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Dates of Meetings



These are the dates for Partnership Board meetings in 2005.
All meetings are on a Tuesday and start at 10.30am and are held at Wilson Park Business Centre in Newton Heath.

8 March

10 May

12 July

13 September

8 November



Our Address

Partnership Board Newsletter
Manchester People First
Unit 21 Wilson Park Business Centre
Newton Heath
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Board Members 2005

After the elections, the new Partnership Board is:

Kay Ahmed, Himmat

Sue Assar, Manchester PCT

Mark Burton, Manchester Learning Disability Partnership

Janet Chadwick, Adult Education Service

Councillor Sue Cooley, Manchester City Council

John Craig, Head of Services Calderstones NHS Trust

Daniel Docherty, Manchester People First

Janet Flood, Central and South Mencap

Pam Foy, Manchester Connexions

Lorraine Gradwell, Breakthrough UK

Sarah Hubbard, Social Services

Richard Hughes, Manchester People First

Stephen Hughes, Manchester People First

Riz Hussain, Supporting People Manchester Housing

Nicola Jennings, Landridge House

Helen Johnston, Parent/Carer

John Marshall, Manchester Leisure

Delia Murphy, North West Community Services

Denise Price, Joint Commissioning Team

Jock Rodger, Learning Skills Council

Gaynor Roe, Mencap

Karin Rogers, Jobcentre Plus

Councillor David Royle, Manchester City Council

Mary Shaw, Parent/Carer

Judd Skelton, Manchester Mencap

Natasha Stedford, Talbot House

Bernie Wood, Talbot House

Marie Wronco, Independent Sector



January Meeting

Announcement

Mark Burton is the new head of services for Manchester Learning Disability Partnership. He replaces Mike Kellaway. Paul Cassidy from Social Services said it was good that learning disabled adults were on the interview panels.

What was decided

▶ Last Meeting

Minutes of last meeting were agreed. Matters arising were:

1. Membership

Denise Price said there were now 27 people on the board and 10 link members.

Everyone will be sent a list of the new members.

2. Direct Payments

28 people now get Direct Payments. We need to get more people on them.

Stephen Hughes from People First said they are holding some events about Direct Payments, but not many people had said they were interested.

Helen Johnston from Talbot House said some parents did not want to complain if they had been turned down. Paul Cassidy said they should, because people often won appeals.

Children's Respite

Russell Kirby from the Council's Disabled Children's Team, said he had asked to talk to Councillor Sue Cooley about how little respite care there is for people who are under 18 years old.

There are 3 kinds of respite care:

- Residential (which costs a lot).
- Family based short breaks.
- Domiciliary family support.



More people are getting the service. More children need clinical help or need special equipment.

The panel, which decides on the respite care that can be given, meets every month. It is hard to sort out what can be funded.

- 40 families use residential services, 12 more on waiting list.
- Each placement costs about £7500.
- 20 families get direct funding.
- 60 families get weekend breaks, 50 are on waiting list.

The team is getting a new worker to look at the needs of children with complex needs.

Bernie from Talbot House said how important it was to help families care for their children long-term.

There are not enough choices and domiciliary support is not thought of as respite care.

Kay Ahmed from Himmat said some people think extended families are helping, but this is not always so.

People who get Direct Payments might help to tell other people about the scheme. Paul Cassidy said this should be said at the Children's Partnership Board. Children's Services will be getting 20% of the Carers Grant and will be putting a lot of this into the Children's Direct Payment Scheme. David Royle will speak to Sue Cooley about this.

Transport

Richard Hughes from Manchester People First talked about problems with transport, meaning people had arrived late and had to leave early for conferences. People First had written to Ring and Ride but have not had a reply. Mark Burton said some of the problems were due to the rota drivers had. He said the Board could write to the licensing body and tell them about the problems.



In November, Community Transport Services had agreed to make things better for people using day services. Stephen Hughes was asked to give Mark details of any problems as they happened. Mark would draft a letter for Councillor Sue Cooley to send to Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive. Councillor David Royle would talk to the representative of the Council on the GMPTÉ.

Post-19 Provision

The Special Schools have said they are worried about there not being enough daytime services for those over 19. In February there will be an event to hear what schools and parents think.

Valuing People Issues

A document was given to members about things that the Employment sub-group will talk about when it meets Paul Clarke in February. Any comments should be sent to Denise Price.

Any Other Business

Richard Hughes said the Plain English Campaign had looked at the Partnership Board newsletter. They said it was good but had too much jargon. Manchester People First who do the newsletter, wanted to have more about the sub-groups in the newsletter and have photos of members in the minutes.

It was agreed that the Chairs of the sub-groups should write 100 words on where they are up to.

David Royle said he would like 20 copies of the newsletter for the Members Library at the Town Hall and the Councillors pigeon holes.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 8 March 2005 10.30am
at Unit 27, Wilson's Business Park.**



Direct Payments

Some disabled people get help with their care needs from the council. But now they can get 'Direct Payments'. This is where they get money to pay their own staff (personal assistants) or buy a service from a care company.

This can give people more choice about what kind of help they get, when they get it and who gives it them. They can use Direct Payments to pay for just some or all of their care needs.

To get Direct Payments you must get or need community care services.

You and the Direct Payments scheme must agree that you can run the payments.

You can get help from friends, family or groups to run the payments.

You can get more information from:

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Direct Payments Scheme
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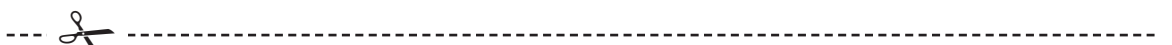


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