

## **'Valuing Medway People' Learning Disability Partnership Board**

**We had a meeting from 10.00am – 1.00pm  
on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009  
at the Holiday Inn, Chatham**



## Here are the names of the people who came to the meeting

### Partnership Board members:

Richard Redmond (Co-Chair)	Interim Assistant Director, Adult Social Care
Kathy Johnson (Co-chair)	Leadership Forum
Robert Wilson	Leadership Forum
Jason Terry	Leadership Forum
Rick Dartnaill	Leadership Forum
Kay Meinertzhagen	VOLUME Forum
Mary Butcher	Carers' Forum

### Supporters for adults with a learning disability:

Colin Guest	EnableUK
Tim Guest	EnableUK
Kerry Smith	Supporter for Jason Terry

### Visitors:

Robin Maxted	Medway Council - Self Directed Support Team
Phil Woods	NHS Medway
Shirley Griffiths	Medway LINK (Local Involvement Network)
Joan Lancaster	Carer Forum Representative (nominated by Reg Higgs and Viv Cooper)
Beth Peal	Medway Council – Person Centred Planning Co-ordinator
Jane Whiteley	Medway Council – Admin

**Here are the names of people who said sorry they could not come to the meeting:**

Rose Collinson	Medway Council – Director of Children & Adults
Fay Brown	NHS Medway – Interim Director of Commissioning
Guy Offord	Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust
Matt Gough	Housing Manager
Anton Smith	Providers’ Forum
Reg Higgs	Carers’ Forum
Viv Cooper	Carers’ Forum
Liz Nicholas	Joint Service and Commissioning Manager
Tracey Sharpe	Medway Foundation Hospital Trust – Safeguarding Lead



1: Everyone introduced themselves.

2: We checked the notes of the meeting we had on 22<sup>nd</sup> June to see if they were right.

We agreed to change the notes to show that Reg Higgs did not send a note about the Self Directed Support Event.

3:

We checked the notes of the meeting we had on 22<sup>nd</sup> June for news and things we said we would do:

- Richard said that some of the things were on the agenda, so we would look at them later.
- Kay Brunning wrote to tell us she had to leave the Partnership Board because she has too much other work to do. We all said we want to thank Kay for all the hard she has done for the Board.





- We will talk about the structure of our Board later today.
- We will talk about how the Annual General Meeting went later today.
- Medway Council is sorting out its budgets during October to December so that Councillors can agree budgets in February 2010.
- The Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF) used to be separate money managed by the Partnership Board. But the rules changed so that the LDDF money is now part of Medway Council's social care budget



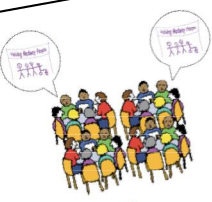
- Joan Lancaster said that she thinks the Council should make sure the LDDF money is used only to support people with learning disabilities.
- Robin Maxted will tell us about Personalised Services and Personal Budgets today.
- Richard told us that meals provided in Medway Council day services now cost £3.70. Medway Council pays some of the cost.

## 4: Report from the Leadership Forum

Kathy Johnson, Robert Wilson, Rick Dartnaill and Jason Terry gave a report about the work they have done since June.

Their report can be seen on the Valuing Medway People website at this link:


[www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk/Meetingnotes.shtml](http://www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk/Meetingnotes.shtml)




1. We have had sixteen (16) Forums since April  
We just got on with the Forum's work

2. In July we had a late night out in Canterbury

3. Mid Kent College closed its old buildings  
The 11 courses we asked for at Mid Kent College started.  
The college buddies started their voluntary work.  
We are looking for 20 more college buddies.



MidKent College



We are looking for ways that people with direct payments who want to go to college can employ travel and keeping safe buddies



4. In April we told the Partnership Board about our plans to work with the University of Kent, Medway Police and Pathways to Inclusion

We want to help them find out what happens to People who are victims of hate crimes.

We might have money from the lottery to pay for the Big project.

But if we don't get the lottery money we want the Partnership Board and Medway police to give a small grant for a smaller but very important project.

We're on the short list!



University of Kent  
Tizard

Pathways to Inclusion

Kent Police



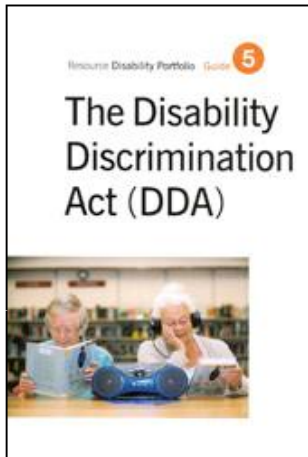
Kathy, Rick, Jason and Robert showed us a film called 'Living safely and taken seriously' they made for the KCC and Medway Council hate crime conference.

The film can be seen on Kent TV at this link

<http://www.kenttv.com/#PRG2774>



They told us they are waiting to hear if Medway will have a grant for working with the police, Forum, voluntary organisations and University of Kent in stopping hate crimes.



Joan said that we should not to have to ask the Lottery for money for this kind of work.

Joan said that the Government should make sure there is money for the work because the Disability Discrimination Act says the work has to be done.

## 5: Valuing People Now - the most important work for 2009 to 2010.

Beth Peal told us that the Valuing People Now report says that the most important bits of work to be done over the next year are:

- Better health care
- More jobs
- Telling people about Valuing People Now,
- Housing
- Personalisation
- Making partnership boards work well

All 19 Partnership Boards in the south east have been asked to tell the Valuing People South East regional team what they think is most important for them.



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What's most important in Medway?





Mary and Shirley said that housing is important.

Beth said that young people in transition to being adults are important, too.

We agreed to ask someone from Medway Council's Housing team to come to our next meeting to tell us about work they are doing in Medway.



Housing  
Plan



There isn't much time to tell the Valuing People team what we think is most important in Medway.

The South East Regional Learning Disability Board will be talking about the important work next week.



Medway's list



We can see notes from their meeting on their website at this link:

<http://valuingpeople.gov.uk/dynamic/valuingpeople51.jsp>

Action:

Beth

Beth will send us all an email this week asking us what we want to go on Medway's list of the most important Valuing People Now work.

Action:

Beth

## 6: We had a break

## 7: Report about health care



We met Phil Wood.

Medway PCT logo Phil works for Medway Primary Care Trust (PCT).

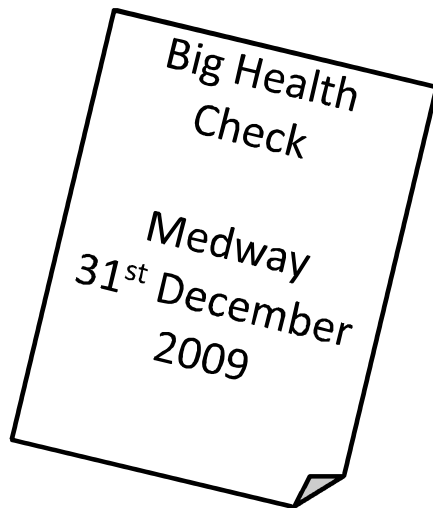
Phil's job is to help make sure people with learning disabilities are treated fairly by Medway PCT.

He told us about the 'Big Check Up', which is an Annual Assessment for people with learning disabilities.

The PCT wants to be sure that people with learning disabilities, carers and supporters are included in the Big Health Check.

He needs to get a report about the 'Big Health Check' to the Strategic Health Authority work by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

Phil will work with us to make sure the right people have a say and the report has the right information in it.





Did it happen?



Mary asked what happens if a GP claims to have seen a patient when the GP has not?

Phil said this is a checking system in place to make sure this does not happen.

Mary is also asked to complete surveys regarding the service, but her daughter is not receiving a service.

Phil has been to a South East Valuing People Regional Health Quality Forum based in Portsmouth.

Viv Cooper and Jason Terry from the Partnership Board were also at this meeting.

<http://www.williams-syndrome.org.uk/>



Rick wondered if he could attend meetings with other people that have William's Syndrome.

Phil was not sure how many other people there are in Medway with this condition, but he said that it would be difficult to arrange in a short time.

Colin suggested Rick's question could be put on the Choice Forum, which would go out all over the country.

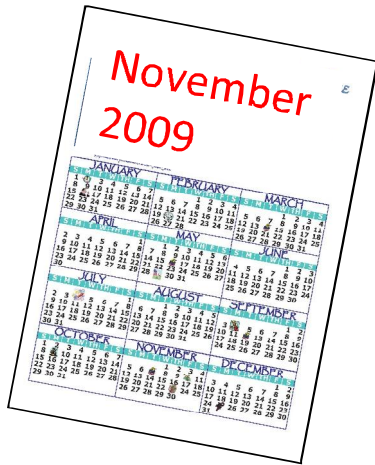
Beth asked Phil if when NHS Medway report to the Strategic Health Authority, NHS Medway will also be reporting through the Partnership Board?

Phil said yes.

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NHS Trust **NHS**  
**your**  
first choice



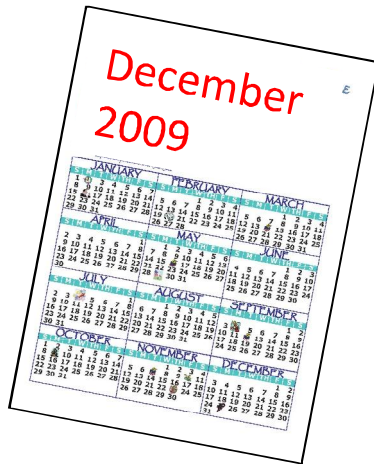
## Medway Big Check Up



Shirley and Joan said it is important to promote the health of carers and said this needed to be on the NHS Medway agenda.

Richard asked Phil if he would make sure people have enough time to plan for going to the Big Check Up meetings.

## Medway Big Check Up



Beth confirmed she will be available to help make sure of that and Phil will be getting in touch with members of the Partnership Board.

My life,  
my budget,  
my choice



## **8: Valuing People Now – Personalisation Update**

We met Robin Maxted.

Robin manages the Self Directed Support Team.

Robin told us about Self-Directed Support in Medway.

Self-Directed Support is a new system.

It puts people in control of the support they need to live their life as they choose.

We saw a new DVD made in Medway to let people know what Direct Payments and self-directed support have to offer.

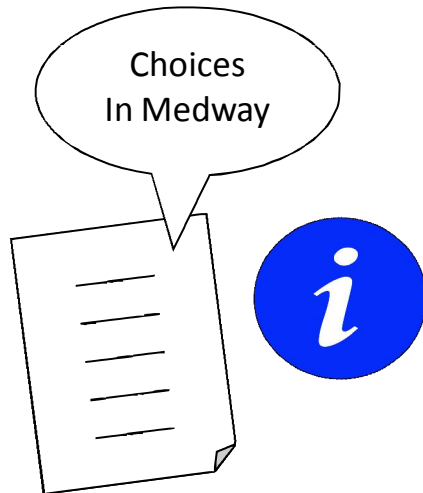
The DVD is for all types of adult social care e.g. physical disability, mental health, and learning disabilities.



Medway Council wants everyone who is entitled to receive a service from them to know how much money they will have to spend on their support.

The money can be spent in different ways -

- Managed by the Council
- In a Direct Payment
- In an Indirect Payment.



Kay asked how people who use Direct Payments know what choices there are for them in Medway.

Robin said the Self Directed Support team has information about choices.

There will be more and more choices as the Council employs somebody to develop them.

## 9: Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Update



Richard told us that Medway will soon have an inspection of its Safeguarding procedures and systems.

These are systems and procedures for making sure that vulnerable adults are not abused.

Work is being done to get ready for the inspection.

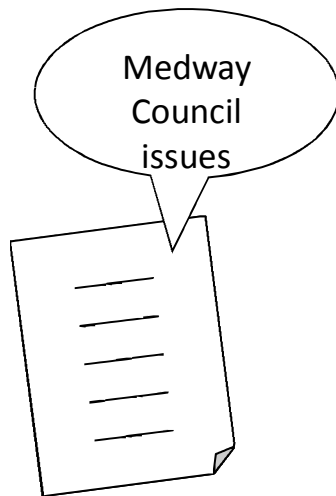
There are 89 issues to be worked on.

We agreed to ask Sally Ann Larkin to give us a report on Safeguarding Adults with learning disabilities, at our December meeting.

Action:

**Beth**

We will ask for a report every 12 weeks.



## 10: Valuing Medway People Partnership Board - New Structure and Board

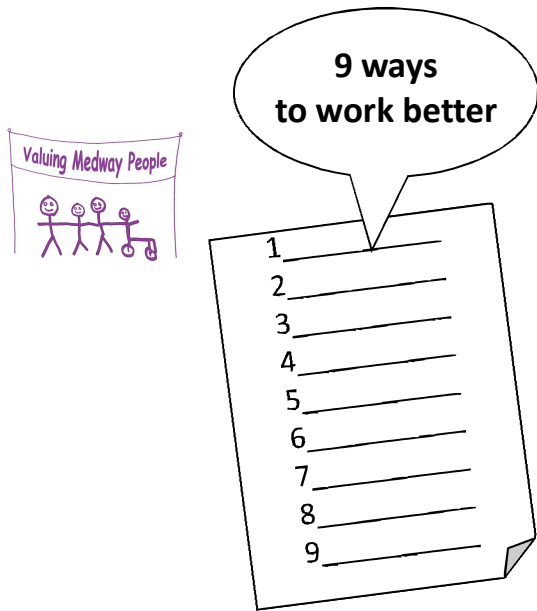
Richard told us that the Government still hasn't told learning disability partnership boards how it wants them to work.

The National Director for Learning Disabilities and some Government departments are still working on the guidance.

We will talk about this again at our December meeting.

If we do not have the Government's guidance in time for the December meeting we will talk about it in February.





Beth told us that Shout Out have elected a member to come to the Partnership Board.

Richard suggested that a Shout Out representative should write to him asking if they can come to meeting as a visitor until the new Board is agreed.

Beth gave us a presentation about 'How the Partnership Board works'.

Beth showed us a list of 9 ideas for working better.

Beth will contact us for our votes on the 9 points on her list.



## 11. Any other business

Rick said he was glad to be coming to the Partnership Board.

- Jason asked if Richard could tell him why there are not many family carers here today.

Richard said they were not able to attend due to holidays and other commitments.

Richard said that Joan and Mary were at the meeting as Carer representatives.

- Jason told Richard he is not receiving answers to all of his questions.

Richard asked Jason to explain more about this.

Richard explained that he was based at Gun Wharf and that if people needed him that it was best to contact his P.A. Lynn Utchannah.



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Richard has looked into this and found that Jason has not had contact with him since the Assistant Director interviews in July.

Jason was on holiday at the time of the AGM

Joan raised two points:

The Carers did not have a place on the agenda.

Richard said there was no reason and Carers would be put on the agenda again for the next meeting.

- Viv Cooper wanted to point out that there was much anger about the closure of Greatfield Lodge.

Richard said this was a Health & Safety issue and so the decision was made to close it earlier for people's safety.

## **12. The meeting finished in time for lunch.**

# Calendar

## 2009

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Our next meeting will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009