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Louisa Burton of Manchester People First at their AGM

## Minutes of January 2007 Meeting



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## Welcome

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## Dates of meetings

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# January Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2007

## 1. Apologies

## 2. Minutes from the last meeting

Agreed.

## 3. Matters arising:

### 3.1 Leisure Services

We asked if there was any more information about access to Leisure and Swimming Facilities?

Jean Roper will contact Edward Flanagan to find out more.

### 3.2 Update on day services

All members of the Partnership Board have been sent invitations to visit day services.

Paul Cassidy thought it would be good to see different kinds of day services, including the independent sector.

Councillor Sue Cooley said it would be good to arrange meetings so Board members could go together.

Two visits will be organised, one for North and one for South Manchester. If members wanted their own visits, contact:

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### **3.3 PCT on the Partnership Board**

Mark Burton will write to the Manchester Primary Care Trust to ask them about sending a representative to the Partnership Board. Mark will give a copy to Sue Cooley.

### **4. Service Improvement Project Summary**

Mark Burton gave out a handout telling people about the Service Improvement Project, which is a Council and Health Authority scheme.

Ian Carson had been asked to join the Board as he is someone who is involved in a lot of groups to do with learning disabilities. He has also set up a focus group. Some members of the Board thought Manchester People First were involved in the focus group. But Stephen from MPF said they were not involved and had not received any information from them. It was thought that Ian had had a lot of problems getting to the Partnership Board's meetings.

Lorraine Gradwell said there needs to be more links with mainstream services about employment. The Service Improvement Project has not seen Breakthrough UK.

Mark said that the National Health Service Primary Care Trust are represented in specialist services and on the project's board.

Bernie Woods said 'early intervention' is starting with children. But better needs training is needed for things such as sex education. Talbot House wants to be involved. Janet Flood said she was only given very basic sex education.

Stephen Hughes said that People First has put on sexual health training, but there have been very few people who wanted to take part. MLDP Day Services said they had to get permission from parents. Stephen said it is an issue of people's rights not wanting their parents to know.

## 5. Disability Equality Duty

Tom Raines from Manchester City Council, told the Board about his job as lead officer for disabled issues.

A 'Disability Equality Duty' has been added to the Disability Discrimination Act. This means that public bodies such as the council have to introduce a Disability Equality Scheme. Tom told the Board about the things councils had to do. These are known as 'specific duties' and mean the public sector has to make real changes for the better to make sure disabled people and staff are treated fairly and equally. This includes working with disabled people to publish a 3-year Disability Equality Scheme. This will show how the council will carry out its new duties.

The council will publish an annual report about what they have done.

There is information on the internet about this from the Disability Rights Commission at:

[www.drc-gb.org](http://www.drc-gb.org)

and:

[www.dotheduty.org](http://www.dotheduty.org)

Lorraine said that Breakthrough UK is holding a conference to consult about Centres for Disabled Living.

It will be on 1 March 2007 at Lancashire Cricket Club.

It was agreed to send information about the event to Board members.

The Board agreed that choice and independence for learning disabled people, were linked by the Independent Living Bill, the Disability Equality Duty and Valuing People.



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## 6. Person Centred Planning Strategy

Bryan Smith told the Board the PCP Implementation Group has updated the plan. After a long talk, the Board approved the plan. An easy read version should be done for parents and carers.

Delia Murphy said there was not enough time for Care Managers to take part in person centred planning. Staff from different groups have come up with their own ways of planning, but Delia did not think this way of doing things would allow things to really change.

Bernie said Talbot House with Anna Fedeczko and Gaynor Spencer, are training parents and carers. They have started training with 10 more parents to work out plans. They also give computer training to help parents produce the plans.



The Multi-Agency Partnership has asked Talbot House to do plans. Other groups have asked them for help and advice. This will give Talbot House some extra money.

Mark said there were problems getting plans written and working. What Talbot House had done with people who live at home and their families was really good. MLDP and some independent groups have Person Centred Plans, but they need to think of where more work is needed.

Mark said there needed to be a plan as well as a guide. He offered Man Media's help to do this.

Anna Fedeczko said that some people thought that a Person Centred Plan had to be in one format. But this is not so. Also, the Training Action Group in MLDP had started awareness training again. Anna said that the Person Centred Plans done with North West Community Services are very good at changing peoples lives for the better.

People needed to know there was a lot of work going on in Manchester about Person Centred Plans.

Lorraine asked that as Talbot House was being successful, could their way be tried by other learning disability groups?

She also said that employment was not in the Person Centred Planning strategy, but there are plans at Breakthrough UK that can be included.

Action:

The PCP Strategy was approved.

Mark Burton will meet Jean Roper to do a way of giving information on PCPs. He will find out exactly how many people have a plan.

The Joint Commissioning Team will look at how the Learning Disability Development Funding is run.

## **7. Any other business**

### **7.1 Janet Chadwick**

Janet has left the Post-16 Education Department.

The Board will send a letter or card to Janet thanking her for all the work she has done.

### **7.2 Physical Activities Group**

Janet Flood told the Board that the funding for this group runs out in August 2007. If the group ends she will not have the support to go out at night.

Angela Killion the Project Coordinator of Health in Transition, said they are trying to get more funding.

At the moment it gets money from the National Lottery, and they are putting in a new bid. There is a Volunteer Coordinator, a Physical Activities Coordinator and Assistants who support over 100 people who use the service.

Angela asked if any Board member had ideas for other funding and said the Physical Activities Coordinator could tell the Board about the service.



### 7.3 Changing Places campaign

Ian Winstanley from Mencap passed around an article from this months Mencap magazine. It was about 'Changing Places', which is Mencap's campaign for fully accessible toilets. The campaign tells people such as councils and planners, why these toilets are needed.



### 7.4 Independent Living Fund theft

Elly told us that the ILF has had confidential information from their database stolen. This is the second time in 2 years this has happened. Parents are very worried by this and think it is not acceptable.

Action: Councillor Sue Cooley will look into this problem.



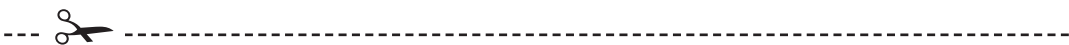
### 8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13 March 2007

10.30am Wilsons Park Business Centre

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