, comfort? different ways to relax, breathing exercises and reading. People have talked about the need for quietness, trusting; God and kindness.

People from the Board said that the group was very good idea. It dealt with things which were important in people's lives. It was a group to which Care Managers could think about referring people in the future.

Dean will feedback this to her team and talk with **Quaisra Khan**.



Dean

Action:
Dean

8 Have your Say

Annual Integrated Sports day with Bexley

Suki Meade achieved a gold medal in bowling.

Mencap Meet-Up Club

The group had had a social lunch meeting last Tuesday. They will be having regular meetings at the 'Hungry Horse' on Shooter Hill Road.

December Board meeting

Tommy Weller would like to play the keyboard at the meeting of 4th December 2009

BME Self Advocacy Group

Some members of the group had not been able to attend this Partnership Board meeting. The group suggested that they could do a presentation for the **December** meeting.

Voice in Greenwich

Men were encouraged to join the group, and a male Worker is expecting to join Voice shortly. The group meets on Wednesdays from 11 - 12. At the moment they are talking about what they would like to do in future.

Brenda Buckingham told the Board that there were staff swaps at Sherard Road. This meant moving staff around so that they could get different skills. Service users also get a chance to meet more staff.



Suki



Voice

9 Any Other Business

Consultant cover

Charmaine Wiggins told the Board about **Sean Gravestock** leaving. She said that a new Consultant is due to start at the end of October 2009.

Greenwich Community College

Daniel Marchant said that the College does a range of courses that could be beneficial for people with learning disabilities. This led to a discussion on communication skills and the Board decided that Daniel could do a workshop on communication at the next meeting. This was agreed.



10 Any other business

None

11 Dates of next meetings

Dates for 2010 have not yet been decided.



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