

NORTH WEST TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM



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Subject: Update report to Commissioning Group

Executive summary:

The following report is a summary of the activity of the NWTDT in the period June to September 2009 and the actions taken to implement the Business Plan agreed by the Commissioning Group.

Recommendations:

1. That the Commissioning Group accept the contents of this report.
- 2.

REFLECTION

The team continues to develop the range of associates and 'products' available to support the region continue to improve the supports available to children, adults and older people with learning disabilities and their families.



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1. INTRODUCTION

The previous report (16) has been circulated to Self-Advocates, Health and Social Care Lead Officers and the Family Forum. The report is also available on the NWTDT website

2. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



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Commissioning Group –

REQUIRED OUTCOMES



- Quarterly report to be submitted against business plan produced by team members.
- Report to be circulated.

Quarterly report circulated and available at www.nwtdt.com

An Annual Report 2008/2009 has been prepared. This is currently being finalised and printed and will be circulated, copies will be available at www.nwtdt.com

Lynn will be representing NW ADASS at the ADASS national Learning Disability Group.



Budget –

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- End the year balancing the budget.

Budget summary will be finalised and presented at the meeting. There are no concerns regarding this at the present time.



Service Level Agreements

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Agreements to be finalised with all Primary Care Trust's, Local Authority's and Care Services Improvement Partnership/ Valuing People

6 Children's services are now subscribing with a seventh considering whether to subscribe or commission work as a non subscriber.



Communication-

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Further develop the website and improve communication with the Region.
- Improve skills within the team in producing more accessible information

Website:

Website design and structure has been agreed, and implemented. The content is in the process of being inserted into the design from the large brochure that was produced. Once the basic content is finished then we should be ready to upload the new website onto the pathways domain name. Once uploaded meetings with each trainer will be arranged to gather ideas and content from everyone for their individual needs. This will then be processed. Further on from this an events booking system is to be designed and implemented. This will allow people to view events on-line, book them, and receive confirmation (plus any other info) on-line and via email. The system will also help the Events Manager by creating lists and databases automatically for each event.

Contact Database: As no central database has been implemented before, this has taken some time to implement and get rolling. We are now in a position where we have around 500 different people on our central database. The database is cared for on a daily basis by our team administrator. Currently we are using the system to send out upcoming events and other information via email. the database is also capable of postal mailings. We do not as yet have a complete database, as not all the team have yet to collate their data for import into the database, but this is due to be rectified at the same time as the meeting for the website content.

Flyers: Flyer design has been updated and now looks and feels more like a professional document. We have also used more pages per flyer, this allows us to easily fit more information on each page and to make the initial page more striking and noticeable. Flyer turn around is now much faster than previous. We have also gained a good contact from a printing company which allows us to print our flyers low cost, and in high quality.



Team –

REQUIRED OUTCOMES



- Agreements to be finalised and monitored
- Range and number of Associates to be further developed. Each strategic lead to aim to support 2 new associates to create capacity and sustainability across the region
- Develop agreements with partner organisations working to achieve NWTDT mission.

Agreements have been finalised for the financial year 2009/2010.

The number of Associates/ Partner organisations working with the team continues to grow, particularly in relation to new business across Children's Services and also with regard to our growing reputation in relation to research.

Our partnership agreements with our preferred providers e.g. HSA, IC Jason Rhodes will be confirmed during the course of this financial year.

Research Centre



Pam



REQUIRED OUTCOME

The Research Centre will find out the best ways to make sure people have good lives. The researchers will talk to people about their lives, things that are good, and things that need to change.

The researchers will also talk to policy makers and managers in North West England about the way they are working, and find out about things that help people to have good lives, as well as things that need to change.



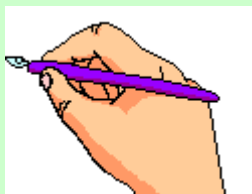
REQUIRED OUTCOME

Pam is finding out from people what they think about NWTDT. People are being asked to answer questions and we should have answers very soon.



REQUIRED OUTCOME

Pam is working with Laurence to ask people in Liverpool about how they would like to take short breaks. Some people like the old way of doing things in day centres or respite centres. Lots of other people are saying they want to use ordinary places instead.



REQUIRED OUTCOME

To find out how many people are living in areas that may be a long way from family or friends. Pam is hoping to work with Eric Emerson at Lancaster University to do this.



3. **INCLUSION/ SELF-ADVOCATE AND FAMILY LEADERSHIP** **Regional Programme Board**



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REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- To maintain a joint regional force to influence change.
- To make sure Valuing People Now and other relevant national policies are a priority and focus for the NW
- Ensure self-advocates are supported to enable true participation in the group.
- To deliver joint regional action and direction to lead officers and to continue to stimulate innovative across the North West.
- To influence and inform the National Programme Board or other bodies relating to regional priority issues.

Regional Programme Board meetings have been arranged for the year to reflect the priorities from the Regional Self Advocate Conference, Regional Family Forum and Valuing People Now. The Regional Programme Board meeting in July focused on the national launch of Valuing Employment Now. A copy of the notes from the day and presentations will be available on the NWTDT website (www.nwttdt.com).

Partnership Board Reviews

- Circulate 'Making your Partnership Board work' book
- Provide support for each Partnership Board to assess current performance with regard to Self- Advocate and Family Forum priorities

Copies of 'Making your Partnership Board work' have been circulated free to each Director of Adult Social Services and Chair of each Partnership Board. Additional copies are available at a cost of £15 to cover printing costs from NWTDT. They were also available at the launch of Valuing People Now. In addition NWTDT have supported many Partnership Boards develop a PATH to assist the review. Information from the recent review of Partnership Boards in the North West will be presented to the next Regional Programme Board in July and made available via the website (www.nwttdt.com).

Self Advocates



Regional task force/ National Regional Forum representatives



Jason



Dene and



Pippa

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- People traditionally excluded will be receiving advocacy support from a range of sources. Learning Disability Partnership Boards aware of and using regional and national self-advocacy leaders who come from their areas and are supporting their leadership skills.



Self Advocacy Reps on the National Forum 2009

Paddy Burke (from Liverpool People First) and Michael Jones (Oldham) are the National Forum representatives.



Regional Task Force representatives 2009

Jackie Hughes - Sefton
Suzanne Marshall – Oldham
Paddy Burke – Liverpool
Derek Russell – Blackpool
Jonathon Hurley – Liverpool
Sean Dempsey – Salford
Michael Jones – Oldham
Karen Flood - Liverpool

CONFERENCE PRIORITIES



Following the conference held in Blackpool the 4 new big issues (two got the same votes) are:-

- We want more money and support for advocacy
- Partnership Boards need to listen to us more and do what we say
- We need more friendships and relationships – sex, contraception and keeping our babies
- We need good reliable transport

As well as the 4 big issues above the other important things identified by the Forum were:-

- Good things to do at evenings and weekends
- We need more help to be and stay healthy
- No more hate crime treat us with respect
- We need support that's person centred
- We want better access on streets and in buildings
- We need good housing that's right for us
- We need to be more of a part of our community
- We don't want people to treat us badly because of our race
- We want a chance to work full or part time if we choose to

Regional Self Advocacy

- NWTDT act as the regional self advocacy co-ordinator on behalf of Centre Events and National Learning Disabilities Office up and until 2011. We continue to provide support to the regions two national representatives to promote the regions big issues at the quarterly national forum events.
- Michael Jones stepped down as one of the North West's national representatives in June 2009 due to work commitments. After discussion and agreement at the regional and national forums Mark Shackelton has replaced Michael. Mark served as one of the North West's national representatives for two years up and until January 2009.
- Michael decided to remain as regional representative

- On the 2nd of July a meeting was held between Ann Williams Scott Watkin National Learning Disability Co-Directors, the National Self Advocacy Forum, The National Family Forum and NAGLDE to discuss how all parties can work together to promote the aims of Valuing People Now. The key outcome was that all parties would communicate more regularly.
- Joint working will be a regular item on the North West Advocacy agenda. The group intends to invite NAGLDE to one of its meetings to progress greater partnership working this calendar year.
- As stated in the last report .In April 2009 NWTDT Valuing People Regional lead and the Regional Self Advocacy Steering group discussed how the North West Region can facilitate greater self advocacy involvement across the region in 2009/10 .Since this meeting the following action has been taken.
 - a) Karen Flood (regional rep) helped facilitate role play and discussion at the steering group on how we could involve more people with special needs using peer advocacy .The ideas expressed at the last steering group have been passed to the regional valuing people lead who intends to ensure greater peer advocacy across the region.
 - b) Pre meetings are planned for self advocacy representatives of the North West Programme Board one or two weeks before each meeting to prepare for the programme board meeting.
 - c) To ensure greater involvement of Partnership Boards, letters have been sent to all Partnership Boards in the region inviting them to attend the 2010 conference. Responses are being monitored.
 - d) A planning meeting between the conference organiser regional co-ordinator and Cumbria Advocacy services takes place in September to arrange a forum/steering group meeting in Cumbria for 2009/10 to help facilitate inclusion of more advocacy groups from the North of the region
 - e) Regular monthly planning meetings are taking place to organise this years conference
- National forum dates have been planned for the 8th to 10th September (NWTDT will be speaking at this forum on the potential of CIC's to support advocacy.) and the 2nd to 4th December
- Scott Watkin the Co National Director of Learning Disabilities has been attempting to attend a North West advocacy event this year but due to diary commitments has been unable to. However Scott will be attending the regional conference in February 2010.



IC Jason Rhodes

- NWTDT continues to support Self Advocacy in the Region by supporting IC Jason Rhodes who leads on organising the annual Advocacy conference at St Anne's

Over this period, IC Jason Rhodes has been supported to continue to promote and develop its business, and NWTDT has been able to signpost this organisation to a number of authorities seeking easy read information, training and the arranging of events. Jason has also been supported to handle some of those challenging issues faced by all employers at one time or another, which have proven the value of the policies and procedures he has put in place, and now adeptly followed. Jason has now decided to take a further risk by extending Gary Barnes's Business Development role to 16 hours per week, as it is essential for the business to grow yet further in order to meet all its commitments, and yield for Jason and his core team a reasonable living wage.

New work contracts presently in planning include easy read training courses, organising a major conference around self advocacy for a large provider organisation, and a series of day conferences in Salford.

Family Forum



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REGIONAL FAMILY FORUM BIG ISSUES 2009/2010

- Getting in touch with more families and letting them know what is happening.
- Accountability – turning plans into real action that improves people's lives.
- Real inclusion at all levels including the support to be included not just lip service

The group agreed that 2 Representatives will attend the National Carers Group this year in order to inform the Group of developments and achievements in the North West and bring information back from across the country.

The Regional Family Forum now meets quarterly to support the representatives. At these meetings we discuss what happened at the previous Regional Programme Board and National Carers Group as well as preparing for the next meetings of these groups.

Most areas have responded positively to the Family Forums request to hold a regional 'road show' to assist them get in touch with more families. For more information about what is happening about this in your area please contact Lynn James-Jenkinson (lynn.james-jenkinson@nwttdt.com).

Health and Social Care Leads



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REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- To operate and support leads to deliver the Regional Programme Board's direction and action plan.
- To continue to foster joint working across sub regions of the North West for both LA and PCT's.

Regional Health and Social Care Leads meetings have been arranged for the year to reflect the priorities from the Regional Self Advocate Conference and Regional Family Forum.

The Regional Health and Social Care Leads meeting in July focused on the theme of developing a regional strategy in relation to Positive Behavioural approaches. A copy of the notes from the day and presentations are available on the NWTDT website (www.nwttdt.com).

Relight My Fire

- Develop a shared commissioning strategy with standards for commissioning across the North West

An additional Lead Officers meeting on 24th September has led to the emergence of a regional agreement in relation to responsible commissioning in the North West. A clear pathway for commissioning will be developed and agreed by the group. A small group of lead officers continue to work on this and will represent it back to the Leads group at the meeting in October.

Providers



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REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Establish and Develop Pathways Associates as a route to support Provider development

Our Partner Organisation now provides a route for Provider Organisations to subscribe to support training and development with a range of subscription options. For more information contact lynn.james-jenkinson@pathwaysassociates.co.uk

Tony McDermott represents the NWTDT Commissioning Group on the Board of Pathways Associates Community Interest Company Ltd.

In addition our partnership with Self Direct and VOICE marketing continues to produce well attended and oversubscribed Provider events.



Joint Improvement Partnership

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Copy quarterly report to JIP representative to report on outcomes.
- Secure Service Level Agreement between NWTDT and JIP/VPST

Lynn and Dave are in the process of agreeing and formalising this.

4. ACTIVITY

Personalisation



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Step by Step Living Network



Policy developments/ supports in relation to Self Directed Support

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Self-directed support is a national priority, through the individual budgets and direct payments policies and with person centred planning continuing to be at the heart of the delivery of Valuing People.
- Work in partnership with organisations to secure funding to further develop and promote this.
- Promote and develop ways of self directed support being an option for all.

NWTDT integrate Self Directed Support into all aspects of the training and development work we do.

The establishment of Pathways Associates Community Interest Company Ltd will assist in securing development monies for the Region through this organisation and others who are members of the consortium which will further promote self directed support.

Person Centred Planning



Pauline



Helen Sanderson



REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Continuation of current programme of work, including website and dissemination of good practice, locally regionally and nationally

- Training and Development Support @ Person Centred thinking/ culture and tools



Pauline

Over the past months, the NWTDT has been delivering a number of events across the North West in order to develop an agenda to support Care providers increase its activity in person centred approaches to support personalised support.

For those organisations that provide a wide range of support services, we have provided a number of workshops on person centred thinking and approaches. There is a need to work with direct support to clarify the meaning of their work. Those services who need to challenge how the supports they provide to people result in people having more control and result in having a better life. This kind of work continues to be commissioned by local services.

St Helens, for example have committed to every worker participating in receiving the opportunity to understand and learn skills of person centred thinking in all aspects of their work. The first line managers and assistants are attending workshops that address person centred approaches; this means having the knowledge and skill to address that the supports they provide to people are linked to planning and implementation of what matters in a persons life.



Helen Sanderson



The programme for the Person Centred Planning Network will begin in the autumn with a range of exciting events designed to help people to deliver Valuing People Now and Putting People First.

On 20th October, we welcome **Michael Smull** back to the UK for his only visit this year, to help us think about delivering person centred

services, particularly focusing on people with high support needs, with Louise Skelhorn.

There are two further events in October. On 5th October there is the **National Event for Trainers** in person centred thinking and planning, and person centred reviews to share learning and best practice. For more information contact Helen@helensandersonassociates.co.uk

The Support Planning and Review event is on 6th and 7th October and is crucial for everyone involved in support planning and reviews. The event is supported by the Putting People First Team.

This will be a creative, practical two days with opportunities to learn and share good practice and new developments including:

- Delivering personalisation through person centred thinking and planning - key lessons and good practice guidelines.
- Creating Cultural Change in services and organisations.
- Good practice in support planning with older people.
- Dementia care mapping, person centred thinking and support planning.
- Good practice in support planning with people who use mental health services.
- Support planning with children and families in the DCFS Children Individual Budget Pilot, and the Personal Health Budget Pilots.
- The new 'outcome focused reviews' process and using information from reviewing support plans to 'co-produce commissioning'.
- New, simple support planning resources, and introducing Shop4Support's new support planning developments.
- 5 pathways to support planning – what are we learning? Initiatives from user led organisations. Peer support. Co-producing support plans.
- Individual Service Funds - what are they, what are we learning?

For more information contact Helen@helensandersonassociates.co.uk

In 23rd November there is an introduction to the new **Outcome Focused Review process**. This was developed by disabled people, family members and Local Authorities, supported by the Putting People First Team. This is a free event, date to be arranged. This event will be led by Gill Bailey.

On 15th December we are introducing a **new Practical Tool for Providers** to use to self assess where they are in relation to delivering

Individual Service Funds. This day is for providers. It is an opportunity to use the self assessment tool, and to hear about resources and useful material for the next step on the road to personalisation. This is a free event, date to be confirmed. The event will be led by Kim Haworth and Tracey Bush

Many people are using person centred thinking, and on 18th January we are offering a new one day event on how to coach other people to use person centred thinking tools. This is ideal for first line managers, person centred planning facilitators and champions (who have already attended a person centred thinking course. This is a free event, with a small cost for the **Person Centred Thinking Coaches Cards** (£9.95). This event will be led by Michelle Livesley Date: 18th January

A date will be announced soon for an event about “**Person Centred Thinking and Health**” led by Debra Moore and Julie Bray This will be a free event.

And finally, we look forward to John O’Brien joining us in February.

Workforce Development



Dene

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Trainers Network -Continuation of work programme supporting the Regional Trainers
- GM Joint Training Partnership-Training Partnerships that promote and support self-advocates/families to plan, lead and take part in training.
- NW Sector Skills Productivity Alliance Promotion of strong links with North West Sector Skills Productivity Alliance - Promotion of strong links with National and Regional work in relation to workforce development Network
- Dissemination of Research findings with TUC/ RCN and MMU to celebrate the NW workforce
- Supporting the Social Care and Nurse workforce – raise awareness of the agenda and positive implications for the workforce

Workforce Development

- At the June Trainers Network meeting Brian Groves of Skills for Care introduced participants to the QFC/learning disability tool kit for trainers plus other skills for Care initiatives.
- A Workforce development conference in Partnership with Valuing People, Skills for Care and Bild has been planned by NWTDT in October 2009/10 for key stakeholders in the in North West and Nationally. It will consider the workforce development and training implications of Valuing People Now. It will be chaired by Charlie Barker. Leslie Barcham Workforce Development Lead for Valuing People and Jim Thomas of Skills for Care will be taking part.
- Leslie Barcham continues as the National Valuing People Workforce Development Lead. Leslie has been seconded from the British Institute of Learning Disabilities
- On Leslies request NWTDT continue to act as a critical friend to support her in her National role.

Greater Manchester Training Partnership

- A training event with the Partnerships remaining allocated finance is to be held in 2009/10 to look at improving services vulnerable to placement breakdown

Other Work

Early Years –

- NWTDT is currently developing an early year's workshop for Children Centre Staff and Families utilising its skills in Person Centred Approaches and the Management of Change/Mindfulness. The initiative will be trialled in October 2009

Breaking the Cycle



Lynn

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Partnership Boards ensure that a 'champion' is identified for 'local services'. This person to lead on producing an agreed local action plan, that promotes development of local services and reduction in out of area placements

Refreshing breaking the cycle including the development of an implementation plan is something that the Health Equalities Sub Group of the Regional Partnership Board has on its agenda for this year.

- The NWTDT, Valuing People Regional Office and the North West NHS Specialist Commissioning Team are supporting a regional project (funded by the specialist commissioning team), to support specialist practitioners and less experienced providers involved in the support of people with challenging behaviour to implement positive approaches to challenging behaviour (PBS). The three day training event has received much interest with over 30 applicants for the 25 places. The course will commence in September. If successful the training will be repeated. The course is to be evaluated and if appropriate the results published with the support of the NWTDT.
- In future The PBS project aims to widen its scope to support the whole workforce community including family carers and people that use services.
- The PBS project includes a regional skills/training audit and training programme scheduled for 2009/10 aimed at improving the ability and capacity (in its first phase) of the independent sector plus family carers who offer support to individuals with challenging behaviour and forensic histories.
- A regional PI/PBS strategy and standards initiative to help improve services and support the workforce is being developed by NWTDT supported by a self advocacy advisory group, Valuing People Lead, and North West Lead Officers. The work will be completed in 2009/10.

- NWTDT are discussing the value of organising a conference in 2009/10 to support the various challenging behaviour initiatives in the region including supporting people vulnerable to placement breakdown
- A NWTDT ,Valuing People ,Specialist commissioning team, PBS/Trainers network event is being held in Warrington in September over 70 participants are booked to attend
- A plan will be presented by NWTDT to Health Equalities Group on the 28th of September detailing how the Network activity for supporting people who challenge will be implemented during 2009/10

Ethnicity and Culture



Nabela

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Continuation of current programme of work, including website and dissemination of good practice.

The Equality Bill will create new opportunities and challenges. We are well placed to meet these challenges; NWTDT has developed programmes to deliver on specific priorities, which are in line with Valuing People Now. The events have been designed and will be delivered by experts to explore and find out what the Equality Bill really means in reality for organisations. As well as hearing facts you will have the opportunity to ask questions, debate issues action plan and look at implementation strategies. We are delivering events on all the key strands over the course of this year.

The NWTDT are putting on events this coming year which focus on the issues that relate to developing better practice and outcomes in the future, becoming better at communicating and sharing information, local knowledge, modelling what we want others to learn. The various programmes aim to provide guidance and practical information on developing quality services to meet the needs of minority groups. The

upcoming events are all practical and tailored in house workshops which can be delivered in authorities as well as regionally.

NWTD are continuing to work with the Advisory Group on Ethnicity to support the development of a framework for a fairer future. This work has been crucial as ethnicity is not seen as a priority but as an integral part of our work and can often be missed.

The interest that has been shown in these events has been very slow and patchy. We have taken this issue to the National Advisory Group, which is coordinated by the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities. The Advisory Group has support from VPST. The group aims to influence policy nationally and locally. They give advice on plans that affect the lives of people from minority ethnic communities and also carry out surveys and projects. The Advisory Group has links to the learning disability task force and works closely with the learning disability ethnicity networks. Also this group has close links with the ethnicity training networks and other organisations that promote the rights of people with learning disabilities from minority ethnic communities. On the 2nd of June there was discussion about issues concerning funding for events to be subsidised and to see how we can collaborate. At this meeting the group talked about partnership boards and the delivery plan for Valuing People Now. How to reach people who are not members of Partnership Boards or other groups and how to support Partnership Boards to make sure all people are included in their meetings.

On the 2nd July I attended a meeting to talk about the work programme for NAGLDE. The agenda item was the role of NAGLDE in implementing Valuing People Now, the work plan and policy link. Discussion around the meeting was about the three groups NAGLDE, The National Forum and The National Valuing Families Forum working together to strengthen NAGLDE's position.

Our regional network meetings in the North West around Getting A life And Ethnicity continue to be a good forum for Authorities in the North West to link with organisations, to share information and learn about government's plans. Interest that has been shown in the Networks has been slow but attendance is getting better. It is important we have commitment at all levels to develop better services. At the NAGLDE meeting we also discussed issues around strengthening the regional networks, looked at the barriers and steps for the future.

Transitions – all of them!



Pauline

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Extension of the current programme to gain a network covering every local authority in the North West.
- Development agenda @ Early Support, Aiming High for Disabled Children and Extended Schools
- Dissemination of support programme to all NW Directors of Children's Services

Children/ Young People

I am delighted to report that we have had the pleasure in facilitating a number of workshops with children's services. We will be working at a Merseyside children's centre to influence inclusive approaches to supporting young families. This programme will include stories from personal experience / skill for supporting positive communication, using Mindfulness as an approach to effective communication/ person centred thinking. The programme will share its experiences across partnerships at a local level.



Transition Network.

The September transition event will be a joint transition network with CHAMPS. The event will be funded by Champs and NWTDT and led by the north west team; we will have a large number of people from across health and social care aiming to share knowledge and skills in our work of transition for people from all communities. The day will explore what is working and not working and also develop our understanding of each other in relation to how to do better when supporting young people with a plan towards having a happier and healthy life. The day will also share work by Bridget Fisher about how we can make sure that all young people especially from minority communities are included.



Older People.

The development of support planning with older people has generated lots of interest but little commitment from a strategic perspective to increase better community supports for older people. At the moment, the NWTDT has been collecting good stories of active citizenship, encouraging older people to contribute and have a good life.



Peer Advocacy Step by Step Living Network/ Dr Laurence Clark

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Produce an accessible brochure for self advocates to walk through the process of obtaining and managing a personalised support package - under an individualised budget or not.
- Promote this around the region
- Identify and train a range of peer mentors to advise and assist individuals to start up and manage their supports.

Self Directed Support Accessible Booklet

The final draft will be going to the printers in mid September and will be circulated in the next quarter.

Health



Janet Cobb



Catherine Webster

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Support the development of Health Checks for people
- Support district activity relating to implementation of independent enquiry recommendations
- Support Valuing People Now health priorities
- Support implications from the Darzi review as they relate to people with a Learning Disability.

- Support activity relating to Health Care Commission audit findings.
- Support SHA Performance Indicator framework development to assist PCT commissioners explicitly consider the needs of people with learning disabilities when commissioning mainstream healthcare.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

1. We sent feedback to the Care Quality Commission on developing their 5 year plan
2. Contact and individual email support for NW health contacts is ongoing in between events with sharing of important Government documents and national information.

Examples since last report are:

- Swine Flu Information
- Improving Access to Acute Services
- Information on disabled children
- Information on continuing care
- Information on personal health budgets.
- Information on dementia and learning disability

WHAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT NOW

1. We are working with the Strategic Health Authority group to agree a performance framework to help local Partnership Boards know how well they are doing. We hope that our network will be an important part of this.
2. We have a fully booked September Health Network meeting. We have invited people from Mental Health as well (NHS Northwest Mental Health Improvement Partnership have kindly covered these costs) and we will be talking about the Green Light Toolkit and the Bradley Report
3. We are planning a series of learning events – the draft topic list is:
 - Sexual Health
 - Postural Care
 - Ken Holland / Jo Poynter - Green light 2
 - De escalation techniques
 - Epilepsy
 - Mental Health in LD
 - Podiatry
 - Relationships

- Parents with Id
- British Heart Foundation, Healthy eating & exercise as health promotion and learning disabilities – RCN dignity / nutrition
- Human Rights

WHAT WE ARE PLANNING TO DO

1. We will be setting our Network agenda for 2010. We plan to look at Children's services, including Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
2. We also want to plan some local events that bring health staff and people with learning disabilities together to talk about specific health topics. We hope that the self assessment process will help us to do this.
3. We are working with several districts in the NW on transition as part of the disabled childrens national transition work (This is NOT via NWTDT but links into adult work) in addition the NWTDT is supporting the NW transition support programme by working in partnership to facilitate a number of regional events on transition.



Housing

Lynn/ Housing Options

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- A programme in collaboration with a number of stakeholders that supports the development of support and services closer to home, prevents exclusion and inappropriate out of are placements, to include work on commissioning, housing options and regulation.

Our positive relationship with Housing Options has been confirmed this financial year. The detail of the work will be focusing on together will be outlined in the next report.

Things to do during the day

Getting a Life



Nabela Rahim

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Re-launch of the support to the Regional Network linking to NDT review of Day Service Modernisation and National Getting a Life Project

Our regional network meetings in the North West around Getting A life And Ethnicity continue to be a good forum for Authorities in the North West to link with organisations, to share information and learn about government's plans. Interest that has been shown in the Networks has been slow but attendance is getting better. It is important we have commitment at all levels to develop better services.

Employment



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Deborah

REQUIRED OUTCOMES

- Work with Partner Organisations to secure funding to promote employment as a valued option for people.
- Promote a range of employment options including self-employment.

We are in the process of supporting PSA16 leads and NW JIP to host the NW launch of Valuing Employment Now. The date is to be confirmed following discussions with the Regional Minister.

Publicly Valued, Publicly Employed

Publicly Valued Publicly Employed has entered its third and final year of funding. The bidding round for Sect 64 for 2010 opened at the end of July. Much attention has been given to getting another robust

partnership application ready to apply for funding to build on the excellent work to date.

I am delighted to report that the targets set for the initiative have been achieved (27 Public Sector Organisations engaged - target 12. Of these organisations 11 have now employed people with a learning disability. There are 36 people who have secured paid employment within these Public Sector Organisations - target of 36). This is due in no small way to the effective collaboratively work with partners throughout the region.

Plans for the next three months focus around continuing to work with public sector organisations who are already engaged to reinforce the learning today and to ensure lasting change. One lesson we have learned is that one person into work does not mean a change in culture. We need to see a member of people supported and sustained in employment, through turbulent times as well as in times of calm.

We look forward to planning another dissemination event and welcoming our existing partners and new. Valuing Employment Now has already proved to be a superb resource for encouraging organisations to come on board as no one can fail to hear the very clear commitment from central government that the public sector will lead by example. We are there to assist those front line to help work out how.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMISSIONING GROUP

- That the Commissioning Group accept the contents of this report.

6. CONCLUSION



The team continues to develop the range of associates and 'products' available to support the region continue to improve the supports available to children, adults and older people with learning disabilities and their families.