



## Valuing People Now Cabinet Minutes

Date : 1st August 2014 - 1:00pm—4:00pm

Venue : Darent Room, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent,  
ME14 1XQ

### Who was there?

#### Co-Chairs:

**Mark Walker** - Co-Chair of the 'What I Do' Delivery Group

**Tina Walker** - Co-Chair of the VPN Cabinet and the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board

#### Attendees:

**Michelle Abbott** - Kent Valuing People Partnership

**Linda Chapman** - Parent Carer

## Who was there? (Continued)

**Bernard Chick** - Parent Carer

**Joanne Cunningham** - KCC, Kent Learning Disability Partnership Coordinator

**Alison Edmonds** - KCC, PA to Mark Walker and Chris Beaney

**Chris Evans** - Parent Carer

**Daniel Hewitt** - Co-Chair of the 'Good Health' Delivery Group

**Sam Holman** - Co-Chair of the 'Keeping Safe' Delivery Group

**Gary McFegan** - NHS, Shadow Co-Chair of the 'Good Health' Delivery Group

**Paula Watson** - Co-Chair of the 'Where I Live' Delivery Group

## Apologies

**Sue Bates** - Kent Valuing People Partnership

**Xan Brooker** - NHS, Shadow Co-Chair of the 'Good Health' Delivery Group

**Chris Beaney** - KCC, Co-Chair of the 'Becoming an Adult' Delivery Group

**Steve Chapman** - Co-Chair of the 'What I Do' Delivery Group

**Mick Cronin** - Co-Chair of the 'Keeping Safe' Delivery Group

**Sue Gratton** - NHS, Co-Chair of the 'Good Health' Delivery Group

**Anthony Mort** - Shadow Co-Chair of the 'Becoming an Adult' Group

**Penny Southern** - KCC, Co-Chair of the VPN Cabinet

## Welcome



Tina Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave apologies.

## Minutes and Actions from the last meeting

### Apprenticeships

Sue Dunn, (KCC, Head of Skills and Employability) and Penny Denne came to the last 'What I Do' Delivery Group to talk about apprenticeships and learning for vulnerable adults.



Joanne will forward the information on assisted apprenticeships to the group.

You will find more information on apprenticeships on the KCC website using the following link:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs/starting-your-career/apprenticeships>

If people have any questions on the Assisted Apprenticeships program they can contact the team on the following e-mail address:

[AssistedApprenticeships@kent.gov.uk](mailto:AssistedApprenticeships@kent.gov.uk)

# Minutes and Actions from the last meeting (continued)

Paul Francis, political editor, Kent Messenger Group

The group agreed to invite Paul Francis to the next Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board.



Joanne to contact Paul to invite him

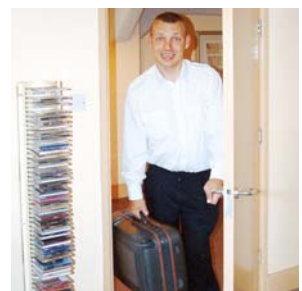
Jobcentre Training DVDs

Joanne to check with Richard Hitchin from the Department of Works and Pensions that the training DVD has now been sent to all Jobcentres.



Short-breaks consultation

Joanne to add the short-breaks consultation to the next agenda.



# Feedback from the Winterbourne Group

The group have been looking at people placed in secure hospitals by the NHS.

Sue Young from NHS England has been working with Troy Jones and Jimmy Kerrigan to put together a list of people in these placements.



We are currently doing person centred plans for these people and discharging them if it is safe and appropriate to do so.

To help with this we have asked Norman Lamb to unblock the flow of money.



What types of places are these?



These are secure hospitals where people will need support to be able to go to supported living. This might be to a residential home or their own home but they will need support.

We have not met the deadlines but we wanted to do this properly and we do have discharge dates for a number of people.



How many buildings are closing?



We are closing one building (Birling Centre) which has 6 beds.

## Feedback from the Winterbourne Group, (continued)



Do we have anyone out of the County and if so, what will happen to them?



They will have a choice if they come back to Kent or not. Everyone will have a person centred plan and so it will be up to them and their family to decide.

This may mean that we have to design some services for some of the people.

Some people have said that they do not want to move and so there are some challenges.

If someone still needs a place we can buy a place in another assessment and treatment centre.



At the moment there are around 106 inpatients and around 32 are not in the right place and are ready to discharge.

Advocacy4All are working to support people through the changes.

Next week the Department of Health are visiting to see what we are doing

## Feedback from the Winterbourne Group, (continued)



Can we feedback to the Health Group on how people are getting on?



Penny will ask for feedback on the individuals who have been discharged. It will not be fed back at every meeting but a couple of times a year.



How long do people stay in these hospitals?



Some can be over a year, some can be 3 or 4 weeks, it depends why they are there.

## Update on the Health and Wellbeing Board Presentation

Penny told the group that we will be going back to the Health and Wellbeing Board in November to update them on what we have been doing.

The group were shown the presentation given to the Health and Wellbeing Board last year to remind them what was talked about.



In the new presentation we will talk about the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework. Is there anything else you would like us to talk about?

## Update on the Health and Wellbeing Board Presentation (continued)



How did we compare nationally with the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework?



There were some questions that we came below average but we are already doing a lot of work in these areas. I think we need to do a slide to show what we are doing for these questions.

It was agreed that we would put together an easy read on the national benchmarks and share with the group.

We have also been discussing this at the Good Health Group so there will be other items that need to be added to the presentation.

We will bring a draft presentation to the next meeting.



## Update on the Joint Health and Social Care SAF actions

Joanne gave a presentation on the work that we are doing around the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework (SAF).





## Update on the Joint Health and Social Care SAF actions (continued)



Can we show that we are doing well in employment?



In this target we scored green but we still feel we could do better and so we are doing work with the What I Do Delivery Group, Kent Supported Employment and the Department of Work and Pensions.

This work is around getting people ready for work and getting into paid employment.



Does this include work on apprenticeships?



No, this work will be done by Education.



Perhaps we need to count people not known to services?



The problem we have is that very often when people get employment they no longer need our services and so are removed from our systems. Therefore, they are no longer known to us or counted.

## Responses from the KCC Cabinet Members

We are monitoring the responses from the KCC Cabinet Members and following-up on any actions.



Mike Hill will be coming along to the Keeping Safe Group in October



What was the response from the Cabinet Members around employment?



We will check this.

## Update on the actions from the Kent LD Partnership Board Review

Joanne gave a presentation on the actions from the Kent LD Partnership Board Review.



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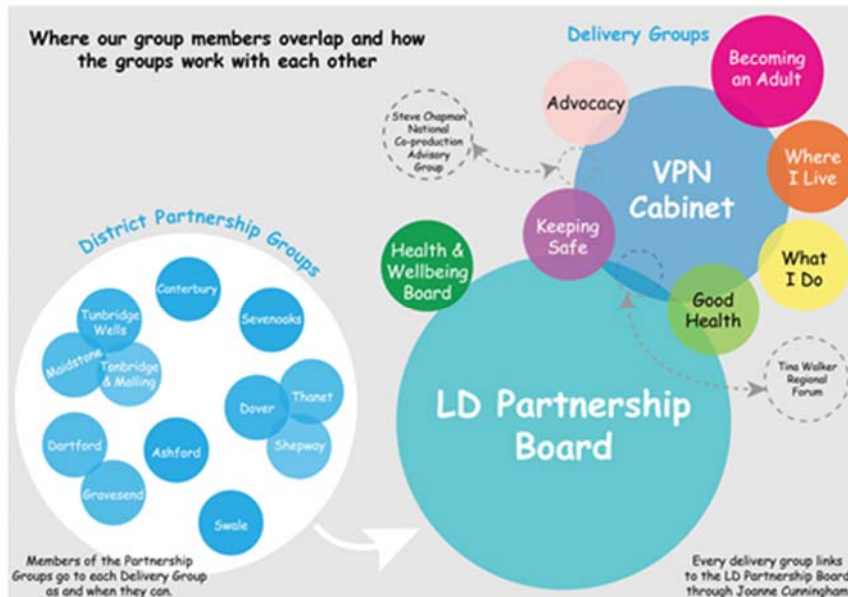


We are hoping to have something but if we are not able to it will be a longer project to have one put in Invicta House.

# Update on the actions from the Kent LD Partnership Board Review (continued)

The group was shown a picture showing how the different groups linked with each other. Comments included:

- It needs crisper colours, it's a bit blurry
- Steve Chapman also links with the 'What I Do' group
- As well as the 'Where I Live' group and the VPN Cabinet, Paula Watson also goes to the LD Partnership Board.
- The white circle looks like it is separate, it needs to be touching the blue circle
- The bubble for the Board is too big



## Money for Delivery Groups

There was a bid from the Keeping Safe Delivery Group for a maximum of £150 for expenses to visit a train station, (probably Maidstone West).



The purpose of the visit is to meet a railway enforcement officer and to be shown the technology in use at the station. It has been agreed that any input on how to improve the technology or issues that arise from the trip would be fed-back to Southeastern Rail management.

The Cabinet agreed the bid on condition that if it was successful there would be another visit to a different station in Kent to give others the chance to give their views.



Is Maidstone West train station manned 24 hours?



Joanne will find out.

It was agreed by the group that there should be a report back at the next meeting showing the outcomes of the bids so far.

Joanne to add a list of money given to the different Delivery Groups to the minutes.



## Money for Delivery Groups (continued)

Money agreed for the financial year 2013-2014

Project	Delivery Group	Amount Agreed
Printing - Becoming an Adult Guide	Becoming an Adult	Cost of 250 copies
Health Action Plan boxes	Good Health	£ 310.00
Hospital passport key fobs	Good Health	£ 320.00
Opticians project roll out	Good Health	£ 350.00
Lunch and refreshments for LD Week 2013 event	Partnership Board	£300.00 Max
Homechoice training	Where I Live	£ 960.00 Max
Job Centre staff training DVD	What I Do	£ 250.00 Max

Money agreed for the financial year 2014-2015

Project	Delivery Group	Amount Agreed
Visit to train station	Keeping Safe	£ 150.00 Max

## Feedback from the Delivery Groups

### Where I Live

Marion Money from the National Landlords Association came to our last meeting. This was to look at why private landlords do not want to rent to people with learning disabilities and breaking down these barriers.



# Feedback from the Delivery Groups (continued)

Marion will be speaking with landlords from the Canterbury and Swale area to talk about the good things about renting to people with a learning disability.

## Good Health

At their last meeting the Good Health Group talked about cancer screening services and the Health and Wellbeing presentation.

At their next meeting they will be looking at the work happening in the acute hospitals.



## Keeping Safe

Staff from Southeastern Rail visited to talk about their services. From this it was agreed that members of the Keeping Safe group would like to visit a train station to see some of the technology and see how easy it is to use.

At their next meeting Mike Hill, Cabinet Member for Community Services will be visiting to hear more about the Shop Safe Scheme.



# Feedback from the Delivery Groups (continued)

## What I Do

At the last meeting, Sue Dunn and Penny Denne from KCC, Skills and Employability, visited to talk about Assisted Apprenticeships

The group also voted on actions they wanted to work on in the following year.



## Becoming an Adult

The group started to look at actions for the following year.

They also looked at the changes happening in September in the Children's and Families Act and the new Special Educations Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reform.

As well as this, the group has started to review the 'Becoming an Adult' booklet.



## Forward plan

The Cabinet was asked what they would like to talk about at future meetings.

As agreed earlier in the meeting it was decided to look at the outcomes of the money given to Delivery Groups.

Linda asked if we could look at the needs of people with complex needs and their experiences in day centres. This is because she has heard of an issue in the Dover area.

Paula told the group that people should have a person centred plan. If this is not being met, this should be raised with their Care Manager as soon as possible.

Sylvia Rolfe is working for the Good Day Program to improve services in the Dover area. Paula said that if the parent/carer having issues wanted to get in touch with Paula, she would put them in contact with Sylvia Rolfe.

It was agreed that we should have some feedback from the Good Day Programme Board. **Joanne to add to a future agenda.**





# Kent LD Partnership Awards 2014 / Board Meeting

The VPN Cabinet talked about the timings for the Kent LD Partnership Board on the 2nd September 2014.

I was agreed that the meeting would only look at the work of the District Partnership Groups and any other items would be for future Board meetings.

The Cabinet was told that letters will go out to everyone nominated for an award. The winners will get a second letter inviting them to lunch.



## Any other business

### Direct Payment

Sue told the Cabinet about issues the District Partnership Groups have had in getting information on Direct Payments.



*Sue to forward the details to Penny*

### Co-chair for Maidstone District Partnership Group

Daniel told the group that he is the new Co-chair for Maidstone District Partnership Group



## Future Meetings

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014

**Please note:**  
**this meeting is now being held at:**  
**Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road,**  
**Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS**

1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.



## Presentations

A copy of all presentations and paperwork from the Valuing People Now Cabinet are available. Please contact Joanne Cunningham.



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