

Developing Community Lives Task Group Minutes 21st July 2009 Burnside, Eastfield, 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

Helen Fortnum – Speak up support

Chris Jackson – Parent

Greg Jackson – Individual linked with Services

David Keeton – Connections – Co chair

John Lawson – A&CS – Co chair and notes

Sue Mann - Scarborough Training Centre

Pete Smith – Elders St

Andrew Wright – Individual linked with Services

Who could not come

Jane Jordan – Adult Education

Maureen Lyndsey – Care manager, A&CS

David Mennell – MENCAP

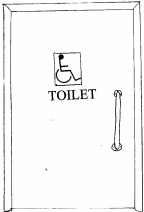
David Newman – Cauwood

Nicola Owens – individual linked with services

- 1) Ruth welcomed everyone. People introduced themselves and said who they were there to represent.
- 2) Apologies were given for the agenda not being sent out until today and without attachment – Involving people with complex needs. The agenda was talked through, making all people aware of items to be covered.

2) Things we talked about last time

a) Learning Disability Week June 22nd – June 28th



The Health Team and Mencap linked to work together to promote learning disability awareness for the area. Minutes amended to reflect the plan/actions displayed at Scarborough Hospital.

Dalewood and National Parks worked together to promote Learning Disability Week – sculpture of the beach.

A&CS hosted an event at the library which promoted the Changing Places theme as well as promoting LD, and Derek Law Director of Adult and Community Services visited the area and the library which went well. Derek also visited Milestone House. No media coverage as yet, but the North Yorkshire Times is next month so hopefully they will cover it.

STC – Open event during the Learning Disability Week which promoted Mencap Changing Places, as did SBH and Adult and Community Services displays.

Task Group felt that Partnership Board could in future take this role on for the area.

Action – John to take this to Task Group Chairs.

Partnership Board calendar does not include Mencap Learning Disability Week presently, Market Place events are, on uchoose website.

Action – Ruth to contact Mencap and ask for future dates for events and Learning Disability Week.

Partnership Board calendar to be informed of all events which can then be as up to date as possible for all.

b) Files

Ruth presented the working files she had developed for the sub groups to use for the on going work they are involved in for the task group, contact details of individuals to be shared if wished, files to be kept on site at Elders St.

c) Using the website survey



There was not as good a response as was hoped for despite attempts to raise the issue across area. Further opportunities to complete were agreed until end of September, all people present were asked to promote the survey and the web site. Questions about Is everybody able to complete it? Possible lack of IT knowledge was discussed. www.uchooseswr.com

We agreed to continue the survey until September.

Action – Pete will bring a report to the next Developing Community Lives Task Group for further consultation.

The December Partnership Board is about money so we will need to be asked for detail 3 weeks prior.

North Yorkshire County Council overall board possible in the future so website may be a North Yorkshire County Council website.

3) Employment Task Group

David gave a brief up date from the meeting

Minutes from the Employment Task Group to be sent to Chris Jackson who will forward to Pam Ryder, and David to also send to Maureen Lindsey as requested.



Group met last week, working links amongst others attended. David explained that Working Links – can help with

- People who receive incapacity benefit
- IT systems, support at interviews
- Purchasing dress/suits for interview

Looking at those individuals who are looking for paid work through Supported Employment.

Working Links – officers are

- D Stuart – Whitby
- L Scott – Scarborough/Ryedale

Job Centres are working with Working Links to help with employment.

Funding and resources to support people in and through supported employment, so growing the service.

4) Yorkshire Coast College

Lots of prior work to try and support individuals through



transitions to work (destination) – 5 day course.

Work continues with YCC however it was noted that the Employment Task Group are feeling frustrated as things are not moving at the pace or direction they would hope for.

Yorkshire Coast College Transition to Adulthood Course has now stopped, as funding from the LEC at Yorkshire Coast College cannot finance future course, 5 people/individuals are affected who have been referred to Care Manager. Moving On events may be held elsewhere other than at Yorkshire Coast College. Partnership Board to help with issues at Yorkshire Coast College – letters of support from Board.

Choice for individuals who are leaving school is said to be limited for people locally.

Concerns raised from Group, Valuing People Now and local provision

The Partnership Board on 19th August - employment focus on the agenda. Supported employment presentation involving Dennis who works at the Crown Hotel.

Dates have been set for future meetings.

5) Adult Education

The pre-enrolment sessions for Adult Education courses are presently organised, with very few people attending. Please can we all promote the sessions? Confusion with system and information and flyers. If people do not attend the pre-enrolment then they cannot enrol onto the courses?

Not felt to be clear – to all involved

Disappointment felt by some people with courses put on and what is now available. Date's and times were hoped to be more flexible.

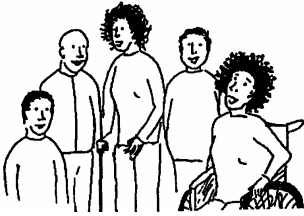
Adult Education – course → learning → practice learning
Community –main stream courses promoting inclusion.

What is out there? Are there enough opportunities for people? We asked if Continued training on the same course was actually moving people on and developing people?

Action – Information to be fed back to Jane Jordan.

5) Top tips for Partnership Board – How to include people with profound and multiple learning disabilities

Ruth explained and gave out copies of the Mencap document to all, The Choice and control sub group are working on this topic



as we agreed earlier. Ruth explained work was still going on to look at a champion for the Partnership board to represent this group of people across the area

Action - School link to be made by Maureen Lyndsay – choice and control.

C Ingle – from BRC to be involved within choice and control sub group at next meeting to help promote high dependency care.

7) Safer Places



Work with libraries – ‘Safer Places’ work has started to promote safer places within community venues which offer support – like the ‘Hate Crime’ cards.

Card – list who can be contacted - friend, link worker, police. Information at Library held giving further details to help support individuals better.

Do we want to use it in Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale?
Does the Task Group want to take it on?
Should the Partnership Board take it on?

Group felt it is a good idea to support people better in the community. County wide scheme felt to be positive way forward.

Andrew and Stuart did a lot of work previously with Hate Crime cards/awareness,
Partnership Board funding request to resource it.

Library card swipe card will double up as the support card.
Central data base within Library Services.

Action - Ruth and John involvement and support from Andrew and Stuart to look with Libraries before the next meeting.



6) Next Two Meetings of Developing Community Lives Task Group

15th September, 1.30 pm-3pm, Elders Street
Agenda items: Changing Places, Group Work
Apologies: David Keeton, Sue Mann

17th November, 1.30 – 3pm Elders Street
Agenda items: Dates for next year