



Notes from the Valuing Medway People Partnership Board.

We had a meeting on 12th January 2009.

We met at the King Charles Hotel in Gillingham.



1. Here are the names of the people who came to the meeting:

Kathy Johnson
Amanda Rogers

Co chair - Forum for Adults with a Learning Disability
Co chair - Assistant Director, Adult Social Care
Medway Council

Jason Terry
Robert Wilson
Rick Dartnaill
Kay Brunning
Viv Cooper
Reg Higgs
Mary Butcher
Anton Smith
Bob Hodges
Bridget Bygrave-Relf
Marilyn Kitchenham

Forum for Adults with a Learning Disability
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Carers' Forum
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Providers' Forum
Mid Kent College
Joint Service Standards Manager
Team Manager - Medway Service to Adult With
A Learning Disability

John Bakker
Rose Collinson

NHS Medway
Director of Caring and Learning Medway Council
- part of the meeting

Supporters:

Bev Reid	for the Forum for adults with a learning disability
Tim Guest	for the Forum for adults with a learning disability
Colin Guest	for the Forum for adults with a learning disability
Paula Gill	for the Providers' Forum representative

People who visited the meeting were:

Julie Orchard	Care Manager Assistant
Madeline Abbott	Care Manager Assistant
Beth Peal	Person Centred Planning Co-ordinator
Maya Bangar	Medway Carers' Centre

People who said sorry they could not come to the meeting were:

Claire Jones	Mencap
Liz Nicholas	Joint Service and Commissioning Manager
Guy Offord	Senior Health Practitioner Kent and Medway Partnership Trust
Kay Meinertzhagen	VOLUME Forum
Tracey Sharpe	Medway Foundation Hospital

2. John Bakker and Errol Cordle are from NHS Medway. Tracey Sharpe is from the Medway Foundation Trust.

3. We looked at things we said we would do after our October 13th meeting:

3.1 Partnership Board support

Bridget will recruit somebody to do the Partnership Board office work and to organise our meetings.

Viv will send Bridget an email asking for support in the office for the Strategic Board for the Challenging Behaviour Foundation.



Partnership Board Co-ordinator Post



The new Coordinator will make Valuing People Now happen in Medway.

Nobody sent any comments about the job description for the new job.

It will be advertised when the Cabinet says it is okay.

We should let Bridget or Amanda know if we want to help recruit.



3.3 G.P. Health Checks

Matt Bukowski will be doing health checks for people with learning disabilities. This is short term work.



3.4 GP training

Members of the Forum for adults with learning disabilities will train new GP's on 21st January.



3.5 Disability Day Service Review

There was a request for the consultation documents for the Disability Day Service Review to be put on the website if possible.

3.6 Annual General Meeting



Everybody is asked to begin preparing reports for the AGM report.

The Forums and sub groups will be asked to write reports about the work they have done.

Pictures and photos can be added.



3.7 Medway Action for Autism Group. (MAAG)

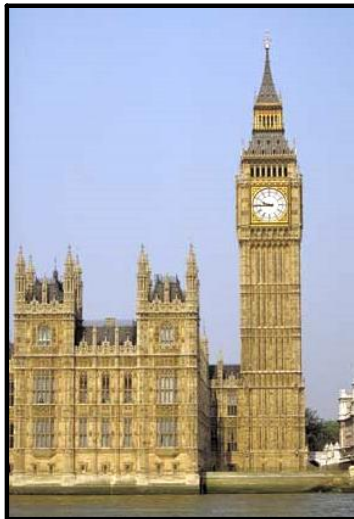
MAAG will invite Tom Moore to meet with them to discuss roles for Autism Champions.

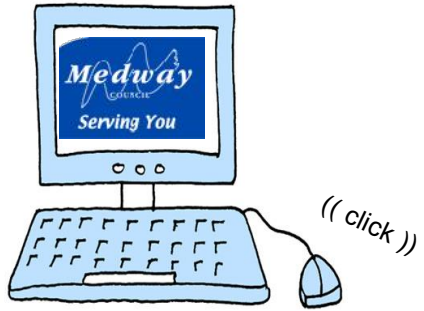
The Department of Health has a new adviser for autism.

Her name is Elaine Hill.

A new Adult Autism Strategy will be published in early 2009.

We will wait until we know who the Medway Commissioners and leads are before carrying on our work.





3.8 Medway Council website

Information on Medway Council's website needs updating, especially about holiday closures.

3.9 Further Education

Kathy and members of the Forum are leading some work with Mid Kent College, to make more opportunities to do courses.

3.10 Volume

We had no report from VOLUME this month as Kay cannot be at the meeting today.

3.11 LINKS

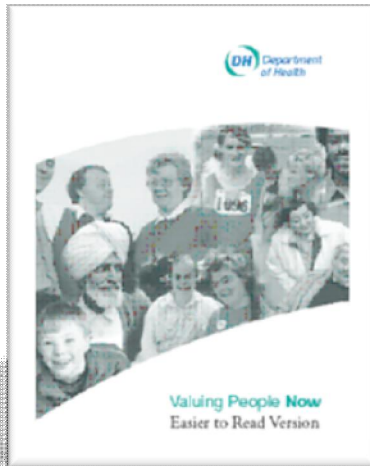
LINKS want to have a sub-group for people with a learning disability.

Mary will give some ideas to Graham at LINKS.



LINKS





4. Action Arising from Away Day on 24th November

4.1 Notes from the Away Day

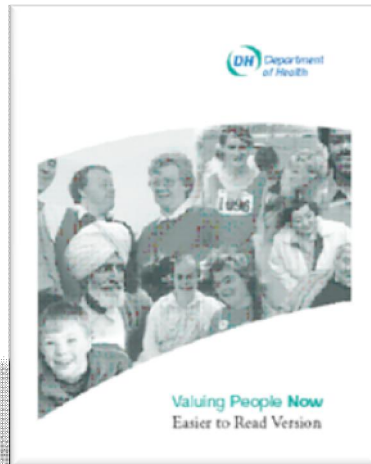
The notes from the meeting will be corrected:

John Bakkar, Errol Cordle and Tracey Sharpe were present.

Viv Cooper was also there for part of the day.

4.2 The Valuing People Now priorities for 2008-2011 will be:

- Personalisation
- What people do - day, evenings and weekends
- Health
- Housing
- Making it happen and
- Advocacy & Rights
- Partnership with families
- Including everyone
- People as citizens
- Transition to adulthood
- Workforce



The Valuing People Now report will be published in late January 2009.

There will be a National Learning Disability Programme Board and a Regional Learning Disability Programme Board.

The people on the national board will be from:

- the Government
- the National Forum
- the National Valuing Families Forum
- voluntary organisations

There will also be a new group in every region.

These will be called **Regional Learning Disability Programme Boards**.

People with learning disabilities and family carers will be on Regional Boards.





5. Progress report - Members' Task Group - Disability Day Services

Service users and their family carers of Greatfield Lodge, ECU and Balfour Centre have been sent questionnaires.

The questionnaire asks people about what day support they would like in the future.

The questionnaire asks people to say if they have any worries about things like friendships or feeling safe.

The questionnaire said 2008 instead of 2009.

Reg said that there would be a lot of community resistance to people with a learning disability being in the community.

Kathy invited Beth to come to the Forum for Adults with Learning disabilities to talk about day service changes.

6. Health Update



Valuing People Now will have an answer to the Independent Enquiry for Healthcare for People with Learning Disabilities.

It is important that the work that Valuing Medway People Partnership Board does joins up with the other health work in Medway.

Bridget will send John details of the Valuing People Support Team South East Quality Health Forum so that Bev Martin can go.



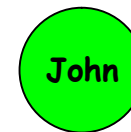


Other health work that is happening includes:

- A training session by the Forum for 19 new GPs.
- Bev Martin is working with Dr Little so that GPs can support people with learning disabilities in surgeries.
- John is also working with Dr Oliver to take forward the work that Dr Little did in Medway.
- The PCT had to provide a report to the Strategic Health Authority on health and learning disability.

John will make an easier to read version for us to see.

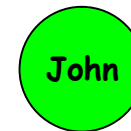
Action:



John is meeting with KMPT soon about the support people with epilepsy have in Medway.

John will let the Board know how this went

Action:





Kathy said that *GP* and nurse training should include trainers with learning disabilities, not doctors pretending they have a learning disability.

Viv said that *GP* training should also involve family carers who are the main providers of healthcare to people with complex needs.

The Darzi report said that people will have their own Individual Health Budgets.

Bridget will link John with the Medway's lead person for Self Directed Support (Robin Maxted).

My health care

My health budget



Bridget

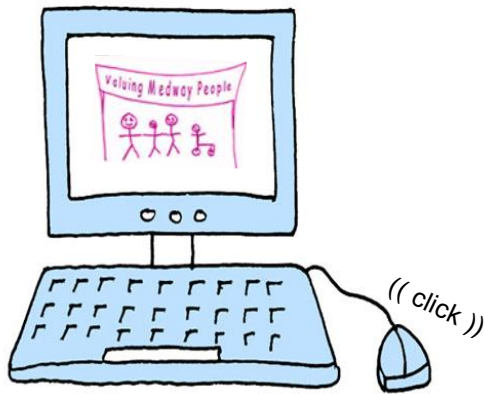
7. Feedback from the Forum for Adults with a Learning Disability.

The Forum gave a presentation on their work since last Partnership Board.

For a copy of the presentation see the Partnership Board website

www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk .

The Forum have also been working with Mid Kent Colleges, Pathways to Inclusion and the Learning and Skills Council to see how there can be more courses in Medway for people with a learning disability.





'A plan for services and support to Medway's carers over the next five years.'



8. Feedback from the Carers' Forum

The next Carers' Forums meetings will be held on 28th January.

The agendas will be about the Carers' Strategy, FACS and Disability Day Services

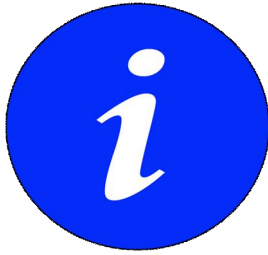
There will be a Regional Carers Meeting on the 14th January 2009.

9. Carers' Strategy

From now on Medway Council will consult Carers through the Carers' Partnership Board.

The Carers Partnership Board will represent all different sorts of carers.

The Carers' Partnership Board will be able to bid for national funds such as short breaks projects.



10. Providers Forum

Anton told us that the Providers' Forum is keen to understand how things are moving forward in Medway, including:

- Fair Access to Care
- Self Directed Support
- Changes in the Valuing Medway People Partnership Board
- Social Care Commissioning and Contracts.

Bridget is going to go to a Providers' Forum to give information.

11. Money



Phil Watts gave us a report about the Learning Disability Pooled Budget.

12. Regional Implementation Group (RIG)

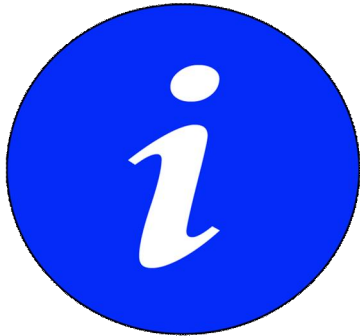
Bridget gave feedback from the Regional Implementation Group.

This was a joint meeting with the Regional Family Carers Network.

We can send any questions or comments for Bridget to take to the next RIG meeting.

Beth said that in *Getting a Life* work, people who work in education found that way the Valuing People Support Team work does not seem to be joined up with children and young people's services.

The next RIG meeting will be on 14th January 2009.





13. Updates from Sub Groups

Autism - this is under 3.7

Short Breaks -The Group has made an information pack.

The Partnership Board will approve the pack before it is printed

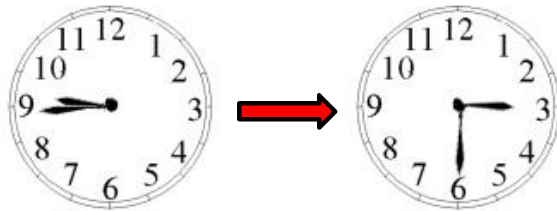
14. Any Other Business

None

15. Date of next meeting:

16th February 2009

from 9.45-3.30pm



Pembroke Suite, King Charles Hotel
Gillingham