

## **LDPB Transitions Task Group**

### **Minutes**

**Date: 15 December 2009**

**Venue: Children's Centre, Scarborough**

**Apologies:** Liz White, Sue Thompson, Rhiannon Bevan, Karen Slater

**Present:** Carla Pawson, Children's Health Team Manager **(CHAIR)**  
Gill Rosser, Northway Dental Care Services, Northway Clinic  
Sue Gibbons, Parent Partnership Officer  
Jean Riley, Parent Representative  
Jane Jordan, Adult Learning Service,  
Learning Support Co-ordinator  
Andy Jennings, Action for Children Manager  
David Keeton, Connexions **(MINUTES)**

#### **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

P1 and 2

- Feedback from Lynne Taylor and Nicola Owens
- Feedback from presentation to Yorkshire Coast College
- Strategy group curricular for North Yorkshire
- Action Plan

Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate account of the previous meeting.

#### **Dentistry and Transitions**

- Treatment for people with special needs through from learning disabilities and on other disabilities
- deal with looked after children and also for anyone who needs to be sedated.
- also general anaesthetic  
e.g. tooth extractions
- Usually clinics every two months but hopefully will become every month  
There should be regular sessions for children at Scarborough Hospital including intubated cases (rather than having to be at York Hospital)
- There are no local dentists in whole of Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale area who carry out sedation.  
Gill doing acclimatisation work to help people be more relaxed about dental treatment

- Gill said more successful if frequent acclimatisation visits – every 2/3 months tends to help people cope than with less frequent contact.
- Some links with schools – Woodlands and Springhead in the past but not at present. They have worked with Woodlands – especially with autistic young people.
- Carla mentioned PSHE in schools would cover dentistry aspects.
- Carla asked about demand and response to this as Peter Grant long term dental director is leaving:
- Staff include:

Philip Ingelhurne to be Director of Dental Services.

Mark Ashley, dentist, based in Whitby deals with SEN special needs

Ann Blakemore and Karen Rickleton are Ryedale area dentists

Gill Rosser, Dental Therapist (SWR)

Ian Tring involved based at Scarborough Hospital, Consultant Anaesthetist.

- There maybe people not known to dental services
- Jean Riley – parent pointed out that her daughter is having to go to Liverpool Alder Hey Hospital for treatment.
- Shortage of Dentists in this area – tends to be geographical- dentists tend to stay near training universities rather than move to rural areas.
- Not many dental specialists at hospital. Recruitment with orthodontic specialists is an issue.

### Adult Learning Services

- Jane Jordan explained about courses available – courses for 10 weeks for £5 - age range 19+ - Learning supported courses are offered in different areas. Focus groups to establish wishes and the top ten most popular choices for courses, need 8-10 people minimum to run a course
- As regards targets, each person, counts once be done so if one person attends four courses they are counted once.
- Looking at accredited course such as one in partnership with supported employment 2 days a week for 30 weeks at cost of £75
- In Whitby Pathways to Independence £45 for 30 weeks planning practical activities yourself and others
- In January course at Entry Level 1 – various other courses
- Looking at focus groups to really provide courses that people want. There has been mixed attendance for courses despite flexible approach on timings. There is a learner support fund but this is

claiming back and students have to pay up front.

- Learning and Skills Council only funded teaching assistants for accredited courses.
- This limits number of people in group to about 6  
Sue raised issue of care workers providing support. It works well to have support workers with the group and most participate with activities
- Courses are at various venues e.g. Elders Street, Osgodby, Cauwood in Malton, Pickering Youth Centre.
- Focus groups advertised on UChoose website and posters.  
Looking for support from managers of centres and via person centred approach. Link up with Speak up Forum.
  
- Discussed 16-19 age range and need to have enough students to be able to run courses. Issues with enrolment and ensuring students have the skills for the course so looking at ways of assessing skills pre-enrolment – chance to do IAG sessions and check that courses are appropriate.
- DK offered JJ links with schools, also encouraging students to progress onto mainstream courses such as CLAIT, and some of these are free.
  
- In Northallerton LD Partnership Board challenged the cut in resources for Adult Learning Service.
- DK asked if could differentiate graphically (e.g. by colour band) the cover of the 'supported learning' booklet from the mainstream version as they look identical and can be confused at first glance
- It would also be useful to have the website address for ALS courses through the North Yorkshire County Council website with a note on how to access at the beginning
- Jane would like to attend these meetings on a regular basis
- Skills mobile vehicle available to go to different venues
- Discussion on how useful ICT skills training is for everyone

## Action Plan

- Carla & Andy have met and explored some of the ideas from the Partnership Board day/ the work of Carla and Liz and the regional Steering group work for beginning to develop an action plan for this group.
- A major area of development is PCP planning – Liz White
- Schools looking to do person centred format – annual review for all students with statement of SEN starting in special schools and then mainstream school. Training to be provided during 2010
- Transitions – DVD's and leaflets – look at local leaflet to see if it can be incorporated into transitions brochures. This group could review in each summer term.

- Health Action Plans – Lynne Taylor had health launch on 12th December 2009, 50 people + attended - health passports, health action plans and Help cards were disseminated and there were a number of organisations present - NYCC, carers resource and Learning Disabilities team , SUNNY etc..
- There is additional support available from Scarborough Hospital.
- Andy to check with Valuing People on how to incorporate the work of transitions group with the outcomes required from Valuing People
- Carla feels that steering group for North Yorkshire are very committed to move issues forward.
- Mel Trotter has offered to co chair the Transition Task Group – offer put to assembled members who were all welcoming and happy for Mel to take up this role – Carla to liaise with Mel.

#### AOB

- Andy mentioned tea-time services – looking at developing work to involve young people in planning sessions for the activities they are involved in e.g. cooking and preparing own meals
- Move to Christian fellowship – Oasis Centre will mean the developing activities session will link the two teatime sessions.
- Jane Jordan suggested Andy link with Sue Mann over these sessions – to look at.

#### DATES FOR NEXT YEARS 2010 MEETINGS

Monday 22 February	1.00 – 3.00
Monday 17 May	1.00 – 3.00
Monday 16 August	1.00 – 3.00
Monday 22 November	1.00 – 3.00

All to be held at Children's Centre, Cherry Tree Drive, Scarborough

All dates booked and confirmed.