

NORTH YORKSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board

18 March 2010

at 1.00 pm

York CVS, Priory Street

Present:	Susan Harty (Chair) Stephen Harrison Janet Seymour Kirk Carol Johnson (Notes) Claire Hobbs Kate Watson for June Scott Bridget Hardy Colin Hunter for Jez Rushworth Kay Ritchie Nick Jewkes Brenda Haw John Atkins Andrea Broadway Parkinson Andrew Stephenson Carolyn Applebaum Helen Hugill Joss Harbron Tania Tulloch Chris Orr	Whitby & Scarborough Ref Group NYCC Adult & Community Services Hambleton & Richmondshire Ref Group NYCC Adult & Community Services Harrogate & Craven Ref Group (RIPPSI) Harrogate & Craven Ref Group (Wilf Ward) Whitby & Scarborough Ref Group NY Fire & Rescue NYCC, Senior Policy and Partnerships Officer Harrogate & Craven Ref Group (Hard of Hearing Group) Hambleton & Richmondshire Ref Group Selby Ref Group NYYPCT NYCC Supportive Learning Manager Yorkshire Ambulance Service Valuing People Now Project Officer, NYCC NYYPCT NYCC, Advanced Practitioner / Occupational Therapist
In attendance	Bev Maybury Peter Hopkins Steven Conlon - BSL Interpreter Sally Gillespie – BSL Interpreter	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care Operations, NYCC Adult & Community Services
Apologies:	Geraldine Mahon Gill Warner Rebecca Gibson (maternity leave) Nigel Staton Linda Curran	NYCC Adult & Community Services NYCC Supporting People Strategy and Policy Manager NYCC Transport & Land Use Whitby & Scarborough Ref Group Hambleton & Richmondshire Ref Group

- 1. Introductions and Welcome** **ACTION**
 There were general introductions and welcome to new attendees to the Board.
- 2. Apologies** As above
- 3. Pre-meeting Development Session Feedback**
 Susan Harty reported the discussion points from the Reference Group members.
- Board Chair – this was discussed but no decision was reached. Janet S Kirk agreed to Chair the next meeting.
 - It was agreed to plan subjects for future Board meetings to give opportunity for Local Reference Group discussion and feedback.
 - June – Personalisation
 - September – Centres for Independent Living
 - December – Economic climate – Wellbeing, employment
 - There is a need for feedback after submission of a report. Carol explained that the actions update plan has been designed in response to this previous request.
 - Need to use time effectively and therefore not to repeat work done by other groups. Discussion about the responsibilities of LINK with Health issues. It was agreed that a representative of LINK be invited to meetings. **CJ**
 - Felt that there was a need for a gap analysis. Suggested a working group to provide a briefing. **Volunteers for working group**
 - Any work needs to be signed off by the Board before publication.
 - Would like a workplan for Board work – Kay has provided a business planner that can be populated with the proposed work of the Board, working groups and Reference group meetings. **CJ**
- 4. Notes of the last Meeting**
 Were confirmed as a true record
- Matters Arising**
- 4b)** Janet Kirk asked that the NYSP structure be circulated to inform the members how issues should be submitted (**attachment 1**). Stephen explained that the process for raising strategic issues was through the PSI Board. **CJ**
- 4c) Communications.** Carol updated the meeting on progress on actions from the last meeting (**attachment 2**).
- The editor of the NY Times has provided a list of article submission and print dates (**attachment 3**).
 - It was proposed that the NYCC website could be used effectively to communicate PSI issues. Stephen will take the proposal to the web steering group for guidance. **StH**
- It was agreed that the Board notes should be put onto the website after agreement with the Board Chair, with clear indication of confirmed/unconfirmed.

4e) Action plan was presented to the meeting. Janet asked that attached documents be made available in Arial 14.

8) Chris Orr and Tania Tulloch attended the meeting to reply to the Joint Equipment store report from RIPPSSI Reference subgroup. Tania agreed to provide a summary of her (NYYPCT) response to include in the meeting notes (**attachment 4**) and Chris provided an update from NYCC Social Care Manager for Harrogate (**attachment 5**).

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Claire emphasised the importance to people with disability of access to equipment to increase their independence. She questioned whether there had been any steps to include the views of users in the review of this service. Tania and Chris agreed to feedback the wishes of the Reference Groups to be included into discussions. Andrew as PCT Commissioner will discuss the involvement of stakeholders in both development of any future provision as well as the improvement of the current service. Bev asked that the Board may provide a representative for such work. It was agreed that Claire could represent the Board as she had initiated the work.

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Colin Hunter updated the meeting on further discussions that had taken place between Adult Community Services (ACS) and Fire and Rescue (F&R) services about provision and fitting of fire alarms for Deaf people. He said that there had been agreement in the Scarborough area that ACS would be able to provide alarms for anyone referred to them and F&R would support with the assessment and fitting if required. This policy is being discussed countywide and the areas will be informed. Bev Maybury informed the Board that current restriction on budgets means that there could be no increase in the funding of alarms and that the process will have to be ratified through the ACS planning group. Nick explained that Deaf people may not wish to go through ACS assessment and this should be taken into consideration. Colin informed the meeting that there was no legal obligation on F&R to provide alarms and they would only be able to manage this within their own allocated budgets. Carol informed that there has been some discussion at the ACS Operational Management meeting and that AnneMarie Lubanski, NYCC ACS Head of Self Directed Care and Transformation had agreed to discuss this issue with F&R Chief Officer.

Bev Maybury left the meeting.

10a) Community Engagement Discussion Paper.

Kay explained that the NYSP want to engage with different communities and recognise that there are many consultations with little capacity to respond. She is keen to ensure that all groups can adopt the most effective way of channelling communications for their individual needs. She agreed to meet with the individual Reference Groups to collect opinions. Carol agreed to share the contact details between Kay and the Reference Group leads.

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5. Equal Lives Action Plan – Health

Andrew Stephenson gave a presentation (**attachment 6**) to the meeting on Health Commissioning describing the Commissioning Cycle for services. He was asked whether there was any service user involvement in the design and monitoring of the services that the PCT provides. It was felt that Public Patient Involvement (PPI) should be a priority. There was discussion on accessibility to services and DDA compliance as well as difficulties of ‘who’ to speak to about local services. The Board identified that there were common interest areas with other groups and it was important that work was not repeated e.g. LINK. It was proposed that a representative from LINK be asked to provide their action plan to identify any cross cutting themes (**attachment 7**). Andrew suggested that the Equal Lives action plan health section should be revised with ‘real’ targets and it was agreed that a working group attend an action plan development day to draft a revision.

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Caroline Applebaum and Joss Harbron left the meeting

6. Communication and Health Paper – Harrogate and Craven subgroup.

Nick Jewkes, Chair of Hard of Hearing subgroup presented the paper from the group (**attachment 8**). There was discussion that identified the following issues.

- Report identified the lack of capacity for North Yorkshire for support (interpreters booking and training) for people that are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Partner organisations should be asked to feedback their individual strategies to meet the needs identified in the report.
- Further discussion is required with all partners who provide services to answer issues raised in the report
- It was suggested that real evidence be provided to illustrate the problems that have been encountered.

Peter Hopkins, NYCC Link Officer explained NYCC are developing a project to provide a BSL booking service, although this has not yet been confirmed.

The members of the Board agreed that there was a need for them to undertake Deaf awareness training.

Nick asked that the Board consider presentation of a letter from two of his members at next Board meeting. It was agreed that the letter be circulated to members for a decision for inclusion onto the next agenda.

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7. Reference group updates

As there was little time left for the rest of the agenda, it was agreed that the Reference Groups submit a written report of activity (**attachment 9**).

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Any other business.

- Stephen Harrison said that an invitation had been received from the Chair of the NYSP Adult Strategic Partnership asking for representation at future meetings. Next meeting – 7 June, 10.30am. Susan Harty agreed to represent the PSI Board at this meeting until it has been agreed how representation should be provided.
- Kay Ritchie described an initiative for the Equality Framework for Local Government. The framework sets standards for equality and diversity good practice, and has three levels of attainment - Developing, Achieving and Excellent. NYCC is working towards the 'Achieving' standard and is looking for volunteers to help assess their performance. Claire Hobbs agreed to represent the PSI Board. **SuH**
- Claire Hobbs asked that information be communicated to John Laking, NYCC Integrated transport officer, that following her report on transport issues (July 2008), the service has been greatly improved and she is now able to travel well on the '142' bus as a very positive experience. **CH**
- Janet S Kirk informed the Board that 'Shopmobility' is due to commence a service in Northallerton on 6 April. **CJ**

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 10 June 2010 at York CVS, 1pm – 4pm.
Lunch 12.15pm.
Pre-meeting at 11am.
Chair – Janet Seymour Kirk.