

Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board

# Partnership



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# Hello Again

## Introduction

Welcome to the second issue of the newsletter from Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board. We sent out 1000 copies of the first issue to people, groups and organisations.

We showed it to the 'Friday Group' – a group of learning disabled adults in Gorton. They thought the type was big enough so it was easy to read. And they said the pictures helped them follow what the words were about.

We want to make the newsletter easy to understand. We will be asking people what they think of each issue. Tell us what you think.

If you did not get a copy of Issue 1 and want to see it, we have a (very) few copies left.

## Competition

### Think of a name

We still want you to think of a name for this newsletter. We will give £25 of Boots vouchers to the best one. Send us your ideas, please note our new address.

## New Address



Manchester People First, who produce this newsletter for the Partnership Board, have moved offices. The new address is:  
Manchester People First  
Unit 21 Wilson Park Business Centre  
Newton Heath  
M40 8WN

# Members of the Board

Keith Ambrey–Central Primary Care Trust;  
A. Baker–Parent/Carer;  
Simon Bailey–Manchester Mencap;  
Iain Carson–University of Manchester;  
Paul Cassidy–Social Services;  
Janet Chadwick–Adult Education;  
Anna Fedesczo–Manchester Learning Disability Partnership;  
Ann Flemming–MLDP;  
Sarah Hubbard–Children’s Services;  
Stephen Hughes–Manchester People First;  
Richard Hughes–Manchester People First;  
Helen Johnston–Talbot House Carers’ Centre;  
Melanie Leslie–Connexions;  
Tom McLean–MLDP;  
Jean Roper–Social Services;  
Mari Saeki–National Autistic Society;  
Judd Skelton–Manchester Mencap;  
Mark Burton–MLDP;  
Councillor Sue Cooley (vice chair of Partnership Board);  
Daniel Docherty–Manchester People First;  
Janet Flood–Central & South Mencap;  
Mike Kellaway–MLDP;  
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Denise Price–Joint Commissioning Team;  
Jock Rodger–Learning Skills Council;  
Karin Rogers–Job Centre Plus;  
Corina Seymour–Learning Skills Council;  
Councillor David Royle (Chair of Partnership Board);  
Mary Shaw–Adult Placement;  
Pam Thomas–Breakthrough UK;  
Bernie Woods–Talbot House;  
Marie Wronco–Independent Sector.

◀ These are all  
the members  
of the Board



# Minutes of July Meeting

## What was decided

The meeting was held on 19 July at the Kath Locke Centre. Everyone agreed the minutes of the last meeting were true.

### **Person Centred Planning Communication Plan**

Anna Fedeczko from MLDP Think Quality, said a small group had done a plan about Person Centred Planning.

They would give it to members at the next Partnership Board meeting.



Councillor Cooley said it was a good idea to make the video telling people about Person Centred Planning.

The Partnership Board would pay for the video and ManMedia had been asked to see how much it would cost.

### **Workforce Training and Development Group**

Mark Burton would tell the next meeting about what the group had done.



### **Newsletter–Richard Hughes**

750 copies had so far been given out. A list of where it was sent would be given to the next meeting. People said it had got off to a good start. We should look at having it in libraries and housing offices.

Bernie and Elly from Talbot House agreed to be in the next issue which will be out in August/September.

### **Health Action Plans–Moirá Donlan**

The Valuing People Support Team wanted each district to report on their Action for Health Framework including any problems they had had.

A small group is being set up to make Action for Health better in Manchester.

It was felt that we had to make the action plans and the statement of purpose better.

The Person Centred Planning and Good Health Group will work together to make things more person centred. People with more health needs will get more planning. Councillor Sue Cooley will be going to a meeting of the Manchester Project Foundation for Physical and Learning Disabilities. She will tell the Board what went on. Elly Johnson from Talbot House said one parent has a Person Centred Plan and they are looking at what does and what does not work with it. It was said that someone from the Council's Leisure Department and the Primary Care Trusts should be on the Board's Health group. Mark Burton said he had started to work with Sue Jones who is Assistant Chief Executive from South Primary Care Trust.



### **Ethnicity Framework**

Mark Burton is starting a small group to write the framework.



### **Joint Working Protocol**

The Greater Manchester Lead Commissioning Group has done a paper about districts working together. They asked if we could talk about it at Partnership Board meetings. It was agreed to ask for more information.

### **Membership Review**

The Board must have an election by October 2004. Jean Roper will send out forms soon for people who want to stand for election. In 10 months, Councillor Sue Cooley will not be coming from Executive Health and Social Care any more.

### **Employment Strategy**

The Modernising Day Services Group and the Employment sub-group have joined together because the work they are doing is nearly the same.



## **Any Other Business**

Supporting People—Marie Wronco has written a paper about Supporting People. It looks at things such as couples living together and only getting one lot of support.

This report will be sent out to people for the next meeting.

We need to find a new place for Partnership Board Meetings next year. Jean Roper will look at some places. Helen Fynan from Chapman Place might be able to help.

**Next meeting will be held on Monday 20 September 2004 at the Kath Locke Centre.**



## **You can hear this newsletter...**



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# Talbot House


Talbot House in Collyhurst is a support centre for parents who have children with learning disabilities.


We spoke to Manager Bernie Wood and Assistant Organiser Elly Johnston. The centre has been open for 29 years, Bernie has been there for 19 years and Elly for 6 years.

They were invited on to the Partnership Board to represent parents and carers. Bernie is the 'Transition Champion' and is on the Learning Disabled Development Fund steering group. Elly also works with the Development Fund and Person Centred Planning. Both Bernie and Elly have children who have learning disabilities.

They think it is important that services are well run and for people to hear what parent-carers think. They see the Partnership Board as a good way to pass on information to other parents.

For more information contact:

 Talbot House  
Monsall Street  
Collyhurst  
Manchester

 203-4095

 Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am–3pm



# Questions

## Your view ▶ How have we done?

We have tried to make this newsletter easier to read by using big print and easier words.

We really want this information to be easy to understand.

Please tell us if you found any parts hard.

Tell us what we can do to make it better, things such as:



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• Were there words you did not understand?

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