

**Minutes of the Physical and Sensory Impairment (PSI) Partnership Board Meeting  
held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

**Present**

Kate Kennally	KK	(Chair), Barnet Council
Shirley Regan	SR	(Minutes), Barnet Council
Stella Henriques	SH	Carers Representative
Sara Mabger	SM	Barnet Carers Centre
Paul Baldwin	PB	Representative of people with a physical impairment
Caroline Seitz	CS	MS Society
Marie Bailey	MB	London Borough of Barnet
Brenda Poulson	BP	Representative of people with a hearing impairment
Jean McVey	JM	Representative of people with a visual impairment
Joost Van der Geest	JV	Barnet Council / Barnet Primary Care Trust (PCT)
Baldish Mcgurrian	BM	Barnet Council
Emily Sault	ES	Barnet Council
Andy Lawrence	AL	Barnet Council
Sandra Rhodes	SR	Disability Action in the borough of Barnet (DabB)
Charles Nelson	CN	Barnet College
Claire Bailey	CB	

**Apologies**

David Hart	DH	Barnet Voluntary Services Council
Mira Goldberg	MG	Representative of people with a hearing impairment
Nigel Thornton	NT	Barnet Council. Housing
Jaspal Dhani	JD	DabB
Dave Pearce	DP	Middlesex Association for the Blind
Karen May	KM	Barnet Primary Care Trust
Alan Brackpool	AB	Barnet Council / Barnet Primary Care Trust
Graham Nolan	GN	SENSE

1	<p><b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September were agreed and accepted.</p>	Action
2	<p><b>Matters Arising from the previous minutes</b></p> <p><b>1. Audiology Services</b></p> <p>The meeting between Royal Free Hospital and Barnet Hearing Advice services will now be arranged by Steve Ashmore from Barnet Primary Care Trust (PCT). Brenda has agreed to attend as Partnership Board Representative.</p> <p><b>2. Supporting People and Barnet Association for the Blind</b></p> <p>The Briefing on current position of Supporting People core strategy group will be sought from Alan Brackpool.</p>	<p>SR</p> <p>KK</p>

	<p><b>3. National Stroke Strategy</b></p> <p>A joint response on consultation submitted by Barnet PCT on behalf of both the London Borough of Barnet and the PCT is now available and can be obtained from Shirley Regan if required.</p>	
3	<p><b>Co Chair of Partnership Board</b></p> <p>It was reported that Mike Nash had tendered his resignation as Co-chair due to ill health. A new co-chair who should be a Barnet resident with a disability will need to be elected. It was agreed by the Board that expressions of interest would be sought through organisations and Board Members. An offer to cover the role temporarily was made by JM and BP in the interim pending other candidates.</p> <p>An invite with a deadline will be circulated before the next meeting.</p> <p>A meeting will be held by JM, BP and KK to agree the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	SR
4	<p><b>User and Carer expenses</b></p> <p>The above item was deferred to the next meeting.</p>	DH
5	<p><b>Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI)- Inspection Report</b></p> <p>A full copy of the final CSCI report and Action plan for the implementation of service improvements was circulated to all board members. The Board was informed by KK that the report was discussed at the Council Cabinet Meeting held on 29 October 2007 and the action plan was approved.</p> <p>The meeting was informed of the work that the Physical and Sensory Impairment (PSI) team was developing on client reviews and MB agreed to present a written progress report (which would shape the team's Business Plan for 2008/9) to the next meeting. This plan will include closer working links with Mental Health and Learning Disabilities services. An invite to a table discussion on the future of the PSI network at the next meeting was given to DH and MC.</p> <p>Representatives for the PSI care management team will be nominated for each of the Board workstreams.</p> <p>An annual User and Carer event will be discussed at the next Board meeting.</p>	DH MB SR/ES
6	<p><b>Workstream Reports</b></p> <p><b>Disability Equality</b></p> <p>A meeting chaired by JD and supported by JV was held by the group on 4 December 2007. A short update on the current action given JV were as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disability Equality Awards were due to be launched in January with nominations sought from the latter part of January.</li> <li>- Disability Awareness Training it appeared, was already well established within the public sector but Jaspal had to check its content and requirement on all frontline staff that will be attending.</li> <li>- Other priorities that the group will focus on include links with secondary schools and establishing a consultative group for Barnet Council members on disability issues.</li> </ul>	



	<p>comment on proposals, and advise on service requirements. All current users will also be invited to self review their support needs in relation to day opportunities.</p> <p><b>Update on Other workstreams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Carers (Stella/Sara)</b></li> </ul> <p>It was reported that the priority for Carers focus should be on two topics initially</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emergency planning</li> <li>- Support for Young Carers</li> </ul> <p>There is a meeting planned to discuss how best to involve carers in the strategic planning, with a full report on work in progress to next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Choice and Empowerment (Shirley/Paul)</b></li> </ul> <p>Current focus will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of Flightways Steering Committee</li> <li>- User representation on other workstreams</li> <li>- <b>Housing and support (Alan/Nigel)</b></li> </ul> <p>The group is yet to have its first meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Health and Social Care (Kate/Karen)</b></li> </ul> <p>This work has now been included in the work of the Long Term Conditions National Support Framework group, which is currently reviewing its priorities for 2008.</p>	SH/SM/SR
7	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>The Board was informed by KK that Barnet will be hosting a Christmas Party for all Partnership Board members in the Emerald suite at NLBP on the evening of 11 December. Members should confirm attendance to Johanne Carstairs as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Date of the next meeting will be <b>16 January 2008</b>, from <b>11 am – 3 pm</b> in <b>Conference Room 3, Building 2, North London Business Park.</b></p>	