

Greenwich Learning Disability Partnership Board

12 December 2008, at Woolwich YMCA, Antelope Road, Woolwich, SE18

Draft minutes

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Greenwich Neighbourhood Services

Sue Sewell

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust

Stephen Whitmore

Sherard Road

Phillip Brennan, Susan Larking, Maureen King, Tommy Weller, Brenda Buckingham, Ken U, Beatrice Thompson, Evette Vaughan, Debbie Hosten, Brenda Buckingham



Angela



Pamela



Debbie

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

Dr Sean Gravestock, Dino Powell, Karen McNally, Charmaine Wiggins, Alison Cuffy

2 Minutes of the 19 September 2008 meeting

These were agreed.



Minutes

3 Work we had to do

Simon Froud thanked **Oxleas NHS** for their work - especially getting **3 stars from the Healthcare Commission**. An event will be held about this.



4 Feedback from the morning meetings

Housing

Sue Sewell told the meeting about the morning's workshop:

People had talked about:

Housing and helping people to get their own homes, getting a council home, a lack of homes being advertised, helping council tenants to swap homes, helping people to move and problems with rubbish collection.

Sue will:

- take back people's worries to the right managers including the idea of pictures on bins.
- get more information about the Council's handy person's scheme for a future meeting.
- look at getting a case study for the meeting, which showed how the council can help people in **moving**.



Action: Sue

There was a question about plans to close hospitals. **Simon** said that someone from the PCT could come to a meeting to give the Board news on the **Picture of Health**.



Employment

Terry McGuinness told the meeting about the morning workshop. This had looked at what working meant to people and people shared their experiences. There were some worries around the possibility of people losing benefits if they worked. Terry said **GLLaB** could offer training, jobs, work experience and volunteering; help with CVs and with interviews, job search, matching people with work and working out programmes for individuals.



There was a question on whether GLLaB could help people to find work with mothers and babies. It was suggested that Greenwich Toy Library may be able to offer this work experience. To find out more, email Terry at:

t.mcguinness@gllab.org.uk.

The board will send a note of thanks to **Sue Sewell** and **Terry McGuinness**.

Action: Angela C
James B

5. Transport

Gary Murphy from **Transport for London (TFL)** came to the meeting to answer questions on public transport.

TFL had talked to people in South East London to help with planning. There have been new developments like the buses which tell passengers what the next stop is, and there has been a lot of good feedback about this.



There have been worries about buses stopping too far from the stop or drivers not being polite. TFL are working to make customer service better. **Mystery shoppers** check that services are good enough. TFL have made communication better in the last few years so they have been getting more complaints.



There was a question about getting prams and wheelchairs on and off buses. TFL are working to make this better but at the moment, wheelchairs have priority.

Some people worried about school children **bullying** people with learning disabilities on buses. **Gary** will take details of bus routes where this happens. There were a lot of questions, and it was suggested that **Celine Corbin** could be in touch with Gary at TFL to follow these up. It was noted that some of the Greenwich service users could take part in the mystery shopper exercise.



Bullying

Action: Celine

6. I'm a Person Too

Anita Rickard talked about the 'I'm a Person Too' project. This trains staff to work better with people with learning disabilities.

Anita and **Kathy Smith** did workshops with people with learning disabilities in Greenwich to ask them how they were treated by people from different services. This was used to make a training pack. People with learning disabilities worked as co-trainers. Work was done with Wiltshire and Rotherham Councils.

Evelyn Small had taken part in the project and said that this was good experience. **Simon** said it would be good to pass this information to the **Gillian Sheffield** for a Business Relationships meeting.



Anita



Evelyn

7. Olympics and Paralympics

Councillor Cornforth had been to a meeting at the Dome. It was suggested that Greenwich as an Olympic Borough could organize activities for people with learning disabilities before the Games. The meeting thought this was a good idea and the Board will send a letter to the Chief Executive to say this.

**Action: Angela C
James B**

Simon Froud had been to an event about the Olympics and Paralympics at the O2 and showed a DVD from this. This showed interviews with athletes from Greenwich who talked about how '**Starting Blocks**' helped their careers. Simon has been making links so people with learning disabilities have the chance to take part in the Paralympics and he has met with key people.



London Olympics

8 For information

The Green Light Toolkit

Stephen Whitmore talked about this toolkit about planning good services for people with mental health problems who also have learning disabilities.

This looks at ways to help people work together better and to use mainstream services where possible - although some people will need specialist services. Oxleas aims to offer services locally so people don't have to travel a long way away.

Oxleas will be talking to people about the Green toolkit and will do a plan to help services work together better.

There was a comment about helping people with depression. Stephen said that Oxleas is trying to provide more talking therapies.



Green Light Toolkit

9. Have your say

Transport

A service user said a new minibus was needed for day centres. It was suggested **Claire Monmirelle** could look into this.

Greenwich Community College

Daniel Marchant from Greenwich Community College talked about the **Sunrise Project** run by the college. This helps people with learning disabilities find work which suits their skills. The college is planning new courses for September like Reading and writing, numeracy and



computers.

There will be a meeting for people who work with people with learning disabilities at the college on **23 January 2009**. This will look at working with the college to help service users.

Daniel will send information to Celine to send to people.
Contact: danielm@gcc.ac.uk.



Action: Daniel M

Any other business

1 Spirituality Group

Dean Bogle (BME sub-group Lead) plans to start a group from **January 2009** which will look at **spirituality**.

If you are interested, you can get in touch with Dean:
dean.bogle@greenwich.gov.uk or phone **020 8 921 8805**.



Dean

2 Extra LD Partnership Board

Simon said that officers have started talks on the idea of having another Partnership Board during the year.

3 Adult Placement Scheme

Simon said that the **Adult Placement Scheme** has received 3 stars for excellent provision. Simon congratulated the team.



Adult Placement Scheme

4 Champions for Parents with a learning disability

Vicky Tantony talked about a new 'Parents with a Learning Disability Champions' Group. This consists of workers from Adults', Children's and Health Services, and from the voluntary sector. The group will share ideas on how to support parents with learning disabilities. Contact: Vicky Tantony, Advocacy in Greenwich: **020 8293 3720**



Vicky

5 CSCI Report; Safeguarding Adults

Simon Froud talked about this report which looked at how people with learning disabilities were being treated across the country and how councils were working together to make services better.

Findings included the need for more joint working including the Voluntary Sector, a more consistent approach, the need for more choice for people who choose their own support and more long term support for people who have been abused. The document was sent with the agenda. It is also on the [Valuing People website](#).



Safeguarding Adults Booklet

6 Staff changes

Simon Froud said he will be leaving his job as Assistant Director, Adults with Greenwich in February 2009. He said that this had been a difficult choice as he had enjoyed working at Greenwich and with the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

Councillor Cornforth said it would be difficult to replace Simon and he had worked hard to promote the rights of people with learning disabilities.



Simon

11. MEETING DATES FOR 2009

This hasn't be decided yet.

Next Meeting

