



26 March 2009  
Welcome Centre



## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Stuart Muir (Co-chair), Andy Bennett - am (acting Co-chair)  
Mark Godfrey - pm (Co-chair), Gerda Dunn (representing Zandrea Mays)  
Janita Wesson, Helen Chamberlain, Helen McDonald (Supporter),  
Lynne Cooper, Suryabala Amin, Masuma Oomatia (Interpreter),  
Ellen Alcock, (Supporter), Councillor Heather Johnson, Councillor Joe  
Clifford, Andy Bennett, Carol Bromley, Julia Aylmer, Mary Lucas,  
Sarah Warmington, Kate Escolme (pm), Ann Hawgood (Minute taker),  
Tracy Stephen (admin support)



## Apologies, or people who could not attend today's meeting

Zandrea Mays, Gary Bye, Janis Connell

**Visitors:**

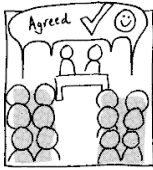
Peter Barnett - Coventry City Council

**2. Items for any other business**

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- **Safeguarding Issue - Carol Bromley**
- **Co-Chair arrangements - Stuart Muir**

### 3. Notes from the last meeting and Matters Arising



The notes from the last meeting were agreed.

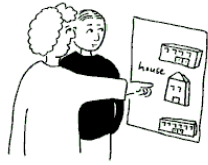
#### **Matters arising:**

- Page 4 Review of Partnership Board Away Day should have appeared after page 5 on February Partnership Board minutes.
- Bob Marriott has confirmed that people with Independent Living Fund packages are automatically assessed as having a nil charge through Social Care. People's contributions are determined by Independent Living Fund under a separate formula. Janita will check with Bob if this relates to transport costs as well.
- Report from Frameworks 4 Change on the review of the Partnership Board has been circulated.
- Comments on experiences connected with health care have been sent into Healthcare Commission. A meeting has been set up for 7<sup>th</sup> April looking at improving ways of collecting this information within set timescales.
- Andy confirmed that some admin office space for the Learning Disability Service will be moving to Caludon Centre. Councillor Joe Clifford said that the relocation of some offices for the Learning Disability and Mental Health Services from Coventry & Warwickshire Hospital is being discussed at Scrutiny Board on 15 April 2009 at 2.30 pm in Committee Rooms, Council House (this meeting has now changed to 24 April at 2.30 pm.)  
This will be a public meeting.

Minutes are available in CD format.

You can also access the minutes by logging on to our website. The address is [www.ldpb.info](http://www.ldpb.info) If you do not have access to a computer and would like to have a look at the website, please give Janita a call on 76785481 to arrange to come in to the office.

## 4. Information from Citywide Group



Lynne Cooper talked about the Values Into Action Conference she went to on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2009:-

- The Conference was about personalisation (person centred support) which is where people are given money instead of services to live their lives how they choose to.
- Peter Beresford gave a talk and said that control of money is a good thing but is hard to do. People need help to get support to do it all. He said the changes will help some people but other people will be worse off.
- Lynne had a group discussion on the talk. They said that people need help to choose - who will help?. People have to get help that is independent.
- Steve Dowson gave a talk and said that people need to think what they want. He gave an example and said that if you have always had a free dinner at your factory and they start to give you money to buy your dinner instead, there would be set questions that need to be asked about how this money could be spent.
- Lynne had a group discussion on the talk. They said that this is only for people who are eligible to get a service. Self Advocacy groups need to help and speak up for those who are outside this.

Lynne said that they had really enjoyed the day and the speakers were very good.

Mark said that more information on personalisation needs to be shared and suggested that this could be a 'theme' for a future Partnership Board meeting.

## 5. Feedback from Carers



Julia said that the Carers Centre is going through a series of changes. This is not affecting services that are being delivered.

The last Carers Forum was well attended. Items discussed were:-

- Mathew Knight attended to talk about the Health Facilitation Team.
- New Charging Policy was discussed

Janita said that Carers Forum are looking at strengthening links and is working with carers to encourage them to chair the Forum themselves. Elections to take place around representation. The Partnership Board away day was well attended by carers which was very positive.

Andy talked about the Ombudsman's report on the experiences of people with learning disabilities in hospital.

Andy said that Sandra Nightingale is the Practice Facilitator and link person to University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire and Mathew Knight is the Acute Liaison officer which is a positive move in the right direction. Carol asked who was responsible for referrals out of normal office hours. Janita said that Mathew does get phone calls from Consultants and has got a 'pager' and he would try to respond but this is not a 24 hour service at the moment. Sarah Warmington was asked to find out more information about this.

## 6. Moving money for learning disabilities social care from the National Health Service to local Councils



In November 2008 Andy talked to Board members about the proposals for transferring funds from National Health Service to local Councils for Social Care services. The Board had agreed with the proposals for the transfer and it was agreed that a full report with final figures would be shared with Members in March 2009. The report and the local Equality Impact Assessment was handed out to Board Members.

Next Steps:-

- ✚ From 1st April 2009 some funding will transfer to Coventry City Council.
- ✚ The final amount of money for transfer in 2009/2010 is £1.3 million.
- ✚ This will all be looked at again and another transfer will take place for 2010/2011 and after this, for 2011/2012 the money will automatically go to local councils based on the figure for 2010/11.

Andy was asked if these services will have a charge against them now that they come under local Councils.

Concerns were raised about 2011/2012 when the money will automatically go to local councils and possibility of money not being used for services for people with learning disabilities. This is not new money and is funding existing service provision. This will be kept under review in Partnership Board to make sure money is being used as it should be.

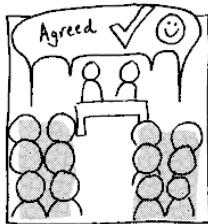
## 7. Partnership Board Business



- Our Strategy - draft progress report January 2009

Report was circulated to Board Members. Report has been changed slightly to reflect changes made following Board Meeting in January.

Board Members were asked to vote on whether they accept 'Our Strategy Progress Report January 2009' and if they are happy for it to be distributed. A copy will be sent to Valuing People Regional Team and be available to access on the Internet. Board members will start looking at developing a new Strategy at the next Partnership Board.



Board Members agreed to sign off 'Our Strategy Progress Report January 2009'

- Coventry has been picked by Research Centre as one of 4 Partnership Boards to be included in research on health information that is held on people with learning disabilities. Janita will talk to the Health Facilitation Team and ask if they would be willing to participate.

## 7. Partnership Board Business continued



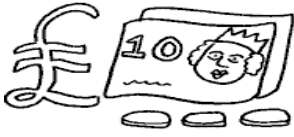
### Learning Disability Development Fund 2009/2010

Janita talked about the money available to spend for 2009/2010. This amounts to £272,000. Paper was passed round to Board Members listing proposals that meet 'Valuing People Now' priorities.

The following proposals have previously been agreed by Board Members:

From:	For:	Cost 2009/2010
Carers Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Carer Support Worker</li> </ul>	£12,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grapevine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Self Advocacy Co-ordinator</li> <li>▪ Self Advocacy Support Worker</li> </ul>	£54,682 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grapevine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 paid posts for people with Id to work in monitoring quality services</li> <li>▪ Support Worker</li> </ul>	£49,602 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Facilitation Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Healthy Lifestyles Co-ordinator</li> <li>▪ Healthy Lifestyles Advisor</li> </ul> <p>(However NHS Coventry are now able to fund some or possibly all of this proposal. Andy to confirm how much will be funded and the Board will consider new proposals at a later meeting)</p>	£45,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>


## 7. Partnership Board Business continued

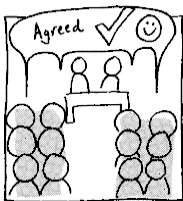


### Learning Disability Development Fund 2009/2010 continued

Board Members discussed how to spend the remaining money left over from the Learning Disability Development Fund 2009/2010.

Board Members were asked to vote on each of the following proposals:-

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Support Worker Change Team</b></li> </ul>	<p>Outcome:  <b>To explore activities available across the city and put together an accessible information book about what is available and how to access it, to the benefit of everybody with a learning disability in Coventry.</b></p>	<p>Cost requested   £26,472</p>
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The Board agreed to the Proposal for:-


- Community Support Worker - Change Team

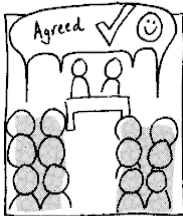
✓ 2009/2010 cost £26,472

## 7. Partnership Board Business continued




### Learning Disability Development Fund 2009/2010 continued

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Complex Needs Social Worker Community Learning Disability Team</b></li> </ul>	<b>Outcomes:</b> <b>Developing a focus on people who are in the criminal justice system</b>	<b>Cost requested</b>  <b>£42,831</b>
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The Board agreed to the Proposal for:-

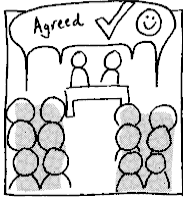
- **Complex Needs Social Worker - Community Learning Disability Team**
- ✓ **2009/2010 cost £42,831**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Carer Short Breaks Co-ordinator (additional post) Community Learning Disability Team</b></li> </ul>	<b>Outcomes:</b> <b>Enable family carers to continue to care by ensuring that those providing substantial care at home receive an annual assessment/review and an opportunity to receive a short break</b>	<b>Cost requested</b>  <b>£23,500 (9 month post)</b>
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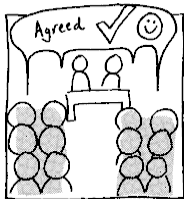
### Learning Disability Development Fund 2009/2010 continued



The Board agreed to the proposal for:-

- Carer Short Breaks Co-ordinator -  
Community Learning Disability Team
- ✓ 9 month post 2009/2010 cost £23,500

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Valuing People Co-ordinator Partnership Board Work</b></li> </ul>	<p>Outcome: <b>Delivery of an effective Partnership Board</b></p>	<p>Cost requested + £17,913</p>
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The Board agreed to the proposal for:-

- Partnership Board work -  
Valuing People Co-ordinator

✓ 2009/2010 cost £17,913

## 8. Any Other Business



### Safeguarding

- Question was asked about where do people take safeguarding concerns if someone is outside of eligibility criteria? Mark said that any concerns about people with learning disabilities should be referred to Community Learning Disability Team.
- Janita said two safeguarding awareness training sessions run by Ann Craft Trust have taken place and were fully booked. Two more sessions to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March and 1st April. Citywide said that they really enjoyed the training and found it very useful. They watched videos and DVD's on different types of abuse, what to look for and helped people to understand what abuse means. Lots of people shared their stories and appropriately engaged in the training.

### Co-Chair Arrangements

- Stuart Muir was standing down from Co-Chair of Partnership Board after 18 months. He said that he has been the longest standing Co-Chair and has enjoyed meeting all sorts of different people. He has been proud to help change things for people with learning disabilities in Coventry and to make people more aware.

Mark and Andy thanked Stuart personally and on behalf of Board Members for all his hard work. Mark then welcomed Helen Chamberlain as the new Co-Chair.

Theresa Whelan, member of the 'H' Team, will become a Board Member of the Partnership Board.

## 9. Review of Partnership Board Away Day



Copy of the report from Andy, Framework 4 Change, was handed out to Board Members. A copy has been sent to everyone who attended on the day.

Helen feedback comments made by Citywide about the Partnership Board Review Day. A copy of this document is attached.

## 9. Review of Partnership Board Away Day continued



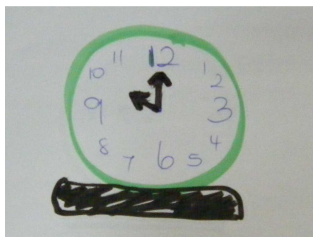
Board Members had a discussion to review the Partnership Board and looked at:



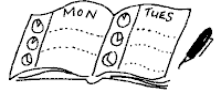
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**Date of next meeting:-**

**Thursday 30th April 2009**

**10.30 - 2.00pm**

**Welcome Centre**

**Parkside**

