



Valuing People Now Cabinet Minutes

Date : 6th June 2014 - 1:00pm—4:00pm
Venue : International House, Dover Place,
Ashford, TN23 1HU

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.

Penny was not able to come to the meeting today and so Mark Walker will be acting as Co-Chair for the meeting.

Minutes and Actions from the last meeting

Apprenticeships

Sue Dunn, (KCC, Head of Skills and Employability) will be coming along to the next 'What I Do' Delivery Group to talk about apprenticeships and learning for vulnerable adults.



We will feedback at the next meeting.

Michelle said that she is sent a list that shows apprenticeships vacancies.

Michelle to send this list to Joanne so that we can make sure that the right people in the Kent LD Partnership are seeing this information.

Minutes and Actions from the last meeting (continued)

Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board Review

The latest version of the changing places map has been emailed to the members of the VPN Cabinet. The new website Partnership Board website is not yet set-up but a copy of the map can be found on the KCC website using the following link:



<http://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/disability/local-activities-and-support/changing-place-toilets>

Joanne has been in talks with KCC Property and Infrastructure Support about the possibility of having a Changing Places in Invicta House or Sessions House in Maidstone. A letter has also been sent to KCC Cabinet members to ask for help with this.

Update on the actions from the Kent LD Partnership Board

Actions completed were:

- Sue Bates checked the number of people attending the Board meeting Joanne had sent the information on the role of the LD reps to Sue.
- Joanne and Sue have started to work out how we are going to look for new learning disability reps and Co-Chairs
- Extra learning disability reps did attend the last Board meeting.

Minutes and Actions from the last meeting (continued)

Feedback from KCC Cabinet



Letters were agreed and sent to Cabinet Members on 6th May 2014.

The next Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board is being held on 2nd September 2014. Graham Gibbens and Paul Carter will be coming to this meeting.

Everyone who presented at the KCC Cabinet will also be invited.

Joanne to send timings of the meeting to Michelle.

Mencap Learning Disability Week (16th -22nd June 2014)

We are working with the Press Office and a press release will go out during that week.



Update from the Kent LD Partnership Board

Tina gave a presentation.



Maidstone District Partnership Group are looking for a new co-chair. Tanya Orchin and Louise Flatman are currently covering this role.

Update on the Kent LD Partnership Awards 2014

The options for a crystal award were discussed. Bernard suggested having an award made in wood by a person with a learning disability.



This was agreed by the Cabinet as long as the cost was in budget and they could be made in good time.

Sam felt that people may not understand how to fill in the form. **Joanne to put together an example.**

Joanne to put on the example that people could also use film, photos or easy read to tell us why someone deserves an award.

It was said that having the winners names put on a crystal award would be difficult but it would be possible on the wooden awards suggested by Bernard. It was agreed by a vote that the winners name should appear on the award.

Linda asked if we could have more notice if we were to do the awards again, as there was not enough time to meet with the District Partnership Groups to share the information.

Joanne said that if the awards went well we would do them again next year so we would have lots of notice. It has also been suggested that we could put our winners forward for the national awards next year.

The print style on the nomination form is a little small for someone with a learning disability.

Update on the Kent LD Partnership Awards 2014 (continued)

The closing date on the form is to be put in bold.

Joanne will get changes made next week and will email out for agreement.

Printed copies of the form will be sent out to the District Support Workers.

Update on the Joint Health and Social Care SAF actions

Joanne gave a presentation on the Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework.



Who is responsible for checking the GP's registers?



This is done by the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's)

GP's are checked by NHS England so there are people in Kent who are registered with GP's but not known to Social Services.



Where do we get the information on employment.



KCC have a Performance Team who have this information.

Responses from KCC Cabinet Members

Joanne gave a presentation on the questions asked at KCC Cabinet on the 24th March 2014 and what has happened since then.



Sam told the Cabinet that Mike Hill, (Cabinet Member for Communities), had invited her to a conference to talk about internet safety.

Updates on the actions from Kent LD Partnership Board

Joanne gave a presentation on the review of the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board and handed out papers which showed which actions have now been done.



Point 12 - We have explained to the KCC Press Office that when interviewing someone with a learning disability we would want to know the questions in advance.



Do we still need to invite Paul Francis from the Kent Messenger to a VPN Cabinet meeting?



It would be good for him to come and see the work that we are doing (Joanne to invite him to a future meeting).

Money for Delivery Groups

No bids were received.



Feedback from Delivery Groups

Becoming an Adult Delivery Group

It has been difficult to find a meeting time when the Co-chairs with a learning disability can come. It has been agreed to meet in July and hope that they can come.



Good Health Delivery Group

We looked at cancer screening. We will be asking people if they have been sent letters for screening and if so did they understand the importance.

The District Partnership Groups will be having "pop ups" in the districts. Michelle suggested having a DPG on Health.



Keeping Safe Delivery Group

Things the group talked about at the last meeting were:

- The KCC Cabinet presentation,
- Feedback from transport sub-group
- The Kent Library card.
- South Eastern railways



We will be agreeing a County-wide action at the next meeting.

Feedback from Delivery Groups (continued)

What I Do Delivery Group

We have been doing a lot of work with Jobcentres to make sure they are user friendly for people with learning disabilities. We also made a DVD which is being sent to Jobcentres to show to new staff.

Joanne to check with Richard Hitchin that the DVD has gone to all Jobcentres.



At the next meeting we will have a presentation from Sue Dunn who will be coming to talk about Apprenticeships. We will also have staff from Kent Supported Employment and the Department for Works and Pensions (DWP)

Where I Live Delivery Group

We will continue to work on easy read documents for any housing related issues.

The will also look at making better links private letting agencies and private landlords. We will be looking at going to the District Partnership Groups to find out what the problems are for people with learning disabilities and the landlords.



Marion Money, Kent Representative, National Landlord's Association will be attending the next meeting.

We are looking at producing a DVD to show the housing bidding system. A bid was sent to the Kent Housing Group Innovation Fund but we were not successful. We may look for funding of this from this group.

Forward Plan

Ideas for future meetings included:

Winterbourne Group

All GP's have agreed new ways of working with people in the hospitals.

Joanne to arrange for a presentation for the August meeting.

Kent LD Partnership Website

Joanne to arrange for feedback on the new website to be put on forward plan and for someone to be invited to the next meeting.

Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework

We are still waiting for the SAF results back which were due in April.

Care Bill

There is a new Care Bill and at the moment we do not know how this will impact on people with a learning disability. Michael Thomas-Sam is working on this and we could ask him to come to a meeting to give a presentation.

Short-breaks consultation

Joanne to put the Short Breaks Consultation on the forward plan for the August meeting.



Any Other Business

Update from the Kent LD Partnership

Michelle felt that this paper was too long for some of the members of the District Partnership Groups. Michelle suggested that there should be just one slide or page per delivery group.



Rental agreements

Louise said that she had noticed a problem with people renting property. If it was felt by the landlord that people signing were not able to understand the agreement, then Landlords will not let them sign. People then have to go to court and often the property is then gone.



Paula explained that this was being looked at in the Where I Live Delivery Group.

Gifted items

Sam said that she had a problem whereby her landlord said that the arial on her property had been gifted to her and she had to pay for repairs to make it safe.



This was not the case and Sam now has her money back.

Sam's understanding is that if an item belonged to the people who lived there before, it can not be gifted to you by the landlord as it is not his to give.

Future Meetings



Friday, 1st August 2014
Darent Room, Sessions House,
Maidstone, ME14 1XQ



1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.



Friday, 3rd October 2014
1st Floor, International House
Dover Place, Ashford
Kent, TN23 1HU



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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