

Developing Community Lives Task Group Minutes Tuesday 15th September 2009 Elders Street Scarborough

Who Was There – and who they represent

Rebecca Buckle – Individual linked with Services

Ruth Collin – A&CS – Co chair

Lesley Dixon – Dalewood

Stewart Finney –SUNNY

Shirley Robinson – SUNNY support

Helen Fortnum – Speak up support

John Lawson – A&CS – Co chair and notes

Andrew Wright – SUNNY

Pete Smith – Elders St

Brian Wood – WWFT

David Newman – Cauwood

Becky Sample – WWFT

Jane Jordan – Adult Education

Who could not come

David Keeton – Connections – Co chair

David Mennell - MENCAP

Maureen Lyndsey – Care manager, A&CS

Sue Mann - Scarborough Training Centre

Nicola Owens – individual linked with services

Chris Jackson – Parent

Greg Jackson – Individual linked with Services

1. Ruth welcomed everyone. People introduced themselves and said who they were there to represent. Ruth said that Cheridan Ingle had been invited to join the task group to join the Choice and Control group. Shirley introduced herself as Stewarts support worker.

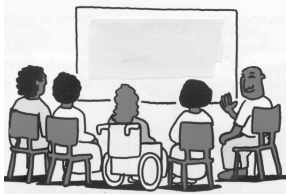
2. Things we talked about last time



Ruth said sorry the notes should have said the meeting was held at Elders Street not Burnside.

a) Adult Education

Jane said that the Supported Learning Course in the area were now generally full, but she had had to have a second enrolment day which was not planned first of all. Some of the courses were shorter because there was less money from the Learning Skills Council. Jane said courses were limited to 10 – 12 learners for each course. Jane explained she had provided some extra “pre enrolment days” for learners to find out what the course was about. Jane has another “focus” group planned for November to find out how people in the area feel the courses are going.



b) Link to Springhead School

There was no update from Maureen yet. Ruth and John will check before the next Task Group.



c) Safer Places

Ruth and John have not had time to meet with Stewart and Andrew as planned before. Agreed to set a date at end of meeting.



d) uchooseswr website

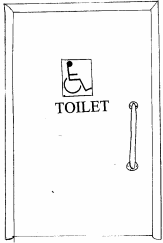
Pete gave a report on the responses he and Ian had had to the “snapshot” survey they had run on the website over the summer. The responses are attached to the minutes. Ruth thanked Pete for the report.



Task Group agreed that more links to the website, and further advertising of the website would be good. For example the Councils Key Messages could be used. Also agreed there was more information which could go on the site, for example about Speak up forums.

The Task Group felt the web site was still useful and funding for it should be continued, but it needed to be used more by people with learning disabilities – with or without support. Ruth suggested it should be talked about more at Partnership Board and at Speak up.

3. Changing Places

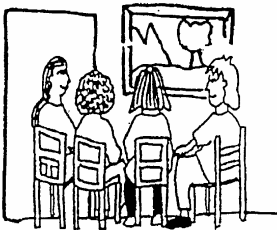


Ruth said some more work had been done on this. Ruth and John have prepared a letter to be sent to the local Councils to talk about the need for more Changing Places in Scarborough and Ryedale. Task Group agreed this should be sent. Lesley explained there were plans for a new changing place in Whitby at The Coliseum.

Ruth said there was more information available on the website www.changingplaces, and it would be helpful if people found out about part changing places as well.

Ruth explained that a summary sheet had been prepared for the whole area to show what was in place and what was needed in the future. This information was being used by Kathryn Smith to help decide where money should be spent to help provide new Changing Places.

4. Partnership Board

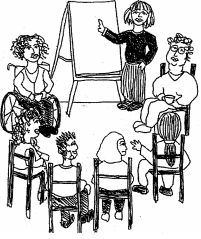


Ruth explained that Developing Community Lives had an hour of time at the next Partnership Board which was on Wednesday 21st October at Falsgrave Community Centre. The chairs suggested that this time was used to;

- a) Explain the links with the Task Group work this year and Valuing People Now,
- b) Show how the Task Group was working on the three themes of
Choice and Control
Lifelong Learning
Community Lives
- c) an update on use of uchooseswr website
- d) update on the proposal for changes in day services in the area

5. Group Work

Ruth explained the Task Group was going to use the rest of the time to do some further work in the smaller groups.



The groups talked about which were the most important things to talk about at the Partnership Board so that other people would understand what we are working on. The groups then shared these areas with the whole Task Group. They were;

Choice and Control – changing places, and community accessibility (how people with learning disabilities got to do things in the community.)

Lifelong Learning – the need for flexibility around support for people and providing transport, and how learning fits in with other day activities people do.

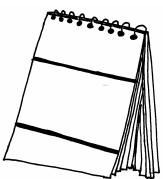
Community Links – and how what is talked about at the Person Centred Reviews is made to happen for people

The Task Group agreed Ruth and John should now plan how to use this time and involve others in presenting the information to the Board.

The Task Group agreed that the time to meet was still very short to develop the work that was needed to be done. Also the Community Links group needed to look closely again at the areas they were trying to develop.

6. Future Meetings

It was agreed for John, Ruth and David to prepare dates for future meetings. It was agreed Tuesday afternoons was still a good time to meet, and Elders Street was a good place to meet.



It was agreed to meet **once** a month, with possibly some longer meetings during the year if needed. This would help move some of the actions on quicker.

7. Next Meeting of Developing Community Lives Task Group

Tuesday 17th November at Elders Street 1.30 – 3pm (1pm for people who need to prepare)



www.uchooseswr.com Survey Results

During the summer 22 surveys were completed on line. Summary of results for each question appears (please note percentages are a rough guide to assist understanding, and are relevant to each questions responses)

Q1. Is it easy to find your way around the website?

Yes	20	(91%)
No	2	(9%)

Q2. What can we do to make it easier to use?

Speech enabled pages	12	(38%)
Search box	11	(34%)
Site Map	8	(25%)
Change colour scheme	1	(4%)

Q3. What page(s) are the most interesting?

All of them	8	(23%)
Activities in your community	7	(20%)
Partnership Board	6	(17%)
Advice and Information	6	(17%)
Notice Board	2	(6%)
Work	2	(6%)
Holidays	2	(6%)
Support	1	(3%)
Speak up	1	(3%)

Q4. What was it you were looking for?

Anything/browsing	10	(48%)
Activities/sport	5	(23%)
Partnership Board information	4	(20%)
Supported Employment	1	(3%)
Speak up information	1	(3%)
Housing	1	(3%)

Q5. Did you find what you were looking for?

Yes	13	(59%)
No	9	(41%)

Q6. Did you find the links at the top of the page useful?

Yes	20	(91%)
No	2	(9%)

Q7. Please tell us about yourself;

Care Worker	12	(55%)
Carer	4	(18%)
I have a learning disability and can use website on my own	3	(14%)
I have a learning disability and need assistance to use website	3	(14%)

Q8. Did you find the post code direction facility useful?

Yes	18	(82%)
No	4	(18%)

Q9. How often do you use the website?

Only when I need to	13	(58%)
First time	5	(22%)
Every week	1	(5%)
Most weeks	1	(5%)
Twice a week	1	(5%)
Once a month	1	(5%)

Q10. How did you hear about uchooseswr?

Word of mouth	14	(64%)
Partnership Board	3	(13%)
Speak up forum	2	(9%)
Link from another site	2	(9%)
Through my job	1	(5%)

Pete Smith Sept 09