




26th November 2009
 Welcome Centre



	<p>1. Welcome and Introductions Present: Anima Thawait, (Co-chair) Lynne Cooper, (Co-chair), Janita Wesson, Theresa Whelen, Ellen Allcock (Supporter), Helen McDonald, (Supporter) Julia Aylmer, Mary Lucas, Carol Bromley, Gary Bye, Councillor Heather Johnson, Councillor Joe Clifford, Suki Kaur, Barry Hutchinson, Leigh Pitham, Dot Law (Note taker)</p>
	<p>Apologies or people who could not attend today's meeting: Mark Godfrey, Helen Chamberlain, Zandrea Mays, Kate Escolme, Suryabala Amin, Sarah Warmington.</p> <p>Visitors: Lil Nickolds, Jaspreet Dhillon, Uma Sharma, Gurcharan Sahota, Bob Marriott, Pat Price, Pat Charlton, Ray Lucas, Jill Hinde</p>

	<p>2. Items for any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Marriott - User Involvement • Six Lives • Rececca Hannah - Imagineer Productions - Hate Crime
	<p>3. Notes from last meeting The notes from the last meeting were agreed.</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p>The February PB Meeting would take place on 23rd February at the Welcome Centre.</p> <p>Janita advised she had copies of the Housing Options Booklet available for anyone who wanted a copy.</p> <p>Information on the DVD "Paid to be in my Life" shown at the previous meeting would be forwarded to Jacqui Goode for use in staff training.</p> <p>LDDF - Work is ongoing on this and a service specification was being drawn up for Support Brokerage and also to plan events and engaging with the community.</p> <p>Janita advised the notes of PB meetings would now have the action points in red.</p> <p>You can also access the minutes by logging on to our website. The address is www.ldpb.info</p> <p>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.</p>



4. Information from Citywide

Helen said that Citywide would not be involved in Health National Carers Strategy as it was not appropriate work for them.

Citywide had linked with the H Team to look at what was happening for people with learning disabilities. They discussed what people knew about annual health checks, buddies to help people attend exercise groups, and at leaflets and the action plan. They took this information to the Regional Forum, who will forward it to National Forum.

It was felt the H team had done some good work - GP's had been trained and most people were having annual health checks. There were mixed views on visits to GP's and other medical professionals, although this was more about attitudes rather than the treatment provided.

The feedback on hospital visits was that it was very hard to find your way around the hospital, and appointments often ran late without any explanation being given.

Lynne said she was inspired by the Inclusion Day she attended with Ellen.

Ellen said she they would do a report for the PB on the Inclusion Day.

Janita said that the PB had funded the GP's training packs, and GP's now used the same documentation to ensure health checks were consistent.

Anima said the work done with GP's was nationally

recognised.



Citywide had minutes of the last Regional and National Forum for Self Advocates available if anyone wanted to look at them.



5. Feedback from Carers

The last Carers Forum had been well attended and carers got a lot of useful information from it.

- Janita said there had been discussions on the tendering process for support services, personalisation and direct payments.
- Carers spoke about how to deal with problems such as staff turning up late and how to maintain the quality of care for people receiving direct payments. It was advised that if you were employing a personal assistant directly you were their employer and should direct their work so they followed the support plan. You could ask them for evidence of what they had done during the day, eg photographs or diary sheets.
- Janita had sent out flyers which had encouraged people to attend the forum. As this had been successful she would try it again in the future.
- A third carer was still needed to join the Partnership Board and Janita wanted to encourage carers to consider joining the board.
- Mary stated that Solihull had three health run respite units whereas none were available in Coventry. Suki advised a steering group was currently mapping out what respite is available and this would look at gaps and how to address them. She advised respite provision was available at Ashby House, Nuneaton and Admiral's Court, Rugby.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theresa advised respite was really needed in Coventry as not everyone had access to a car to travel outside Coventry.
	<p>6. Update and news from Regional Partnership Board</p> <p>Cllr Heather Johnson updated on information from the Regional Partnerships Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional members will visit Learning Disabilities PB (they have already visited Coventry PB) - PB are requested to ask their PCT about their progress with the PCT self-assessment framework - Each PB should set themselves a target for increasing the number of people with learning disabilities in paid work
	<p>7. Partnership Board Business and Learning Disabilities Development Fund (LDDF) update.</p> <p>The Hate Crime Conference will be held on 4th December 2010. It is aimed at people with disabilities and their families, carers and front line staff. There will be drama from Imagineer Productions and input from Grapevine's media team.</p> <p>It was hoped it would be an assessable and informative event.</p> <p>A new telephone number for members of the public to report safeguarding concerns would be launched on Monday 30th November 2009. There is now a policy for dealing with the concerns of people not happy with how their reported concerns had been dealt with.</p>

Information on the direct payment health care consultation is available on www.ldpb.info

People with Learning Disabilities will be able to take part in the Para Olympics from 2012.

Janita had given her report on Learning Disabilities Development Fund 2009/10 at the last meeting. She was still asking about information for the 2010/2011 budget, but she hoped there would be no cuts and it would be the same as last year.

Janita advised the PB needed to focus on what had been achieved - LDDF had funded a forensic social worker, she had information on this and a sample guide of activities that was being produced by the Change Team.

There has also been a strong focus on supporting family carers.

Please contact Janita for further information on the above.



8. Supporting Family Carers

Lil Nickolds from Coventry Carers Centre gave a brief presentation on her work with carer of people with learning disabilities, which has been funded since 2006.

- the key priorities were to identify and support isolated and older carers, to advocate on behalf of carers, and to maintain effective links with health professionals, social services and the voluntary sector.
- information was provided on achievements to date, work still needed and comments from carers.
- Lil highlighted how the centre linked with older carers to encourage them to support those they care for to

develop more independent living skills. This could be done by involving them in work around the home and giving them an understanding of budgets to enable them to become more independent.

- Older carers were supported to build links with the Community Learning Disability Team so arrangements could be planned if they became unable to care.

Jaspreet Dhillon gave a brief presentation on the Black and Minority Ethnic Carers Support work.


- The project started in April 2008 and additional funding had recently increased the hours available from 14 to 30 per week.
- key priorities were establishing links with BME carers, identifying hidden carers, supporting family carers, developing links in community, enabling carers to access services, day breaks, supporting implementation of BME plans, and future developments.
- please see attached copies of slides for further information.

Janita advised LDDF funding for both posts at the Carers Centre was currently available to end of March 2010.

Anima thanked Lil and Jaspreet for working so hard to make the work a success.

Janita gave a brief presentation on supporting family carers.

- A document was distributed with relevant pages from the LD Strategy on supporting family carers. This included targets, number family carers (354) known to Community Services in Coventry, number of carer's

	<p>assessments and reviews, information on short breaks, and involving carers in developing and planning services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim was that by 2010 carers will feel more supported and able to care and have more control of their lives. • Julia and Mary confirmed that as carers they now had more information and felt more involved. <p>The Carers Centre provides a universal service, it will support all carers not just those who meet the criteria for services from CLDT.</p> <p>Gurcharan Sahota gave examples of how the Carers Break scheme had supported families, by providing additional equipment and by arranging breaks. There were breaks pending including a trip to Chipping Hampton and a Strictly Come Christmas dinner dance.</p>
	<p>8. Any other Business</p> <p>Anima thanked the carers and advocates who had come to this meeting.</p> <p>User Involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Marriott, User Involvement Officer, advised the way people were consulted with, informed and involved was being revised and would now fit with consultation by NHS Coventry, University Hospital, Walsgrave and Coventry Partnership Trust. • Information on the Adult Social Care Draft

Involvement Strategy was distributed

- Information and a questionnaire, to be completed and returned, was available on the internet.
- The consultation would involve finding out how people liked to be consulted with, eg large meetings, small groups, by telephone surveys and what support and training would help people to become involved.
- It would look at rewards, eg lunches travel expenses, etc and how people's views were recorded and how services changed as a result of their views.
- LINK, an independent organisation, may be involved to undertake work on consultation.
- Bob would like the partnership board to feed back any comments to him and he was happy to attend meetings. Please contact him on Tel 76833392 for further information.

Gary fed back that he felt there was too much consultation and that people did not want to spend so much time on consultations.

Six lives

The report to Coventry Learning Disabilities Partnership Board, November 2009 was given out.

- A report Death by Indifference published in 2007 had found that 6 people with learning disabilities had died while in health or local authority care. They had been failed by a system that treated them less well than people who did not have a learning disability.
- The main points of the report were read out.

- There was a need to audit information, a Coventry and Warwickshire Group existed, and there would be a group with a Coventry focus. Solihull and Warwickshire would investigate each others complaints.
- Janita asked the PB board to support this work.
- Gary asked if an independent non-professional could be involved in investigations as they may have a different view.

Hate Crime

Rebecca Hannah, Assistant Director, Imagineer Productions, advised she would be working on information for the Hate Crime Conference on 4th December 2009.

She would talk to people over lunch about their experiences of hate crime towards people with disabilities.

The meeting was then closed



Date of next meeting:-

Thursday 28th January 2010

10.30 - 1.00pm

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