

Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board
26 November 2008, 10.30am – 14.30pm
Conference Room 3, Building 2, North London Business Park N11 1NP

Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

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| Kate Kennally (KK) | Chair, Barnet Council |
| Brenda Poulson (BP) | Deaf / Hard of Hearing Representative |
| Dexter Hanoomansingh (DH) | Director of Disability Action in the Borough of Barnet (DabB) |
| Emily Bowler (EB) | Communications Manager, Barnet Council |
| David Pearce (DP) | Middlesex Association for the Blind |
| Mira Goldberg (MG) | Deaf Representative, Chair of Barnet's Sign Language User Group |
| Rita Norman (RN) | British Sign Language (BSL)/English Interpreter |
| Kate Furby (KF) | BSL/English Interpreter |
| Shirley Regan (SR) | Project Consultant, Barnet Council |
| Marie Bailey (MB) | Physical and Sensory Impairment Service Manager, Barnet Council |
| David Hart (DH) | Barnet Voluntary Service Council |
| Simon Crawford (SC) | London Sports Forum for Disabled People |
| Paul Baldwin (PB) | Barnet Disability and Independence Steering Committee (BDISC) |
| Elaine Jones (EJ) | BDISC |
| Karen Lewis (KL) | Advocacy in Barnet |
| Stella Henriques (SH) | Carer's Representative |
| Senal Alkan (SA) | Minutes, Barnet Council |

| Sensory Impairment | | |
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| 1. | Apologies and Matters Arising | |
| | <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed for accuracy.</p> <p>Matters arising: Wheelchair service. Primary Care Trust to send information through.</p> <p>Our Life Newsletter. Thank you to Emily and Paul. Excellent and positive information.</p> <p>Carers centre - discussed</p> <p>Transport Seminar on 3 December 2008</p> | <p>Action: Invite Carol Thompson to January meeting.</p> <p>Action: Send Our Life Newsletter to DABB (Dexter)</p> <p>Action invite Mike Smith to future meeting</p> |
| 2. | Election of Co-Chair | |
| | <p>Nominated David Pearce as our Sensory Impairment Co Chair.</p> <p>All agreed.</p> | |
| 3. | Vision 20:20 Strategy and How Barnet Will Respond | |
| | <p>DP presented the 'Vision 20:20 Strategy'. UK vision strategy has 12 priorities with 4 strategic areas.</p> <p>Question: How do we get people to register if they have a visual impairment?</p> | <p>Action: KK and DP to write to PCT to advise them on vision 20/20, and ask what action they are taking to address.</p> <p>MB- to discuss with teams.</p> |
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| 4. | <p>Good Practice in Sight RNIB Report</p> | |
| | <p>A guidance to councils to improve services</p> <p>Self assessment tool is part of this guidance. Vision 20/20 – Discussion re Primary Care Trust contribution to this.</p> <p>SH – Has met people who are not aware of how good Adult Social Services are now.</p> <p>KK – Use Middlesex Association for the Blind Newsletter to build confidence as to where our services are.</p> <p>Registration statistics: Prevalence rates 3x higher How easy it is to access areas of support, is it viewed? Only touching a third of people on the register.</p> <p>SH – People may not wish to register as they have not accepted it yet (being blind).</p> <p>DP – Support benefits that exist. SH – Being supported by Adult Social Services and Middlesex Association for the Blind</p> <p>Talking Newspaper for visual impaired people. Pay for advertising (EB)</p> <p>MG – Needs to think about what the benefits are.</p> <p>BP – Free travel for hard of hearing ...age 55 (bus pass)</p> | <p>Action: EB – add information on registration and benefits to Barnet webpage's</p> |
| 5. | <p>Flightways Modernisation Update</p> | |
| | <p>Update Report from Shirley on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Care Plan Management Review • Younger Adults <p>Staff – Interviews for new staff structure starting next week, with aim to complete first stage of interviews before Christmas, so that all current staff know where they stand.</p> | |

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| | <p>Older adults Care Plan Management Reviews and Support Plans completed and transition to more appropriate services commenced.</p> <p>Same process for younger adults in progress. New service model will provide a range of services promoting independence through outcome focussed intervention, in areas such as daily living skills, access to colleges, employment etc.</p> <p>Physiotherapy – Primary Care Trust carried out thorough review of physiotherapy needs. There will be a dedicated physiotherapist, working with people to increase their mobility.</p> <p>Building closer links with Marie Foster Centre which is working to establish a community resource for neurological conditions. The Centre are launching a new service just before Christmas.</p> <p>Paul and Elaine reported on BDISC developments. Friendship groups planning to start in new year, meeting in a range of places of their choice (not just at Flightways).</p> <p>Disability awareness training group provided a session to Burnt Oak Library staff and received very positive feedback.</p> <p>Elaine – In discussion with Community focus regarding Art and Pottery groups, with the aim for people to be able to exhibit and sell their work.</p> | |
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| <p>6.</p> | <p>Developing Services for Deaf Clients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Barnet Hearing Advice Service and British Sign Language Services • Reference Group | |
| | <p>Barnet Hearing Advice Service Review of service completed and recommendations accepted by the Primary Care Trust about the transfer of service delivery to the NHS. Met with volunteers to discuss implications and requirements for technical support and supervision Next step to have 3 way meetings with the Primary Care</p> | |

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| | Trust and Royal Free. BP confirmed that volunteer team thinks positive move | |
| | British Sign Language service Following discussion at Deaf forum, the next stage is for Shirley to formulate revised options, discuss with deaf reference group in partnership with Mira and bring to a future Partnership Board for ratification. | |
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| 7. | Research Feedback on the number of people registered Visually Impaired across London | |
| | 153,000 blind people - 5% 156,000 partially blind -8% In Barnet 905 registered partially blind, 90 new cases in a year. Does Barnet keep a register for the deaf and blind? Question (SR): Any other actions missing? David wants to speak to service users, will have answers by next meeting. | Action: David to summarise for Board actions required in Barnet |
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| 8. | How is Barnet to involve People with a Disability in the 2012 Olympics | |
| | SC – How is Barnet going to involve people with a Disability 2012 Olympics? Disabled people can be involved in sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can call Simon directly • How can they get involved • Action forum 6 December 2008 at Tottenham Hotspurs Football Club • Coach ability training people with disabilities • C-Span link up sport and activity in Barnet 5 December 2008 meeting, how in Barnet we can make this sports development happen. Sports forum, encourage people with disabilities in supporting each other. | |

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| | <p>Sports for Visually Impaired people, what is there in North London?</p> <p>Look at local centres to see how we can make these possible....Bowling? Gym to support peoples needs, need to be guided (health and safety) issues. Swimming is provided, with ramps etc.</p> <p>Gyms don't know what needs to be available, not suitable for wheelchair users, for example Maybe gyms should have training on how to support people with disabilities.</p> | |
| 9. | Centre for Independent Living Development Group | |
| | <p>BDISC looking to identify funding for development worker.</p> <p>Shirley and Paul will hold initial meeting in New Year to establish coalition of Barnet user led groups across care groups to begin planning on capital development and the Centre for Independent Living service specification.</p> | |
| 10. | Self Directed Support | |
| | - Move to next meeting | Action: Invite Ed Gowan |
| 11. | Workstream Reports | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB – Communications has been happening. • EB – Changes to the website. • Health and Social care partnership- Shared Care - Nigel Love and Marie Bailey – led a workshop • Day and employment opportunities. • Accommodation and support work, a lot of work been done. Built up a good relationship with housing. • Generally some but not all work streams have been active. <p>All agreed therefore to the below to provide a framework to the next steps of Partnership Board.</p> | |
| 12. | Annual Review of Partnership Board Work Programme | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint commissioner to be a member of this board • Implementing new model in early 2009 • Introducing enablement • Support for people in their own homes • Investment in enablement short term work • Looking at investing in more front line staff • Brokerage will still continue | |
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| | Physical Disabilities | |
| 13. | Election of Co-Chair | |
| | Possible candidate for Physical Disabilities co-chair identified by BDISC, and information provided to consider if wishes to do the role. | |
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| 14. | Life Since Commission for Social Care Inspection | |
| | <p>MB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements discussed regarding the Action plan • Commitment to continue with progress made • Engaging with service users • Telecare is growing • Links with employment advisor -John Higgs | |
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| 15. | Transitions | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Transitions Team - now in place • Launch of the team Spring 2009 | |
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| 16. | Any Other Business | |
| | SR – suggested it would be important to have a public launch of the new Barnet Independent Living Service in spring, to promote the benefits of the changes | |
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| | Date of Next Meetings | |
| | 28 January 2009 – Conference Room 3, North London Business Park, 10.30am -14.30pm | |
| | 25 March 2009 – Conference Room 2, North London Business Park, 10.30am -14.30pm | |