

**Scarborough, Whitby & Ryedale  
Learning Disability Partnership Board  
Minutes  
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## 1. Introductions

Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting.

People said who they were.



## 2. What we talked about at the last meeting

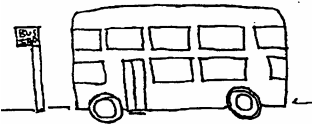
The minutes were agreed.

## 3. Things we have done since the last meeting

### Page 5 – Yorkshire Coast College



Members of the Partnership Board are meeting with staff at Yorkshire Coast College on 25<sup>th</sup> February to talk about providing learning for people with learning disabilities.

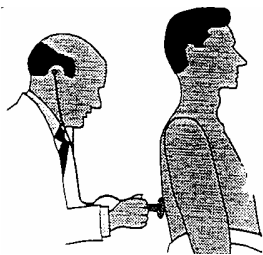


### Page 5 – Transport

The Partnership Board wrote a letter to Arriva to say that there are not enough low level access buses. Arriva has replied to say that lots of good changes are happening.

If you would like a copy of the letter, contact Kathryn Holbrook.

**Action: Kathryn to send a copy of the letter and new timetable to Advocacy Alliance, SUNNY and the Developing Community Lives Task Group.**



### Acute Liaison Nurse Post

The Partnership Board wrote a letter to the Primary Care Trust to ask for money to support the Acute Liaison Nurse post. The Primary Care Trust has sent a letter to say that they will look into the matter.

## 4. Speak Up Reps Reports



The Speak Up Reps gave a presentation at the last Speak Up Forum. The Forum was about Valuing People Now. Staff from Inclusion North came to the meeting.

Members of the Forum had talked about their ideas about Valuing People Now:

- Treat people with respect
- Same rights and choices
- Treat people with dignity and respect
- Have a person centred plan
- Have choices about where we live and who we live with
- Support to work
- Support to meet friends
- Choice to have relationships
- Right to be safe at home and out and about
- Able to travel on public transport safely and easily.

Members of the Forum had talked about their ideas for 2010:

- To be able to speak up and get support to speak up
- Have a boyfriend/girlfriend
- Be more healthy
- Get a job
- Move into a house/flat
- Have a person centred plan
- Choose what I want to do
- Telephone/email a friend

Damien had asked lots of people about what is needed to make life better for people with learning disabilities:

- More understanding from people
- Listen to us
- More support at home
- Go out more at weekends
- Paid work
- Move into a flat
- Garden/swimming/decorating

This Partnership Board meeting was Damien's last as a Speak Up Rep. Damien talked about what was good about being a Speak Up Rep:

- Enjoys organising Forums
- Enjoys meetings
- Meeting people
- Working with people in big jobs
- Happy and feels good
- Wages have been good – saved them and went to a show

Damien and Carol have been Speak Up Reps for 2 years. Damien and Carol have been involved with lots of Forums and Board meetings and talked about lots of things.

The Speak Up Reps showed a powerpoint presentation looking back at their work.

Michael Pitts thanked the current Speak Up Reps and hopes that their involvement with the Partnership Board will continue.

The next **Speak Up Forum** is on **22<sup>nd</sup> March** at Pickering Memorial Hall.



## 5. Carers Reps Reports

Jean Riley talked about the following:

- Attended the Housing Task Group – working on a housing leaflet
- Attended the Transitions Task Group – looking at transitions “back to education”

Gillian talked about the following:

- Attended the Health Task Group
- Attended lots of other meetings
- Skills For Care are helping to provide training to care staff. Skills For Care want to involve Carers at Partnership Boards and would like examples of carer involvement that works well.

**Action: Pass examples of good practice to Gillian.**

The next **Carer Forum** is on **29<sup>th</sup> April** at Scarborough Rugby Club.

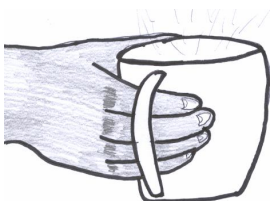
## 6. Provider Forum Report

Lesley talked about the last Provider Forum:

- Staff from the Contracting Department at North Yorkshire County Council came to talk about developments in the Department.

The next **Provider Forum** is on **19<sup>th</sup> April** at North Yorkshire House and will be about changes to the County Learning Disability Service.

**COFFEE BREAK**





## 7. Valuing People Now

Michael welcomed Sam Clark and Scott Cunningham from Inclusion North to the meeting. Sam and Scott came to facilitate the meeting and help the Partnership Board to look at how the Board is going to make Valuing People Now happen locally.

Board members talked about the Partnership Boards rules.

Board members were invited to post notes onto a “compost bin” about things that the Board needs to work on. (See notes below.)

Board members worked in small groups to talk about what the Partnership Board and Task Groups have done well. (See notes below.)

Scott designed a poster to show all the good things that the Board has been doing. (See attached.)

Scott gave a presentation about the national structure. There is the following:

- National Learning Disability Programme Board
- Regional Learning Disability Programme Boards
- Local Learning Disability Partnership Boards

There is also the following:

- National Forum of People with Learning Difficulties
- National Valuing Families Forum

Gavin Harding and Alison Owen are our regional representatives on the National Forum of People with Learning Difficulties. Scott said that we could invite them to a Partnership Board meeting.

Scott said that the Partnership Board needs to make sure that Valuing People Now happens. The Board needs to do the following:

- Look at what services are needed
- Look at how services work
- Make sure that the Board is working well and check who attends
- Have an annual plan and check the plan

The Chief Executives of the Primary Care Trust and North Yorkshire County Council should provide support to ensure that the

Partnership Board works well.



## LUNCH BREAK

### 8. Valuing People Now

Scott gave a presentation about Valuing People Now's big targets. The targets look at the following:

- Rights
- Independent living
- Control
- Inclusion

The main targets of Valuing People Now are:

- Including everyone
- Personalisation
- Having a life
- People as citizens
- Making it happen

Board members worked in small groups for each main heading to talk about what the Partnership Board needs to do. Each small group talked about what needs to happen, how it can happen, who is needed to make it happen and by when. (See attached Group Work notes.)

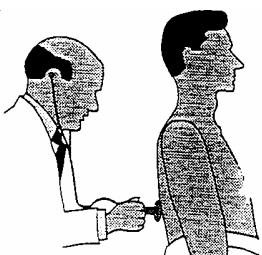
It was agreed that an extra Task Group Chairs meeting would be needed to pull an action plan together. The action plan should be sent out to the Task Groups. The Quality Task Group should check how the plan is going. The Quality Task Group should provide a report to the Partnership Board.

Michael thanked Sam and Scott for their help.

### 9. Anything Else

#### Health Assessment Exercise

Anna said that Lynne has gathered a lot of information together. A small group of people will meet to finish the assessment. There will be a report at the next Partnership Board meeting.



## Health Task Group

Lynne Taylor would like to know if a self advocate would like to become a representative on the Health Task Group. The following people showed interest:

Peter Hineson, Lyndsay Middleton, Rebecca Buckle, Emma Bowker, Annabel Child.

**Action: Kathryn to pass on the names to Lynne. Lynne will contact those interested.**



## Carers Project Changes

Sally talked about the Carers Project. The Carers Project will be changing as the money has been reduced:

- Carers of all ages will be contacted once a year.
- There will be 2 Carer Forums a year.
- Carers Resource will continue to support the Carer Reps.



## Money

Michael read out a letter from Advocacy Alliance asking the Partnership Board to give some money to pay for Speak Up Support at the beginning of the year.

**Action: Anna will let Karen Hornsey know that both Advocacy Alliance and Carers Resource should get some money from the Board now and the rest of the money at the start of September.**

## Keeping Safe

John said that the HELP cards are being used and that the libraries link is up and running.

The next **Partnership Board Meeting** will be on **21<sup>st</sup> April 2010, 10.30am** at Falsgrave Community Resource Centre. The meeting will be about Health.

**You can bring your own lunch or use the café on site.**

## NOTES

### What the Partnership Board and Task Groups have done well.

- Housing Task Group – invited to be part of the Ryedale Housing Forum
- Developing Community Lives Task Group – subgroups to focus on issues
- Good mix of people involved in the Board – want more
- Good feedback goes out
- Quality Task Group – checking on things. Have report on quality before decisions about money are made.
- People with learning disabilities attend/involved in Board and Task Groups
- Board keeps trying to make good changes
- Genuine partnership working
- Genuine campaigning/challenging, for example, buses
- Good at chasing things up
- Reps are supported, respected and listened to – good that they are paid
- Developing Community Lives Task Group – sub groups – good work being done
- Uchooseswr.com website – supported by Board
- PCP Task Group – worked on easy read booklet
- People friendly
- Board funded Health Facilitator (now funded by PCT) and PCP Coordinator Posts
- Person centred plans done
- Health action plans and people on the waiting list
- Open Partnership Board – all welcome
- Venues for Board meetings spread around the area
- Developments in dentistry in Scarborough
- Board getting better at presenting information

### Targets for Valuing People Now

- Including everyone
  - People with complex needs
  - People from black and minority ethnic groups and new communities
  - People with autism
  - People in criminal justice system
  - Family carers and families
- Personalisation
  - People having a plan and getting the life they want
  - Saying what support people need in their lives
  - Planning personal budgets to pay for support

- Having choice, control and independence
- Having a life
  - Better health
  - Own home
  - Work and education
  - Relationships and having a family
  - Support for parents with a learning disability
- People as citizens
  - Advocacy support
  - Transport
  - Access to leisure – changing places
  - Being safe at home and in the community
- Making it happen
  - Leadership
  - Local Partnership Board
  - Planning and buying services – talk together to get what is needed
  - Workforce to be the best that it can be
  - Check things are working

### **Compost Bin Comments - things that the Board needs to work on**

- How information is presented and shared with people at Board meetings
- More contact with media
- Problems with money – hard to make decisions
- Development of relationship with Police
- More involvement from private providers in Task Groups and Partnership Board, for example - Wilf Ward Family Trust
- Evaluation needs improving – work in progress
- Need to work harder to include people with high support needs
- Reps have not always enough time to report back everything they have done to Partnership Board
- Need more representatives from District Councils
- Sometimes we use too much jargon
- More people to use [uchooseswr.com](http://uchooseswr.com) website – better promotion
- Being rushed
- Not enough support from commissioners
- Not enough support from the Board to include those people with complex needs – no plan
- Not moving people forward enough with person centred planning, thinking and working
- What do we do about personalisation
- We need to talk more about health and mental health
- Have we got the right relationship with the people who can make a difference

- Do we follow things through enough, for example – loss of Learning Disability Development Fund money
- Lack of pay and status for carers
- Board meetings need to be more accessible, for example – video
- No choice/control within Primary Care Trust commissioning – must change from the top down
- Didn't fight to keep more funding from North Yorkshire County Council (Learning Disability Development Fund money)
- Task Groups need to provide more support for people to attend the groups
- Need for more representation, and the right people coming to Provider Forum, Task Groups and Board