



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

## **Nottingham City Learning Disability Partnership Board**

**This is what happened at the Partnership Board  
on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at New Mechanics on  
Sherwood Street.**

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| <b>Present</b> | Maggie Harty          | Co-chair                               |
|                | Louise Frettingham    | Co-chair                               |
|                | Tony Vardy            | Business Manager CLDT                  |
|                | Martin Jackaman       | Day Service Modernisation Mgr          |
|                | Lee Smith             | Speaking Up                            |
|                | Scott Clower          | Self Advocate                          |
|                | Michelle Cafferkey    | Self Advocate                          |
|                | Wayne Breach          | Self Advocate                          |
|                | Roger Grange          | Self Advocate                          |
|                | Terry Bakewell        | Self Advocate                          |
|                | Louise Wild           | Speaking Up Support for Terry          |
|                | Tony Marshall         | Councillor                             |
|                | Tina Ormsby           | Leisure & Culture                      |
|                | John Winter           | Carer & Carers Forum                   |
|                | Trevor Clower         | Carer & Carers Forum                   |
|                | Ian Smellie           | Voluntary Sector / Mencap              |
|                | Helen Mycock          | Valuing People                         |
|                | Debbie Abrams         | Notts Healthcare Trust                 |
|                | David Levell          | Notts PCT                              |
|                | Charlotte Willcockson | NHS Nottingham City                    |
|                | Cat Wilson            | Person Centred Planning Officer        |
|                | Jim Broughton         | Accessible Information<br>Co-ordinator |
|                | Judi Thorley          | Regional Health Lead                   |
|                | John Imms             | Respite Care Home Manager              |
|                | Wendy Baker           | Notes                                  |

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| <b>Apologies</b> | Cllr Ginny Klein     | Nottingham City Council |
|                  | Cllr Dave Liversidge | Nottingham City Council |
|                  | Andrew Price         | Learning Skills Council |
|                  | Sharon Bramwell      | Policy & Commissioning  |
|                  | Liz Wade             | Carer                   |
|                  | Maggy Topley         | Partnership Dev Team    |
|                  | Karen Archer         | Partnership Dev Team    |
|                  | Tim Brown            | Job Centre Plus         |
|                  | Amanda Payne         | Connexions              |

Louise & Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Louise read out the ground rules which are:-

- Only one person to talk at a time.
- Listen to what other people are saying.
- Try not to use long words.
- Don't talk too fast.
- Respect one another.
- It's ok to say what you think and it's ok to disagree.
- Turn all mobiles off.

### **Improving Health in the East Midlands – Judi Thorley**

The Government want Health Services to improve.

There will be a new big plan for the whole country and a plan for each local area.

Lord Darzi is writing a report about what needs to be put right.

We want everyone to have a speak out about what needs to change.

Hospitals and doctor need to be better at talking to people with learning disabilities.

Judi says she wants to organise a 'Big Health Day' to get people together to discuss what's working and what's not. Judi also wants to arrange a 'Get Ready Day' to prepare for the 'Big Health Day'.

There will be 4 areas that will be worked on:-

1. Campus Homes – Maggie told Judi that Nottingham doesn't have any Campus Homes.
2. Access to all services ie. doctors, dentists, chiropodists, opticians etc and how to do it.
3. Using services – are you safe? Do you know how to complain?
4. Valuing People Now – do you know where your community nurses are? Where your mental health services are?

Judi says time is quite short now as we are the last Partnership Board to be told about this. Judi has already been to Derby City, Derby County and Notts County Partnership Board meetings and they have got their dates for 'Big Health Day', which is 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Maggie asked Judi to come back with a couple of dates and we will fit in. Judi will also arrange a venue.

Questions were asked about the Health Action Plan – this needs to be looked at to see how it is rolling out, if it is being used properly, and is it understood.

## **Speaking Up**

Wayne told the Board that he attended a consultation meeting at Springwood on 30<sup>th</sup> March. These meetings take place every month. It was to discuss how to try and make things better.

They talked about staff losing their jobs as the City Council needs to make cuts to save money. People were not happy with this and are worried things would change and they would not be able to do things.

They talked about the hot meals being stopped, and having meals on wheels delivered instead, for people who do not have a hot meal in the evening.

Most people said they were happy with the service at Springwood, and that they like to do new things. The consultation group asked people for ideas of things to do – suggestions were:-

- to go out for walks ie. Rufford Park,

- go to the cinema/theatre (these sometimes have to be cancelled due to not enough staff)
- have a healthy eating group.
- longer meetings to follow up on things raised at the meeting – they would like support from the staff to do this.
- would like Managers at the centre to help them to try and find a job.

The people think the Consultation group is very important because it helps people to have a say in what happens in the Day Centre, but would like to have more help from staff.

Roger Grange and Rachel Ayre from the Smile No Bullying team attended a meeting with Nottingham City Transport to talk about some of the problems that happen on the buses, such as:-

- Drivers pulling off too soon.
- Buses not stopping.
- Being asked to get off the bus.

They also talked about what changes they would like to see such as:-

- Drivers to listen more
- Drivers to understand more about having a learning disability.

The people from Nottingham City Transport gave some travel tips such as:-

- Phone and report the incident.
- Call into the Travel Centre in Market Square and tell them.
- Look for the number above the door of the bus to help you when making a complaint.

They have been invited by the bus company to make a video to be used in training new bus drivers. They will also be told about Smile No Bullying and given the 'Stay Safe' cards.

Wayne, Martin and Tina are working together to produce this DVD and it will be completed soon.

## **Carers Corner**

John Winter says there are a lot of people who cannot talk for themselves and feel they are being left behind.

Cllr Ginny Klein says that Councillors are visiting day centres to meet staff and people who attend. Maggie confirmed that all Councillors would be made welcome.

Trevor Clower said there is a Carers Forum meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Rufford Mill, City and County groups can attend. Please contact Karen Archer at Partnership Development Team for details of this event.

Ian Smellie said the Carers Initiative is now called Carers Guide, which is funded by LDDF. Mencap also applied to the County for funding but they declined. Ian says they are using the money wisely across all aspects ie: Self Directed Support, Person Centred Planning etc.

## **Council Cuts**

Maggie had been asked to explain about the cuts that the Council are making.

The Council need to save £14,000,000 and this is a lot of money.

The reason for this is because we have spent a lot of money over the past couple of years, and not made any savings.

We have tried to sell land and buildings but no one has the money to buy them.

The Council spend most money on staff so some must go, this will affect learning disabilities area by:-

- 7 Day Centre Officers will leave – but we will have 7 new Care Assistants.
- We will not be cooking meals at Bestwood or Springwood – but people who do not have a hot meal in the evening can have ‘meals on wheels’ delivered.

- Managers will not be sleeping in at night in our homes, but more senior staff will be awake at night.
- This is due to start beginning of June and end of August.

Maggie asked if there were any questions.

John Winter asked if carers could have consultations to taste the meals that will be brought in?

Trevor Clower asked if everything had been looked at?

Maggie said yes to both of these questions and if anyone had any reasonable ideas to please bring them forward. All ideas will be looked at.

John Winter said that VPN says day centres will be cut down due to Individual Budgets. Does this mean that we can have smaller day centres like Summerwood at Clifton? This would cut down on transport costs.

### **How the Partnership Board needs to change.**

The last session was a long meeting. We wanted to change how the Partnership Board runs but wanted to wait until Valuing People Now was released.

Here are some of the things that came out of our last meeting:-

- Have sub groups and bring information back to the Board.
- Have themed meetings
- Terms of Reference – do we need new ones.
- Have a Police rep on the Board.

These were just a selection of ideas.

Tony Vardy, Sharon Bramwell, Charlotte Willcockson and Maggie Harty have got together and put some ideas together.

- **Purpose** – we need a clear purpose of what we want to do. We need to understand how we will be treated.
- **Vision** – ensure people with a learning disability live healthily, have right things to do during day, be financially better ie job, free from bullying, not taken advantage off, have same rights and choices as everyone else.

- **Chairing Board** – still have service user as co-chair. Other should be a big boss like Sallyanne Johnson Corporate Director, or 1 of the councillors ie Portfolio Holder, who can get things taken seriously.
- **Who should come** – 1. other links ie: Debbie Abrams from Healthcare Trust 2. reps from other groups ie: Voluntary Sector 3. Carers Reps 4. Police reps. If big boss can't come send a representative.
- **Voting** – we need certain core group of people. We will agree who these are at later time.
- **Co-ordinating Board** – someone to act as coordinator instead of Tony Vardy or Maggie Harty to give it proper attention.
- **Accountability** – where does Board report to? We think it should go to HSCCB (PCT, HCT & Cllrs). We want HSCCB to agree to this.
- **Sub groups** – 1. Better health 2. Transition, Education & Employment 3. Where I live – Housing group 4. Citizenship – How I live, relationships, voting, parents. 5. Commissioning Group.

Each sub group will have clear terms and responsibilities and report back on progress. Each group will be co chaired by service user and advocate.

Temporary sub groups – an example could be setting up a 'task and finish group'. This would mean a small group of people doing certain work and finishing it.

Everyone thought these ideas were good, and asked what is next? Tony said we have to decide who is going to be in each sub group.

1. Better Health – David Levell already has most areas covered but does not have a service user in group yet.
2. Transitions, Education and Employment – Amanda Payne, Ian Smellie and Trevor Clower. No one for Education yet.
3. Where I live – Terry Bakewell. Need commercial providers/social landlords.
4. How I live, leisure – Tina Ormsby and Martin Jackaman.
5. Commissioning – Charlotte Willcockson and Sharon Bramwell.

**Cat Wilson** handed out a document called the Big Person Centred Plan. Cat and Sharon are holding an event called 'Big PCP Plan' and asked members to read the report and give comments back to Cat.

**Debbie Abrams** also handed out some documents and asked members to read and report back to her with comments.

## **Venue**

Maggie asked member what they thought of the venue for future meetings. Comments were that it was too hot. Room size was ok but could not be smaller.

The next meeting is at this venue again.

Just to remind everyone the website's address is:-

[www.nottinghamcitythewayforward.net](http://www.nottinghamcitythewayforward.net)

## **Date & time of next meeting.**

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| <b>Monday June 15<sup>th</sup></b>     | <b>New Mechanics building<br/>on North Sherwood Street.</b> |
| <b>Monday August 10<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Council House in the Dining Room</b>                     |
| <b>Monday October 12<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Council House in the Dining Room</b>                     |
| <b>Monday December 14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Council House in the Dining Room</b>                     |