

**Partnership Board Minutes
Monday 25th July 2011**

<p>Who was here: Ann Workman Martin Smith Corrine Elliott Steven Roberts Vicky Bowman Hilary Slater Katie Stabler Joanna Blewitt Alison Hill Dawna Storey Michaela Hopps Councillor Copeland David Plews Dawn Cook Jonathon Fay Peter Willers George Cree Catherine Parker Mark Humble Andrea Goldie Rob Dent</p>	<p>Head of Adult Social Care & Co-Chair Service User Expert & Co-Chair Service User Expert Service User Expert Service User Expert Service User Expert Darlington Association on Disability Person Centred Planning Team Person Centred Planning Team Person Centred Planning Team Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust Portfolio Holder, DBC Head of Communities County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust Job Centre Plus Carers Expert Carers Expert NHS County Durham & Darlington Commissioning Manager, DBC LINK Adult Social Care</p>
<p>Apologies: Elaine O'Brien Helen Watson Jacki Hiles Jillian Wilkins Kevin Kelly Sean Thomas Mike Cleasby Ian Taylor Lisa Holdsworth Pauline Mitchell Corinne Davies Sean Thomas</p>	<p>Head of Commissioning & Partnerships, DBC Supporting People Team Darlington Association on Disability Darlington & County Durham Foundation Trust Service Manager, DBC Leisure Services Project Manager, DBC Service User Expert Carers Lead, DBC Assistant Director – Adult Social Care and Housing Liaison Nurse, TEWV Leisure Services, DBC</p>



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Apologies

Martin read out a list of people who could not come to the meeting. Martin also went through the rules of the meeting.



Notes of last meeting/ Matters arising

Ann went through the last set of notes to check they were correct.

The notes of the last meeting were accepted as being correct. We did a round of introductions as there were some new people at the meeting.



Annual Health Checks – there was a question about the number of checks which have been done. It was asked what more is happening to make sure more of these are done.

Acute Liaison Nurse

Michaela talked about this instead of Corinne Davies who couldn't be here today.



She talked about the work the nurse does with GP's and hospital staff to help them understand the needs of people with a learning disability.

The Learning Disability Hospital Passport has been very useful for staff when people come into hospital. In fact, other departments would like to do something similar as they think it is that good.



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There is a monthly meeting at the hospital to discuss any concerns people may have about learning disability services in the hospital.

One of the members told the group of an incident which had happened at the hospital last year. Michaela said hopefully they have learnt from this and that it won't happen again.

Autism Strategy

Mark is the lead officer for Autism and talked to the group about the new Autism Strategy which was published last year.

He discussed what was in the plan and that there aren't many services in Darlington for people with autism.

There is an Autism Services Development Group in place. They have a carers rep but would really like a service user there too.

Mark asked the Board if there should be an Autism sub-group of the Partnership Board.



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Keeping People Safe update

Ann gave an update on the Panorama programme which a lot of people on the Board said they had been upset by.

There was a handout for everyone to take away and read, which had information on what was happening in Darlington. This will be sent out with the minutes.



Ann suggested having a presentation on keeping people safe at a future meeting.

Catherine told the group that the PCT have identified all the people who are currently in Learning Disability hospitals and said she could keep the board updated of these figures.

Learning Disability Self Assessment

Michaela gave an update on the self assessment.

All the information is available on the Inclusion North website <http://www.inclusionnorth.org/>



Family Carers update

George gave an update on behalf of Lisa who wasn't able to attend the meeting.

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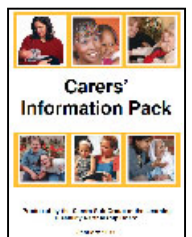


June Jennings, the Learning Disability Carers Worker, has been doing a lot of work with older family carers (over the age of 55), asking them about their plans for them and their children.



Some people had made plans, while others had not. There were a few people who had said they would like to move into their own house which was a good thing.

The Carers Pack, which is given to all family carers is being split into two. One for those aged 13-25 and the other for those aged over 25.



Inclusion North vouchers

Ann briefly talked about the vouchers and asked people to think about the things they would like to do with them. This will then be talked about at the next meeting.



Learning Disability Annual Return

Mike was not at the meeting to discuss this but asked everyone to read the information in it.



There was a question why the amount of money available has gone down. This was because last year there was some money available for just one year. It was agreed to explain this in the return so it is clear.



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Any other business

Ann asked the group if they wanted to have themed meetings in future, such as one meeting on leisure, another meeting on health. Everyone on the Board, including those people who couldn't make it today, to think about it and it will be talked about at the next meeting.



There was a short discussion on hate crime. One of the board members told everyone about something which had happened to them and what they had done about it.



The Mencap booklet called "Stand by Me" was also mentioned. It was launched during Learning Disability week last month. It can be found on the Mencap website - <http://www.mencap.org.uk/>

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd October 2011, 12:30 - 3:00.

The Studio, Dolphin Centre

