

**Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2007, 12pm – 4.30pm**  
**North London Business Park, Building 5**

**1. Present:**

Keith Arrowsmith-Oliver	- Project Manager
Carol Baxter	- Project Manager
Alan Brackpool	- Joint Commissioner
Jaspal Dhani	- Director of Disability Action in Barnet
Stella Henriques	- Carers Representative
Fiona Jackson	- Head of Allied Health Professionals
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
Emily Sault	- Communication and Information Manager
Carolin Seitz	- MS Society
Joost Van der Geest	- Partnership Officer
Andrew Wilkes	- Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment Service Manager

**Apologies:**

Feroza Bartlett	- Sensory Impairment Team Manager
Mira Goldberg	- Representing Barnet's Deaf Community
David Hart	- BVSC Representative
Almeda Hewitt	- Physical Disabilities Team Manager
Trevor Picton	- Middlesex Association for the Blind
Brenda Poulson	- Service User Representative
Nigel Thornton	- Housing Representative
Dominic Wright	- Director of Commissioning & Performance Management

**2. Minutes and Matters Arising**

Emily has sent a reminder letter out for the User Survey.

**Action:** Kate would like a representative for Adult Social Services to attend the meeting on Stroke Services on 9<sup>th</sup> March – Fiona will be involved in arranging this.

Commission for Social Care Inspection will be carrying out their fieldwork for the PSI Inspection 17-26 July. Social Services are required to start submitting information to CSCI on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

The Self Assessment form will come to the Partnership Board in May. There will also be a Project Board.

Andrew has been looking into areas Barnet could improve on:

- File Auditing
- Liaison between Children and Adult Services.
- Involving Carers

Kate said that it is probable that the inspection team will include a Health Care Inspector.

A meeting took place regarding the Disability Equality Scheme. The importance of developing a group of disabled people who can input in all aspects of the scheme was agreed upon. Julie Pal will write to the Citizens Panel to see if they would like to join the Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board. It is hoped that 20 people will be in this new group, and Mike Nash would like to be involved.

The Commissioning Strategy is going to cabinet on 5<sup>th</sup> April.

### **3. Group Work**

The Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board split up into groups to look through the work plan to make sure we have included the right things, and haven't forgotten anything. General feedback was as follows:

It was agreed that we need to include a statement relating to the Black Minority Ethnic agenda.

The Board agreed that it would be very useful if we had our own bank of photos of disabled people in Barnet.

**Action:** Emily will look into this.

The Direct Payments Campaign is currently being worked on, as is a team leaflet for people with a physical or sensory impairment which outlines what we do and how to contact us.

Emily is also working on a directory for disabled people in Barnet, and would like to get a subgroup together to help her achieve this.

The 3 groups also feedback on the 2 sections they each looked at:

### **'Our Life'**

## **Day Opportunities and Employment:**

### *What's working well:*

- Direct Payments are the first and preferred choice.
- Flightways offers a range of activities.

### *What we do first:*

- Explore the potential to establish a social form run by disabled people e.g. recycling pc's
- Employment advisor based at Flightways, but outreach.
- Encourage and promote leisure activities.
- Local Authority and Primary Care Trust to set an example by increasing the number of people employed with a Physical Disability or Sensory Impairment.
- Connect with Barnet specialist service for the deafblind – Sense.

## **Housing and Support:**

### *What needs to change:*

- No waiting list/responsive service for people requiring service.
- Development of multi-disciplinary step-down provision to avoid residential provision.

### *What we will do first:*

- Meet 48 hour and 28 day targets.
- Housing Options Support worker
- Promote self assessment

### *How will we know we have done it:*

- 48 hour and 28 days targets met
- 30% fewer funded by Local Authority
- Increase telecare by 100%
- Improve Helped to Live at Home target as necessary
- Reduction in the number of residential care/nursing placements made from hospitals
- Meet the established targets/numbers for people using self assessment.

## **'Our Services'**

## **Health and Social Services working in Partnership:**

### *What's working well*

- Joint working examples need further development

#### *What needs to change*

- Reduction in duplication of assessment
- Rehabilitation Workers – need to look at different ways of working.
- There should be a Community Rehabilitation Service rather than just Stroke.

#### *What we will do first*

- We need to make sure that Self Assessment does not exclude any groups e.g. those with cognitive impairment and that it is delivered in a range of ways e.g. on tape.

#### *How will we know we have done it*

- Include figures in targets

### **Disability Equality is Everyone's Business:**

- Disability Equality Oscars are a great idea to get everyone involved.
- Applaud work done by the Police – Deaflink. This must be rolled out to other organisations.
- Awards will be given to facilitate spread of good practise.
- An update is required regarding leisure facilities

#### *What we will go first*

- Need working groups to develop targeted programmes.

### **'Our Say'**

### **Empowerment and Choice:**

#### *What's working well*

- Voluntary organisations of disabled people provide information and advice for people with a physical and/or sensory impairment and the people who support them.

#### *What needs to change*

- Information in accessible formats about services
- Direct Payments – user led support, mentors and publicity.
- Empower organisations of disabled people providing services for people with a physical or sensory impairment

#### *What we will do first*

- Centre for Independent Living – for all disabled people.
- Direct Payments/Individualised budgets (points 1 & 6)
- Centre for Independent Living – (points 3 & 9)
- Transition (points 1 & 2)

- Information (points 4, 5 and 6)
- Empowerment (point 4)

### **Supporting Family Carers:**

#### *What's working well:*

- Carers Development Worker through Barnet Carers Centre and Disability Action in the Borough of Barnet partnership.
- Carers Nurse

#### *What needs to change:*

- Strengthen counselling and support services for Carers

### **4. Who should we involve to deliver the work plan?**

The following format for delivering our work plan was agreed:

- 6 subgroups – one for each priority area of the Work Plan
- 6 meetings per year
- At each meeting there will be a business session and a workshop session. Each subgroup will run one of the workshop sessions, and anyone who is interested in the topic can attend. The workshops can begin at the September meeting.
- Each subgroup will have a Terms of Reference and will record the actions that come out of each meeting. Amy can help to chase up the actions.

Kate would like 6 volunteers to be the leads. Amy will support the subgroups.

**Action:** Kate and Mike will write invites to other people to join the Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board meeting because the Board would like more members.

#### *Date of next meeting:*

*9 May, 1-3, North London Business Park, Building 5 (room 2)*