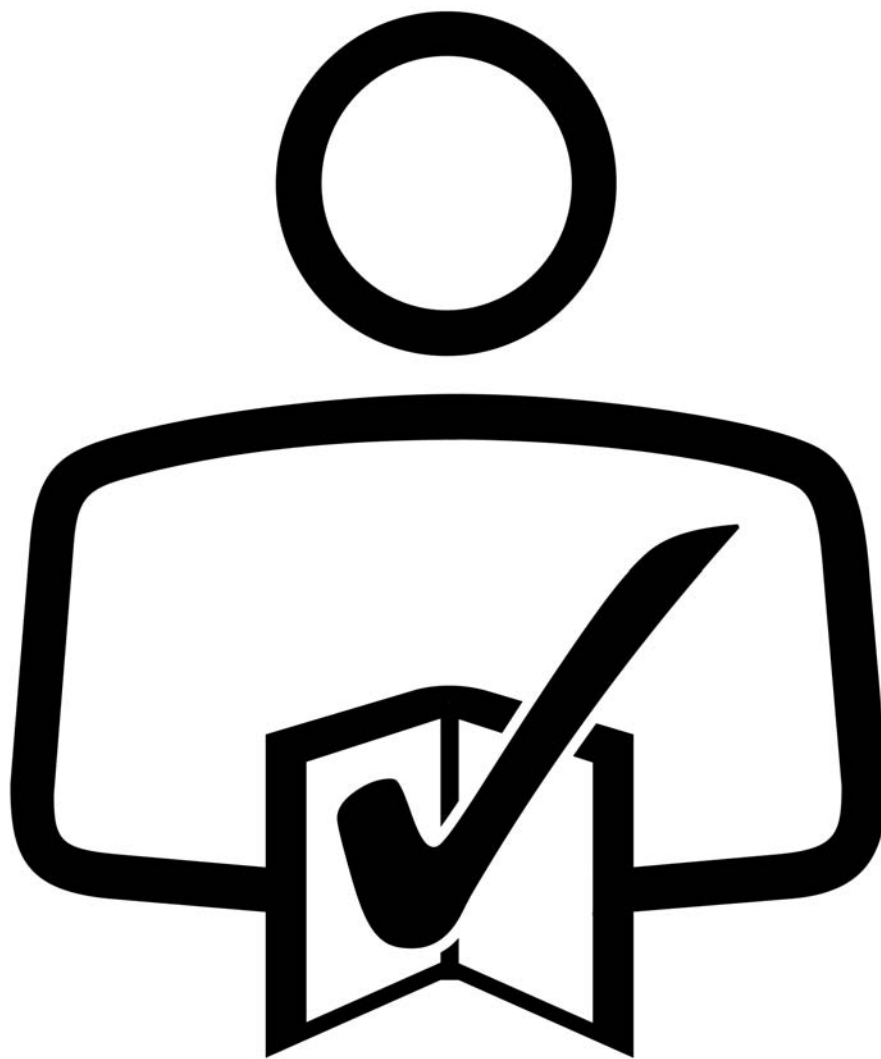


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Person Centred Planning

Minutes of November 2005 Meeting

Dates for 2006 Meetings



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Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome to issue 10 of the newsletter from Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board.



Meetings 2006

The Board will meet on Tuesday:

17 January

7 March

9 May

11 July

12 September

7 November

All meetings start at 10.30am.



Meetings will be held at Wilson's Park Business Centre. The venue is independently accessible and has accessible toilets. There is free parking right outside.



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Bryan Smith works for Mencap. Since last July, he has been the Person Centred Planning Co-ordinator. Mencap recently took over the job of arranging Person Centred Planning for people. For the next 3 years Bryan will help people with a learning disability get their own plan. Bryan hopes this will help make life better for people and their families and carers.

Bryan has worked for over 30 years at all levels with learning disabled adults. He has experience of the health service, social services and the voluntary sector.

He has been involved in advocacy and worked with parent groups. He says he hopes he is a practical person and is “passionately committed to person centred approaches”. Bryan joined Mencap as a District Officer in 1999.

Over the next year, there will be a lot of events to tell people more about Person Centred Planning, including 4 half-day training sessions for people with learning disabilities. These will be held every Thursday in February at Manchester People First’s office.

On 6 February 2006, the Person Centred Planning Implementation Group will be having a big planning day. There will also be awareness days for families and care staff during the year. Get in touch with Bryan to find out more.

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Interview



November Meeting



1. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Ring and Ride

It was agreed that Manchester People First carry on having meetings with Ring and Ride. Ring and Ride contacted Janet. She will be able to use the service outside 'normal' hours. Ring and Ride have also been asked to come to the new Partnership Board for Physical Disability Services.

4. Update on Leisure Services

Julia Herring is a Sports Development Officer. She told people about her job and the Leisure Services Department. Her job lasts until next March. She looks at how to make mainstream services easier to use. Some people have problems getting transport. The times things are held at can stop people doing things.

Fighting Fit

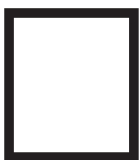
There are 3 'Fighting Fit' groups. These try to make disabled people healthier by doing physical activity.

The groups try to use mainstream services and have flexible times to suit parents and carers.

The Partnership Board could help promote this work.

We need to find out why more people do not use the schemes. The Board agreed to help hold an event about what leisure services and physical activity services are available.

Belle Vue Leisure Centre has held events where learning disabled people could try different sports.



There was a £4 charge, this will be used to fund an Olympic Team. More information will be given to people about how the money is used.

There are some problems with North City Family and Fitness Centre in Harpurhey. Learning disabled people are having to pay for Doctors notes to use the gym. Organisations and the City Council will get in touch with the centre to sort it out. It was agreed to ask people from Fighting Fit to come to the next Partnership Board meeting. Julia will tell Fighting Fit about what we have talked about and list groups they need to contact. She will look at the problems with the centre.

5. Refreshment Break

6. Workforce Development Report

Their report was circulated. It was agreed to look at this at the March meeting.

7. Employment and Modernising Day Service Update

Gary gave the report to the Board members.

We agreed that the Employment and Day Services groups should work independently from each other but meet together 2 times a year. Each group gives a report to the Partnership Board in May or June.

Richard Hughes was elected as 'Employment Champion'. The Board should try to get a parent to join the sub-groups.

Manchester People First said they were going to Skill City. They would look at accessibility and quality.

They have invited a representative from Stepping Stones to accompany them, but there has not been a response yet.

Paul Cassidy said we needed to get better value for money in employment services. We talked about how to get more people in paid jobs. Dave Ruane said they were trying to get pay for people in Day Services at Wythenshawe Park.

Problems



The Mencap work experience 1 year contract is doing well.

The Board needs to bring organisations to account.

Jeff Staniforth should be asked to a sub-group meeting.

Paul Cassidy, Sue Cooley, Richard Hughes, Dave Ruane and a Breakthrough representative were elected to the group.

Someone from Stepping Stones should come to the next Board meeting.

8. Direct Payments Update

Helen said that more people were looking at Direct Payments. She said her family had a better life because of Direct Payments.

Information on Direct Payments was too complex for people to understand, there needed to be more 'surgery' kind of help for people.

There will be an event for learning disabled people next year and it was agreed to hold a surgery every month at Talbot House. Kay asked if a surgery could be held at Himmat.

Sarah said the Assistant Chief Education Officer is reporting to the Children's Scrutiny Committee on transition.

There will be information on DP and Person Centred Plans for young people between the ages of 16-19.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Person Centred Planning

Anna said the turn out for the audit event was very poor.

A lot of invites had been sent out, but only 13 people came. The co-ordinator will tell the Board about the findings at the next meeting.

The PCP Implementation Group feel let-down by the Board and it was agreed that Bryan Smith and Sarah Rooney come to the next meeting to talk about Person Centred Planning.



9.2 Meetings in 2006

Dates of next year's meetings were given out (see page 2).



9.3 Planning with Parents at Talbot House

Talbot House have done the Planning with Parents Training Course. 10 Person Centred Plans have been done by parents and carers. Another 10 are being done.

9.4 Councillor Cooley

Sue Cooley is not the Executive Member of Manchester City Council any more. She has more time to cover the other areas of work. She has asked to be kept informed.

9.5 Partnership Board Web Site

It was agreed at the last meeting to do a web site. A draft version has been done and was available for people to look at. Any comments or ideas should be sent to People First.



9.6 Personal Hygiene Handout

Kay Ahmed said Himmat is looking at how the personal hygiene needs of learning disabled Muslim women can be met. An information leaflet was given out. An information day for professionals was being planned.



Comments should be sent to:

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Himmat

Slade Lane Neighbourhood Centre

Longsight, Manchester



10. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 17 January 2006, 10.30 a.m.





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