

# Learning Disability Partnership Board minutes

14 March 2008, at Woolwich YMCA, Antelope Road, Woolwich, SE18

## Who was there?

### Co-chairs of Board

Pamela Nabelama, Councillor David Grant

### Access to Employment

Penny Grater

### Access (mcch)

Wendy, Mary O'Connell

### Carer

Joan Dawson

### CLDT

Marian Collins, John Auld

### Community Link

Robert Daniels, Bernard Datterdean, John Chadwick, Colin Tickner

### Woolwich Dockyard

Sue McGrath, Natalie Lynan

### GCAP

Anita Rickard,, Leila Ntege, Vicky Tantony,

### Greenwich Adults Services

Simon Froud, Marie-Anne Brown, Dean Bogle, (Janet Miller and Maggie Mendi were there for item 4) Ajibola Awogboro (item 8)

### Greenwich Community College

Sue McDonald

### Greenwich Mencap

Lara Rowlinson

### Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust

Stephen Whitmore, Charmaine Wiggins,

### Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Sue Ludlow, Pauline Rafferty



Pamela



Marian



Leila



Simon

## Sherard Road

Debbie Hosten, Tommy Weller, Maureen King, Evette, Ravinder, Pauline Rafferty, Abigail Ademisoje, Brenda Buckingham

## Voice in Greenwich

Michala Legg, Cassie Price, Richard Farrington, Donna Ferguson, Dino Powell, Carey Prince

## Voyage Care

Sarah Baker

## Working with Words

James Bennett



Ravinder



James

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

**Councillor Grant** introduced **Pamela Nabelama**. Pamela is Vice-Co-Chair of the Partnership Board.

Sorry from: **Liz Hannah, Sarah Burchell, Gill Ackrill**

### 2 Minutes of the last meeting on 14 December 2007

The attendance list was not right: **Mary O'Connell** will give changes to the list to **Celine**.

**Action:**  
**Mary O'Connell**

### 3 Matters arising

Ref. item **3, Sunrise Employment Project: Sue McDonald** said that more leaflets will be printed and sent round.

Ref. item **8, Mencap Committee plus: Robert Daniels** asked for people to join this committee. The group also plans social outings. The committee meets at Wensley Close 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month: Contact: **Emily Palmer 020 8853 0764** or **Joy Hopkins on 020 8305 2129**

[joy@greenwichmencap.org.uk](mailto:joy@greenwichmencap.org.uk)



Ref, item 11.4, **Queen Elizabeth Hospital event**: This has been put back to **1 July**. Invites will be sent before the event.

## 4 Keeping adults safe

This was introduced by **Janet Miller**, Safeguarding Co-ordinator. Janet talked about what abuse is and how it can happen e.g. physical; emotional; financial; sexual.

It was suggested that people who could be approached for help were staff members, G.P. Care Managers, or anyone a person felt they could trust. Janet told people how incidents are looked into, and said that the person is supported throughout this.

The adults department wants to start a **safeguarding forum** to include service users. Booklets could be put in all day services to raise awareness.

**Simon** said that the **Commission for Social Care Inspection** had made suggestions to make it better and the department has done a plan. More information will be brought to a future meeting. Simon introduced the new Service Manager for Community Learning Disability Team **John Auld** who deals with Safeguarding issues.

## 5 Feedback from groups

**Citizenship:** The workshop had been led by **Bernard Datterdean** and **John Chadwick**.

The Group talked about what they thought citizenship was - rights, right to be included, respected responsibilities - like not dropping litter, getting a job. People felt there could be more help with transport and to feel more included - like in clubs and pubs. There are plans to set up the Citizenship sub-group. Bernard has collected names of people who want to join. **Simon** said other departments would want to support this, like leisure and libraries.

**Black and Minority Ethnic Group (BME):**

This workshop was led by **Dean Bogle**.

Main points were: the need for an **interpreting service**; the need for **English as a Second Language (ESOL)** classes - more training for staff around cultural needs



**Abuse Leaflet**



**People wanted more help with transport**



**Dean**

## How could the sub-group do better?

- Access more resources
- develop a **Black Community Club** - it would be helpful to have something to do after day service
- a **befriending service** with people who share similar backgrounds or faiths
- having a **learning disability event** - possibly in Learning Disability Awareness week.

**Plans for next year** - getting information on BME people with learning disabilities including the number of young people leaving school. **Simon** said the Council's information department could help with this.

## 6 Valuing People Now

**Marie-Anne Brown** explained what Valuing People is, the government's plans for the next 3 years and the aims of the **Valuing People Now** consultation.

The new paper talks about more choice, direct payments, day services and health. Partnership Boards had a role to play to make sure that this happens.

Issues raised for the consultation were:

- the need to support **people with complex needs** to take part in things and to make decisions
- deciding who can get a service (eligibility)
- helping people be more **independent** and to **manage risk**
- challenges around making sure there is **enough money** to do things.

**GCAP** had set up consultation workshops with service users. People had talked about needing more information on direct payments and Person Centred Planning, and the need for more inclusion and taking part in the community. Simon thanked GCAP for doing this work. All feedback will be passed to the **Department of Health**.



**Marie-Anne**



**Valuing People Now**

**Action: Marie-Anne Brown**

## 7 Parents with a learning disability

**Vicky T Antony** told the Board about GCAP's work on how services need to work together to support parents with a learning disability. GCAP's Parent's Strategy Group had developed the **protocols** (agreed ways of working well together). These are waiting to be finally agreed.

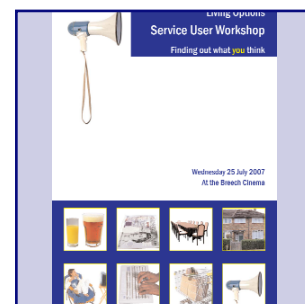


Vicky

**Simon Froud** thanked Vicky and GCAP for this work and said sorry for the delay in finishing the work. Simon said that work on putting the proposals in place continues. The department is looking at issues like **eligibility** (who should get which services) and how people could be best supported. There were still things to be sorted out like the roles of different departments. It was also important that services sign up to the protocols.

## 8 Living Options

**Ajibola Awogboro** told people how the project plan will take forward work following the residential review. There will be workshops with service users to look at what they think of how money is spent.



Living Options Consultation

**Marion Collins** talked about how people sometimes did not want change in the way they are living if they have lived in one way for a very long time. This was because they didn't always know about other ways of living. This meant people needed support to make choices.

## 9 Have your say

- a **Funding:** There was a worry about funding for **Voice in Greenwich**. The board will look at **Learning Disability Development Fund** money at the next meeting.
- b **Relationships Forum:** **Richard Farrington** talked about the need for a forum to look at personal relationships and friendships. It was suggested that Voice think about how to take this forward.
- c **Traffic:** People talked about traffic problems and how these had stopped people from going to day services. **David Grant** agreed that this was to do with congestion and needed to be tackled at a political level.



**Action:**  
**Celine Corbin:**  
**Agenda**

d **Freedom pass:** A member talked about the lack of response from the department to a question on a **freedom pass**. These were being updated and this may be the reason for the delay.

e **Parents Project at Community Link:** **Joan Dawson** asked about the system for activities at Community link. **Bernard Datterdean** said that there were problems when there were not enough staff or resources to support all those people who wanted to do an activity. **Simon** said he could talk to Joan outside the meeting and said that **Claire Monmirelle**, Services Manager, should be part of the discussions.



Claire

## Any other business

### Learning Disability Awareness Week

This is from **15 - 21 June**. People agreed to change the date of the Board to **20 June** so it could take part.

Agenda item for the next meeting: To include the Healthcare Commission Report: **A Life like no other**

**Action: Celine Corbin**

### Councillor David Grant

This will be the last Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting for **Councillor David Grant** who was leaving Cabinet. **Simon** thanked David on behalf of the Board for his contribution as co-chair. David thanked the Board. He said it had been good to be a part of the many lively discussions, and he had seen how far it had developed since its first meeting.



Councillor Grant

## 10 Meeting dates for 2008

**Friday 20 June** - Venue to be confirmed.

**Friday 19 September** - Woolwich Y

**Friday 12 December** - Woolwich Y

