

Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board

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# Employment



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## Welcome

A Happy New Year and welcome to issue 22 of the newsletter from the Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board.



## Meetings for 2008

Meetings start at 10:30am

Tuesday 15 January

Tuesday 11 March

Tuesday 20 May

Tuesday 8 July

Tuesday 9 September

Tuesday 11 November

At Manchester People First's office.



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# November Meeting

## Minutes from the last meeting

Agreed.

## Matters arising

Dates were agreed for the meetings in 2008.

## Employment

Manchester Employment Event Feedback

Julie Hicklin from Connexions came to the Board meeting.

She is Chair of the Manchester Post 16 Learning Difficulties Group and came to represent Peter Hughes, the Chair of the Disabilities Working Group.

A joint meeting was held between the Post 16 Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Working Group and the College Leavers Group to look at employment.

Representatives come to both groups from:

- Colleges
- Children Services
- Adult Learning Disability Services
- Physical Disability Services
- Connexions
- Transport
- Health
- Learning and Skills Council

Representatives from employment agencies came to the meeting to give information about what their organisations do and how they can help disabled school and college leavers to find jobs.

They agreed information about employment will be put on the Manchester Learning Disability Partnership website.



Success stories will be recorded.

Planning for work will be done from the age of 14.

An employment event will be held locally to let people try out different jobs.

Colleges and employment organisations will meet regularly.

Jobcentre staff will meet students before they leave college.

Financial advice will be given early on to parents, carers and students.

Money will be available for job training.

More employers will be got on board.

Julie asked the members of the Partnership Board to tell her about any other ideas.

Julie's Hicklin's phone number is: (0161) 243-4857

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### **Numbers of people in work**

Denise Price gave out a document about the number of learning disabled adults who are in employment, voluntary work or work training in Manchester.

It was asked that the age and gender of the person in work should be recorded.

It was agreed that as employment is important, the Partnership Board should talk about it every 6 months.

Updates should be given on the number of learning disabled adults in work in Manchester.

Stephen Hughes told the Board that Manchester People First and MENCAP are holding a jobs fair for adults with learning disabilities in Manchester on:

Thursday 22 November 2007, 11:00 am – 3:30 pm

GMVCO, St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, M12 6FZ

Paul Cassidy asked everyone to get as many people as possible came to the event.

## **Lifestyles**

Stephen Hughes outlined his hopes for the 'Lifestyles' project. The Partnership Board members agreed to support the proposed project.

Ivan Lewis, the Minister for Social Care advised Manchester People First to see 'Future Builders' for funding.

He also asked to meet Manchester People First for an update on the progress of the project on 16 November 2007.

## **Modernising Day Services**

Dave Ruane from Manchester Learning Disability Partnership, came to the Board meeting to update members on the changes that have happened and will happen with the Modernisation of Day Services.

Dave said there is a big drive to help more people get a job. Day Services are very involved in this. From January 2008 for 9 months, Ged Crompton will be looking at increasing job chances for the people in day services by working with employment agencies and looking outside of traditional working opportunities.

Dave also told us about:

How they are developing quality outcomes and how they are managing this flexibly and in person centred ways.

The New Horizon's Older People Day Service pilot was very successful and is managed by Landridge House and Manchester People First.

Early working with people coming through transition.

The poor condition of some of the day centres and how they plan to get new buildings to hold day services in.

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### **Health Action Plans**

500 people do not have a Health Action Plan.

Community Learning Disability Team members are to target these people to get a Health Action Plan by January 2008.

Stephen Hughes questioned how the HAPs could be truly person centred with a tight timescale for so many people?

Mark Burton said that a lot of information is already available and just needs bringing together.

### **Manchester People First's Annual General Meeting**

Richard Hughes told the meeting that very few people turned up to the Manchester People First AGM.

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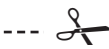


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