

NORTH YORKSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board

Unconfirmed Meeting Notes

10 June 2010

at 1.00 pm

York CVS, Priory Street

Present	Janet Seymour Kirk (Chair)	Hambleton & Richmondshire Ref Group
	Stephen Harrison	NYCC Adult & Community Services
	Claire Hobbs	Harrogate & Craven Ref Group (RIPPSI)
	Bridget Hardy	Whitby & Scarborough Ref Group
	Nick Jewkes	Harrogate & Craven Ref Group (Hard of Hearing Group)
	Brenda Haw	Selby Ref Group
	Andrea Broadway Parkinson	Harrogate & Craven Ref Group (RIPPSI)
	Carol Bridges	Harrogate & Craven Ref Group (Craven group)
	Peter Robinson	Selby Ref Group
	Helen Weber	LINK representative
	Sandra Boyle	Harrogate & Craven Ref Group (Hard of Hearing Group)
	Margaret Harris	Selby Ref Group
	Barbara Foster	LINK representative
	Roger Morgan	Harrogate & Craven Ref Group (Hard of Hearing Group)
David Haynes	Selby Ref Group	
In attendance	Carol Johnson (Notes)	Selby Ref Group
	Bev Maybury	Selby Ref Group
	Peter Hopkins	PSI Board Support Officer, NYCC
	Steven Conlon -	Adult & Community Services
	Geraldine Mahon	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care Operations, NYCC
	Larry Hollando	NYCC Adult & Community Services
	Gil Evans	BSL Interpreter
Not present	Carolyn Applebaum	NYCC Adult & Community Services
	Jez Rushworth	NYCC Adult & Community Services
	Gill Warner	Performance and Change Manager
		Harrogate & Craven Ref Group (Craven group)
	NYCC Supportive Learning Manager	

	Helen Hugill Lyndsey Hall	NY Fire & Rescue Valuing People Now Project Officer, NYCC
	Andy Skelton tbc	Yorkshire Ambulance Service Head of Equality and Diversity, North Yorkshire Police
Apologies received	Andrew Stephenson Rebecca Gibson (maternity leave) Nigel Staton Joss Harbron Susan Harty Kay Ritchie	District Councils representative Acute Hospital Trust representative
	Denise Dundas Barbara Sim	NYYPCT NYCC Transport & Land Use
		Whitby & Scarborough Ref Group NYCC Supportive Learning Manager Whitby & Scarborough Ref Group NYCC, Senior Policy and Partnerships Officer Selby Ref Group Selby Ref Group

1. Introductions and Welcome

There were general introductions and welcome to new attendees to the Board.

2. Apologies As above**3. Notes of last meeting were confirmed and signed.****4. There was no declaration of interest****5. Matters arising from last meeting****a) Equipment services.** Following a verbal report back about Harrogate Joint Equipment store (Claire Hobbs) – a written response was submitted to the Board from Tania Tulloch, Wheelchair and Equipment Services Services Manager, NYY Community and Mental Health Services.

Claire expressed disappointment with the response. She pointed out that the format should have been submitted in Arial 14 font but the content of the response was also somewhat defensive e.g in requesting specific examples. Whilst she acknowledged that the 'Equipment visioning event' was an attempt to address the problem, she felt that as she had been nominated by the Board as the contact, she could have been consulted for feedback. She considered that the event could have been arranged differently and with more thought would have encouraged wider attendance with some useful outcomes.

Larry Hollando responded to the concerns expressed by Claire and acknowledged that whilst there had been some valuable information gathered from the event, Claire had made valid comments that will be taken into account when a follow up event is arranged in September. It was explained that this event had been primarily for the health and social care service staff but David Haynes stated that rather than focussing on the provision of the service, it should be those in receipt of service that should be consulted as the priority. It was acknowledged by those Reference Group members that had been able to attend at such short notice, that the event that combined the service staff and users of equipment services was a positive experience for them.

b) Fire alarms for Deaf People. This item was deferred as no representation was provided at the meeting.

Action – representation to next meeting

**ACS rep
F&R rep**

c) **Deaf awareness training.** Carol had been asked to find out any provision of awareness training that could be undertaken by Board members to inform them about issues for the Deaf community. She had circulated the *Signature* information about Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness and Communication but had received only 2 responses. Members felt that this course which included examination and assessment was too comprehensive and that an overview of the fundamental issues was required. Carol asked the Board to identify how much detail they wanted and it was agreed that a small working group (with Carer representation) should consider appropriate disability awareness as well as deaf awareness training and this should be provided in every public facing statutory organisation. Stephen Harrison pointed out that this will be included in the Equal Lives Action plan refreshment that will go to the Adult Strategic Partnership for endorsement and subsequent action by all NYSP partners. He suggested that this may be a function that could be provided by the NY Centre for Independent Living (CIL).

David Haynes explained to the meeting that he, as a blind person, travelled nationally to deliver disability awareness training to organisations and he asked about the training of staff. He was informed that training has been provided in the past to NYCC staff and council members but that the programme is currently being reviewed. Other agencies were not present at the meeting to provide an update of training in their organisations.

Action – subgroup to be convened

d) **Harrogate Deaf and Hard of Hearing SubGroup letter.**

Working subgroup

Concern was expressed by members of the Group that an issue that had been raised was not addressed formally to the PSI Board and it had been discussed directly with the relevant Board representative outside of the meeting to provide a response. It was felt that the response received was not appropriate and that some clarity was needed about the structure (attached) and the process to bring issues from the Reference Group members.

JSK/CJ

Action – formal process to be provided

e) **Communications and Health Paper.** The paper raised several issues at the last meeting and with actions for partner organisations. Unfortunately there had been no response or attendance to discuss the points outlined. It was agreed that the function of the PSI Board was endorsed by the NYSP and therefore, the member organisations are required to provide

representation. If the nominated representative is not able to attend then a substitute person should attend in their place.

Action – write to all organisations for nominated representation and remind of NYSP accountability. JSK/CJ

6. Pre-meeting Development Session Feedback

Janet Seymour Kirk reported the discussion points from the Reference Group members.

- a) Board Chair will be an annual standing appointment and will be combined with representation onto the Adult Strategic Partnership. Janet S Kirk has agreed to Chair for the next year until June 2011. A deputy chair will be agreed.
- b) It was agreed that a Carer representative be invited as a voting member onto the PSI Board. This person should be an unpaid carer and will represent the issues of Carers. There was some discussion about the need to represent geographical issues as well as condition specific issues. It was agreed that the diverse issues could be managed over the four NY areas by inviting carer representation onto local Reference Groups. CJ
- c) **Feedback from Adult Strategic Partnership (ASP) meeting – 7 June 2010.** Janet informed the Board that she had been asked to attend this meeting instead of Susan Harty. She had made comment about the following issues
 - Format of the documents submitted should be Arial 14 without a background watermark.
 - Older Persons Partnership Board Winter planning consultation event – PSI representation.
 - Bus driver disability awareness training.
 - Discussion about issues for minority groups such as Gypsy and Travellers.
 - Housing issues and a policy statement about a mandatory percentage of Lifetime Homes.
 - Voting guidance. The briefing paper had been considered by the meeting and the principles outlined were agreed.

7. **Reference Groups.** The papers had been circulated with the agenda. Claire asked that the RipPSI paper be updated and she will provide a copy. CH
It was asked that the Reference Groups give a synopsis of

their activity rather than to include the detailed discussions. Hambleton and Richmondshire Reference Group had identified confusion about Reference Group work vs working of the CILs and welcomed some discussion to give clarity about the different terms of reference. **SH**

- 8. Equal Lives Strategy working group.** Carol informed the Board that there have now been two meetings of the working group. It was agreed that the Equal Lives Strategy document needs updating to consider language as well as inclusion of national and local developments. Considerable time has been given to the formatting of the Equal Lives Action Plan to make it relevant to the work of the Board and the partner organisations. It was also recognised that Reference Groups needed to recognise ownership of the actions of the Action plan as issues that affected them directly. The main work to date has looked at the first section on 'Improvement of Health' as this has repeatedly been raised by disabled people as a priority concern. Whilst the whole plan will include a 3 year workplan overview, detailed actions will only cover the first year. A format for the Reference Groups will be provided for them to use for their one year planning. **EL planning subgroup**
- Peter Hopkins asked that the strategy and plan be provided in BSL format.

- 9. Changing Places**
- Information about existing and proposed schemes had been circulated with the Agenda. Several members of the Selby Reference Group had attended the meeting to state their concerns about the withdrawal of the schemes in Selby at the new build Community Hospital and the Civic Centre. They asked why the decision had been made not to progress these necessary developments? Andrea Broadway Parkinson informed that the Learning Disability Partnership Board has been challenging these decisions but it appears that commissioners at PCT and District Councils are ignoring these concerns. It was agreed that the PSI Partnership Board should write to Chief Officers and MP to express their concerns about this. The letter should also ask for clarification about Community Engagement and consultation and the consideration for Equality Impact Assessment to take account of the Disability Equality Duty. **JSK/CJ**

10. **Personalisation.** Bev Maybury introduced herself to the Board and explained that she had done a considerable amount of work in her previous job at Oldham with Self Directed Support and Personalisation. North Yorkshire has now developed a structure and process but have yet to refine the structure for people to make their choices by developing the information, advice and guidance as it is recognised that one size does not fit all. Workstreams are now in place to consider this. Claire asked that if a blueprint could be provided by beginning of August of options that can be presented to the Reference Groups to comment. There was discussion about the role of voluntary organisations to support people with the personal budgets. Andrea suggested that a countywide conference on Personalisation would contribute to a common framework for NY.

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11.LINKs. Sandra Boyle introduced herself as the Chair of the Harrogate LINK and representative on the PSI Board. She explained that the LINK is an independent network of individuals supported by a host organisation – North Bank Forum. She updated on the issues and proposed work over the 7 districts.

- Craven. 'What do I need to live well'.
- Selby. No representative on Management Board but does link with Equal Lives health issues.
- Harrogate. Access to GP services, Community engagement, work with St Aidans school. Plan to look at care needs of older people – extra care, retirement services, end of life care.
- Richmondshire. Working with Parish councils and community networks on care services for vulnerable people. Also looking at services from South Tees Acute Trust on Care quality and quality accounts and transport issues.
- Hambleton. Dental issues, end of life care and care of vulnerable groups.
- Ryedale. Healthy eating, local transport planning and access to information. Mental health service provision.
- Scarborough. Quality of Care in care homes, mental health, dignity and respect, across county services eg Ambulance response times,

information in plain English.

Mental health group is planning a conference in 2010.

York LINK together with NY LINK has developed a neurolog
The LINK also wants to consider issues of across county denti

12. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 8 September 2010 at York CVS, 1pm –
4pm.

Lunch 12.15pm.

Pre-meeting 11am – 12md.

Chair – Janet Seymour Kirk.