

PDS Working Group
Learning Disability Day Service Reform Group
5/8/09

Present: Cllr Glass (Chair), Tommy Steele (Ppl 1st), Kath McNally (Ppl 1st support), Pamela Niven (Ppl 1st), Sandra Graham (Ppl 1st support), Michael McClements (GLDP), Jill Murray (HoS North), Margaret Curly (GLDP), Evelyn MacIver (Carers Planit), Carolan Connolly (Carers Planit), Audrey Thomson (Carers Planit support), Lee Sclater (Council Clerk – minutes), James Thomson (GLDP), John Killien (Transport Manager)

Apologies:

No update from CHCP's

Profile and process of people in supported living

22 assessments were carried out with people who are supported by Key Housing/Community Lifestyles and who live in the West or North CHCP. 17 of those wish to have their day service from their provider. Key Housing hopes to know how much this service will cost by the 7th August.

There appears to be no significant demand for the use of advocacy but the GLDP will look into this again. Equal Say have not seen a big demand from service users in day centres. It was suggested that the service users in question could meet with the advocacy organisations so they know what the role of an advocate is.

PPAS

There was no update from the West CHCP, Cllr Glass was not happy as he insisted that full consultation take place with service users and carers in Southbrae on the proposals to close PPAS. It seems this has not happened. Michael will clarify that the consultation process is happening. Cllr Glass is now insisting on updates at key stages of the modernisation, Michael will get a report written up for the next meeting.

Workforce update

Flexible service - Michael McClements stated that there has been low interest for a flexible service and they will need to look at why this is. Any proposals for a flexible service will be brought to the working group as they are being developed. Where there is interest they will start to make small changes rather than change everyone's service at the same time. They have more

work to do on how they back this service up; they need to talk to the union before discussing it at the working group. 24 staff will start SVQ2 training in September; this will then be rolled out to everyone in the next couple of years.

Transport

Each CHCP has been asked to give a detailed plan of what transport is required over the next 2 years. Changes to transport will happen at a local level. The Transport work stream will link in with the Parallel Transport Liaison Group (PTLG). Michael stated that it is clear to everyone that this is a complex area and they are aware of the issues, the report is very much a starting area. Michael also stated that they are over budget in transport and they need to establish a clear financial framework, they also need to consult locally before making any changes. Michael explained that they need to talk to the union before any changes are made.

It was noted that a letter from Land Services went out to voluntary organisations re: a cost reduction proposal that states that buses for evening clubs will be removed. Buses will only be used for core social work services.

John Killien (Transport Manager) stated that buses are now being serviced at night so there shouldn't be any disruption during the day, he also stated that buses should be replaced after 7 years but no-one wants to buy new buses until we know how many will be needed. Cllr Glass wants a transport sub-group to be set up so there is input from service users and carers at this stage, James will get in touch with service users and carers with a date to meet.

Transition

Michael brought a report on the transition process from child to adult services, he will bring an update to the group in a few months.

Art & Active Lifestyles

Chris Melling (West Head of Service) wrote a report to update the group on the role of the Arts & Active Lifestyles Strategic group. It was noted that personal care facilities have been flagged up as an issue, North CHCP have looked at Culture & Sport venues in their area and they are willing to make these changes. They need to work towards service users doing activities with the rest of the community but it will be small steps. It was explained that the reason for having this central strategic group was so they can start to make these changes and flag up all issues.