

Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board

31st January 2007, 1pm – 3pm, North London Business Park

1. Present

Keith Arrowsmith-Oliver	- Project Manager
Feroza Bartlett	- Sensory Impairment Team Manager
Carol Baxter	- Project Manager
Alan Brackpool	- Joint Commissioner (Disabilities)
Jaspal Dhani	- Director of Disability Action in Barnet
David Hart	- BVSC Representative
Amy Jones	- Minutes
Kate Kennally (Co-Chair)	- Assistant Director, Health Partnerships (Younger)

Adults

Jean McVey	- Representing Barnet's Blind Community
Mike Nash (Co-Chair)	- Service User Representative
Brenda Poulson	- Service User Representative
Carolin Seitz	- MS Society
Sarupa Shah	- Equalities Consultant
Mike Smith	- Barnet Carers Centre
Nigel Thornton	- Housing Representative
Joost Van der Geest	- Partnership Officer
Dominic Wright	- Director of Commissioning & Performance

Management

Apologies:

Mira Goldberg	- Representing Barnet's Deaf Community
Stella Henriques	- Carers Representative
Fiona Jackson	- Head of Allied Health Professionals
Trevor Picton	- Middlesex Association for the Blind
Andrew Wilkes	- Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment

Service Manager

2. Minutes from Partnership Board Meeting on 9 November 2006, and matters arising.

Jean confirmed that she received her minutes on tape.

Jaspal and David have met regarding the new format of the Network. The first meeting is on Thursday 22nd February and its theme is Housing and Support. The other themes are Day Opportunities, Advocacy & Advice and Health & Wellbeing. Alan and Nigel will attend the first meeting, and in the future more people will be invited than the original Network members. Nigel will feed in information about the Housing Needs Strategy.

The Transition Event is on Tuesday 27th February at North London Business Park. Kate said that the Council want to start working on Transition with young people earlier. Currently we have 5 people working on a proposal of what our new Transition Service will look like.

Commission for Social Care Inspection report on Transition mentions Barnet as an example of good practice.

Action: Amy will circulate this.

David also has a paper on transition by the Learning and Skills Council.

Carol said that Helen Scott was given the Process Mapping report and agreed to feed it back to her groups.

Action: Feroza will ask Karen May whether she sent feedback regarding the action of nurses being trained how to change batteries in Hearing Aids.

Action: David will send Nigel a paper on regeneration. They will meet regarding how they can feed into each others networks.

The User Survey will be sent out on 13th February to 372 people. The deadline for return is 16th March. A Survey Results Fact Sheet will be sent out.

Unfortunately the survey could not be put online because of the very high costs involved.

The Supporting People Inspection took place on 15th January. The verbal feedback has been excellent, and the written report will be ready on 12th February.

The inspectors did highlight that the Supporting People spend on Physical and Sensory Impairment was low and in fixed schemes, and as a result the Supporting People Strategy is currently being updated.

3. Adult Strategy Group annual public conference

The Adult Strategy Group is the overarching group which the 4 Partnership Boards come under. Once a year there is a conference, which is open to the public. Each Partnership Board does a presentation of their main achievements for the year and their priorities for next year. There is also a 'Talking Tables' session where members of the public can ask questions.

We also need to write an annual report, which is ready 2 weeks before the event, which is on 26th March.

Mike and Jaspal volunteered to do the Talking Tables.

The report will be written by a number of people, as follows:

- Carol/Keith/Jaspal will get feedback from the Process Mapping days.
- Karen May re: National Service Framework Long Term Conditions
- Commissioning Team
- Kate Kennally
- Barnet Voluntary Services Council

Action: Kate will put together a template for these individuals to fill in.

Action: Jaspal will put the 10 minutes presentation together.

Mike and Kate will do the presentation.

4. Work Plan

The 7th March meeting will concentrate on our work plan. It will be 12pm – 4.30pm and will include lunch.

5. Development of a Community Stroke Service

Kate explained that our current Stroke Service is inadequate for reasons including the fixed length of time offered for rehabilitation, which actually varies between regions of the borough and age groups.

Kate would like to know what difficulties people are having with Stroke Services, and Social Services are looking into how many of the 90-100 strokes cases a year they support.

A positive start is that notice has been given to the Royal Free that rehabilitation has now been reprovided to Finchley Memorial Hospital.

Other steps include training the public and ambulance drivers to recognise when an individual has had a stroke, and take them immediately to the Royal Free where they can have a CT Scan within 4 hours and given Clot-Busting Drugs where necessary. If this can be established, it will be a first for London.

Mike Nash said that people who have been disabled by a stroke need to be informed they have a disability and so are entitled to services.

The group would like to see rehabilitation of many neurological conditions to be approached as a unit rather than each separately.

Action: Dominic will consider this proposal.

Action: Amy will send the volunteers for long term conditions to Dominic.

Action: Dominic will send Amy the dates regarding Long Term Conditions.

Action: Jaspal will speak to his colleague from Different Strokes to ask whether Adele Yemm can contact her. Jaspal will inform Dominic.

Action: Kate will find out how many people who have had a stroke come through Social Services.

Action: Dominic will find out how many people in Barnet have had a stroke, and some of their outcomes.

6. PSI Inspection

CSCI are considering pushing this inspection back until July or September.

This inspection will look at service commissioned by the council, services provided by the council and joint working arrangements.

There are criteria to determine how we are serving people.

The following preparations are required:

- 12 weeks before: Set up meeting – which we have had.
- 10 weeks before: The council must supply a list of 200 people using Social Services.
- 8 weeks before: 90 service users, 50 carers and providers will be surveyed over a 2 week period and the Council will do a self-assessment.
- 2 weeks before: The inspectors will look at key care plan documents for 8 service users.

The inspectors will be onsite for 6 days. 10 days after they leave, we will receive a headline report, followed by a written report within a month.

Criteria include:

- National Priorities and Strategic Objectives
- Cost and Efficiency
- Outcomes
- Diversity and Social Inclusion

Mike said that as a Service User representative, he'd be involved.

Kate said that changes are taking place to the Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment teams, for which a formal consultation document is going out tomorrow. There is going to be a Service Manager post and the teams are going to become integrated.

Emily Sault is leading work on a borough wide publicity campaign in April around Direct Payments. Kate would like the Board to look at the leaflets for this in terms of accessibility. Also, there is going to be a guide for people with a physical or sensory impairment, which Disability Action in the Borough of Barnet agreed to help with.

It will be confirmed by the end of the week when the Inspection will take place.

7. Commissioning Strategy Development and workshop

A detailed Commissioning Strategy is going to be written which will explain how we will spend our money. This will go to cabinet in April.

8. Feedback from the Disability equality scheme launch and Disability Equality Oscars

Carol gave everyone a summary report about the Disability Equality Scheme Launch Event.

Jean said that the tape she's been sent on this was not comprehensive.

Action: Carol will contact the company who recorded it.

It was also stated that RNIB put documents into Braille free of charge if they are given sufficient time.

Action: Sarupa will feed back to Julie Pal that it is necessary for there to be a document which sets the background for any new schemes.

Action: Kate would like the Board to consider whether they are happy with the categories suggested during the Disability Equality Oscar workshop.

It was agreed that the Disability Equality Oscars should take place at Christmas 2007. Therefore, people will need to nominate themselves around June/July.

It was agreed that there should be separate panels for each award, which must comprise of at least one member of the Physical and sensory Impairment Partnership Board. Carol agreed to be our point of reference.

Kate would also like the Board to consider organisations sponsoring an award.

Mike stressed how important it is for Service Users to be involved in every step of the Disability equality scheme.

9. Taking forward the disability and equalities agenda

Sarupa explained that she and Joost are going to do an Impact Assessment around equality issues. This will involve looking at the documents the service area work alongside, or helping the development of these documents.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Next meeting date:

7 March, 12pm – 4.30pm, North London Business Park Building 5 (room 2)