



The Valuing Medway People Partnership Board had a meeting 23rd July 2007.

Here are the notes from the meeting.

1. People at the meeting were:

Kay Brunning
Rick Dartnail
Christine Daem-Edwards
Jane Etheridge
Reg Higgs
Kathy Johnson- Co chair
Marilyn Kitchenham
Beth Peal
Jo Poynter
Bev Reid
Amanda Rogers
Jason Terry
Robert Wilson
Ann Windiate- Co chair

People who said sorry they could not be at the meeting were:

Suzanne Brooker
Bridget Bygrave-Relf
Viv Cooper
Liz Nicholas
Bobbie Tiaino

Secretary: Nikki Jagger

Support Team:

Colin Guest
Graham Honess
Tim Guest
Wayne Hill
George Guest



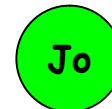
Jane Etheridge has joined the Partnership Board.

Jane is a new Medway Councillor.

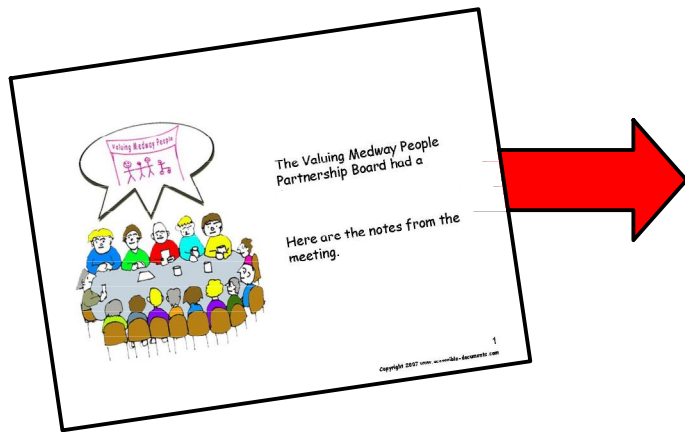
Suzanne Brooker has a new job. Suzanne will not be able to come to our meetings any more.

Sue Whiting is doing Suzanne's old Job.

Jo Poynter will ask Sue to come to the meetings in Suzanne's place.



2. We looked at the notes from the meeting we had in June.



Page 2 - Myer Dyer should say
Mair Dyer

Page 24 - 3rd paragraph should read
"Some people can have choices ..."



Michael Howard is still in Medway
Hospital but will be moving to
Sevenoaks Hospital soon.



The Valuing People Support team is arranging for Prison Officers to be trained in supporting people with learning disabilities.

The Project Manager is called Neisha Betts.

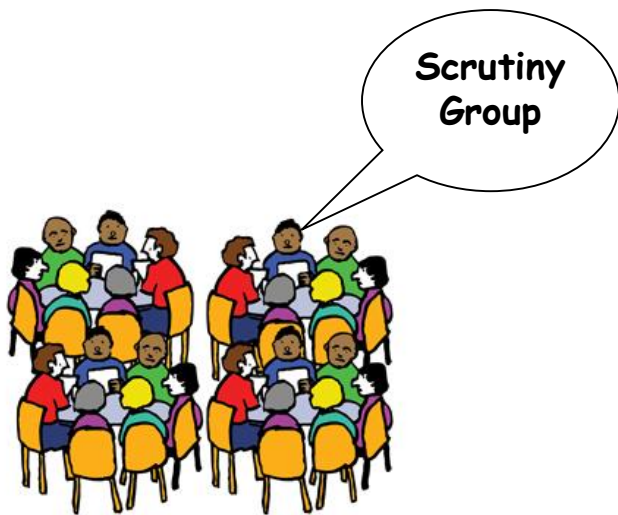


Amanda Rogers is our representative on the Safeguarding Children Board.



The people on our Person Centred Commissioning Group are:

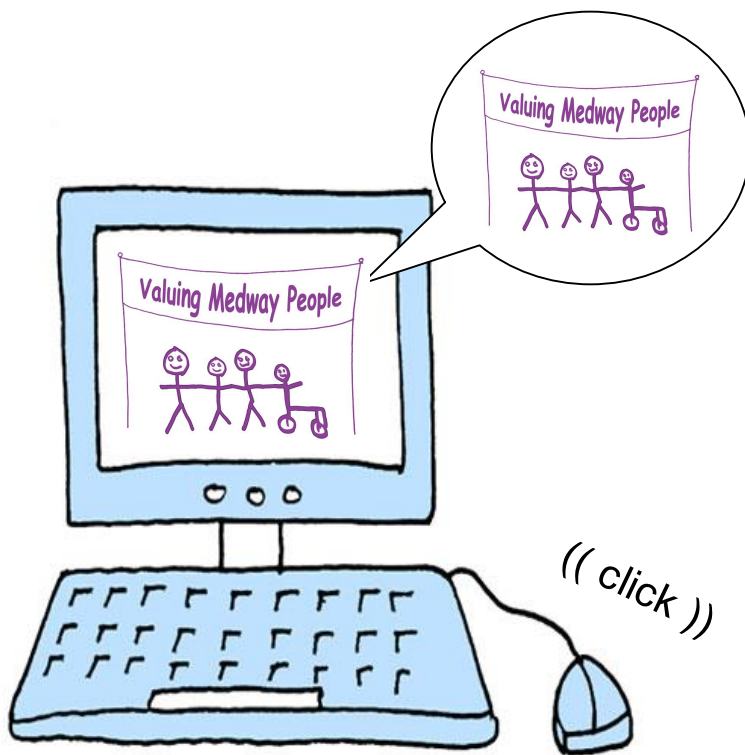
Jo Poynter, Liz Nicholas, Marilyn Kitchenham, Bridget Bygrave-Relf, Tricia Vandy, a Direct Payments Officer, Beth Peal and Stephen Winter.



After each Person Centred Commissioning Group meeting we will have a Scrutiny Group.

The Scrutiny Group will start work in the autumn.

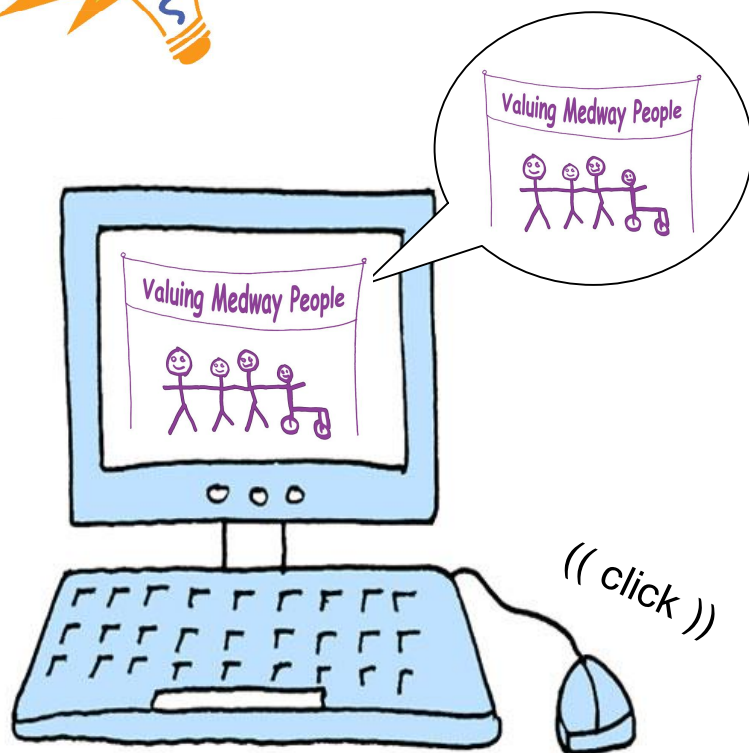
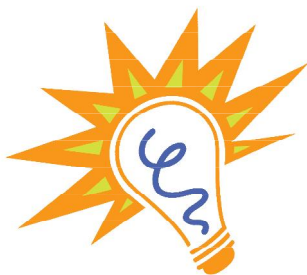
A carer and an adult with a learning disability will come to that meeting.



A year ago about 400 different people used the www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk website each month.

Lots more people are using the website now.

1,800 different people used the www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk website during June 2007.



Bridget, Colin and Beth will meet on 17th August to see if we can improve the website.

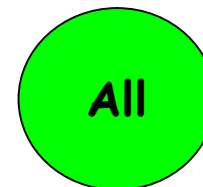
We want ideas from lots of people.

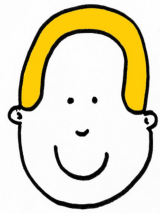
Please e mail your ideas for improving the website to:

Nicola.jagger@medway.gov.uk

There is also a survey form on the home page of the website.

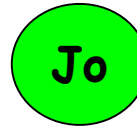
It can be printed and posted to Nikki with your ideas.





Some people have asked for pictures that they can use when they are making reports.

Jo will discuss this with Colin. We can tell Nikki what pictures we need.



Calendar
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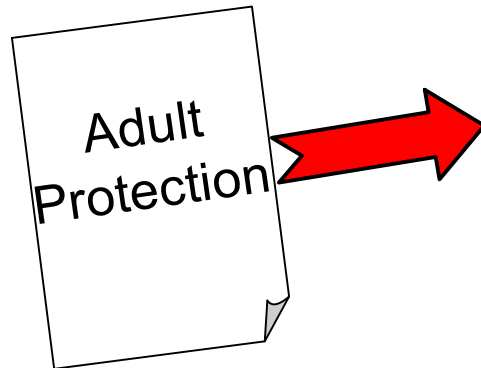
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Dates have been fixed for all our Partnership Board meetings in 2007 and 2008.

We will have one extra meeting. The dates can be seen on our website

www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk



Sally-Ann Larkin and Marilyn Kitchenham will tell us about Adult Protection at the September 3rd meeting





We had a good Person Centred Planning Sharing and Employment day on 19th July.

Lots of people were there.



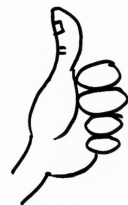
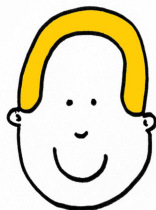
We are planning a Transport Event for 27th September 2007.

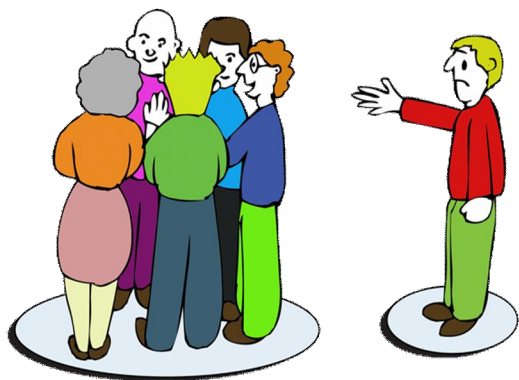
We have not decided where it will be.

Nikki

We are planning a Health Event but have not decided the date.

Nikki





The Project leader for the new Project to help people who are excluded will be invited to come to our Partnership Board early in 2008.

Nikki

Colin went to Abbey Court School to see if the students wanted to join a friendship project.

They want to apply for Medway Council Youth Funds.

But they were told that they cannot apply for funds because it was exam time in Medway.

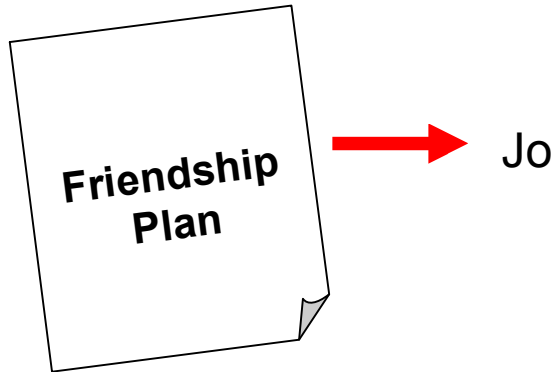
Abbey Court students were not taking exams.



According to Medway Council's website young people with learning disabilities have had very little from the Youth Funds. Ann Windiate will speak to Colin Reece.

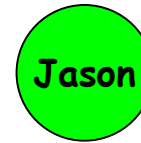
Ann

Jo



Graham, Jason, Kathy and Colin have a project proposal from the Forum.

They will send it to Jo.

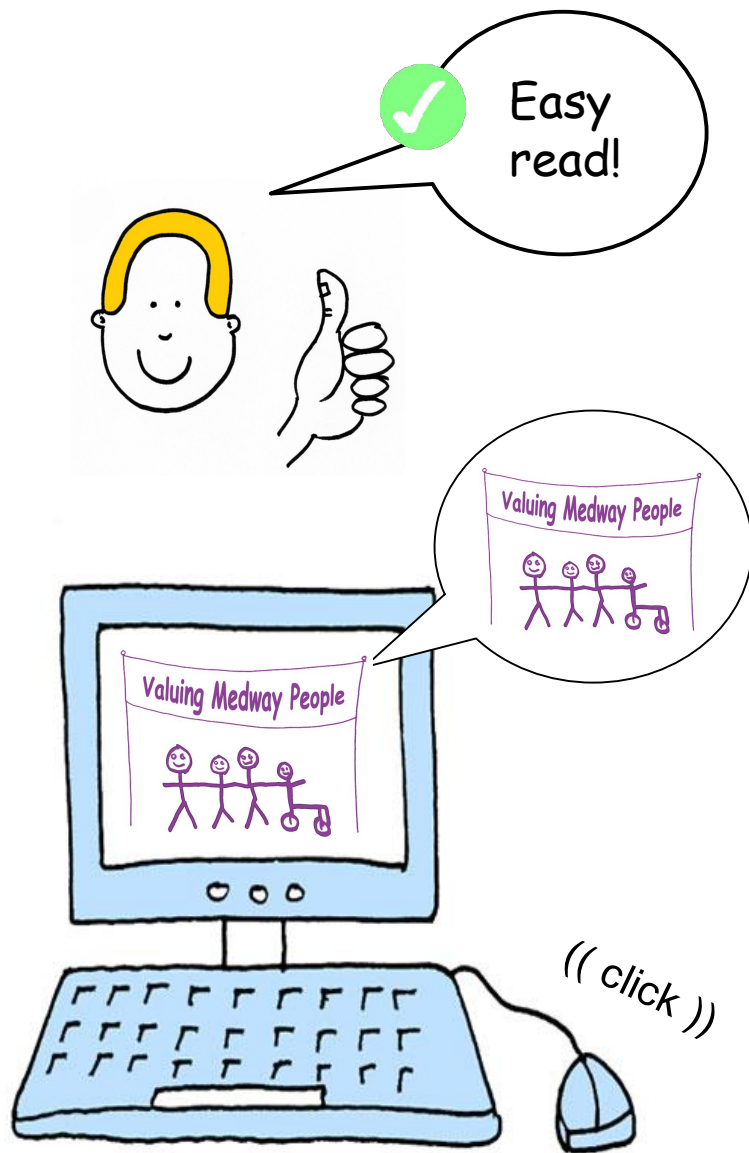


Bridget will show us how risk assessments are being used for Fair Access to Care work.



Medway Council has a Citizens' Panel.

The Council will consult the Carers' Forum whenever it consults the Citizens' Panel.



There is a good Communication Passport on the VMP website.

We can find it on the Person Centred Planning link.

George, Wayne and Graham will contact Colette Glasson to offer to make information easier to read.

George



We want more people to have Self Directed Payments.

Robin Maxted will be the Manager of the Self Directed Payments Team.

Robin is recruiting a team of Coordinators.



Jason is available to go to the Maidstone Health Implementation Group.

Jason



We will make notes of the June Carers' session.

The notes will say thank you to Mrs Stirling who came to the meeting.

Nikki

We said thank you to the Carers for their hard work.

Since our last meeting they have developed a Carers' Plan.

Jo will send a copy of the Plan to Amanda and Ann.

3. We did a Person Centred Activity

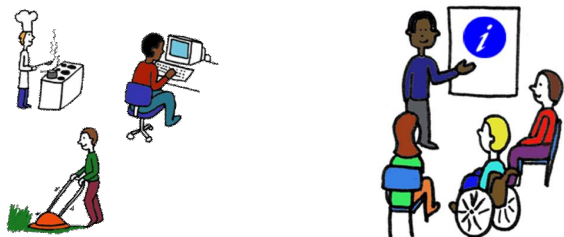
4. Very Important Issues:



From April 2008 there will be extra choices in activities at Greatfield Lodge.

Graham asked for information about what will be offered, soon.

Amanda offered to find out.



Amanda



To close?

Reg said that Remploy plans to close 43 sites including Rochester.

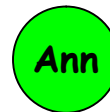
They say they will not make people with a disability redundant if they want to stay at Remploy.

Reg suggested using advocacy to support the people working at Rochester.

Ann Windiate will ask the Economic Development team to offer support and access to advocacy.

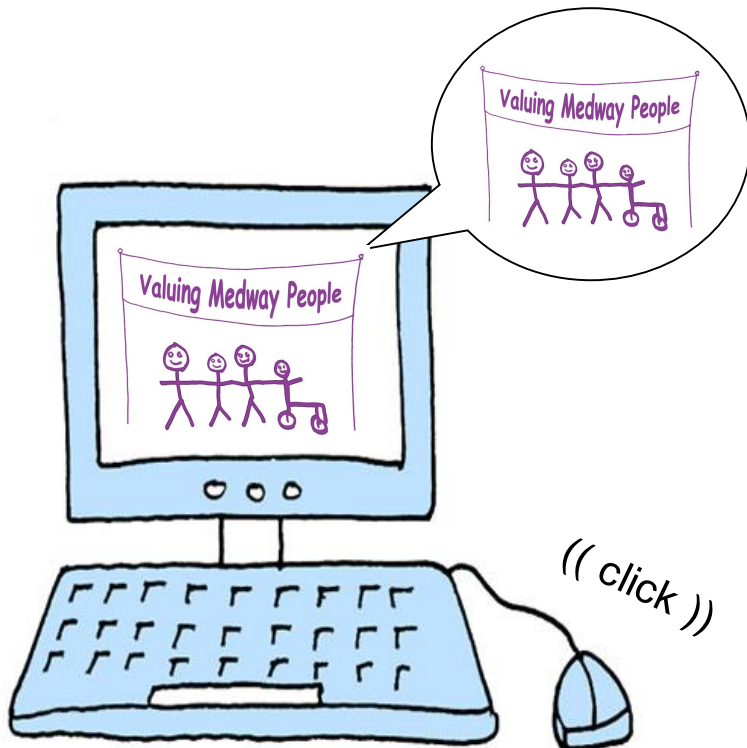
People who are against the closures can write to their Members of European Parliament.

Remploy has asked the public to say what they think should happen. We can see Remploy's plans on their website: <http://www.remploy.co.uk/>





A carer wrote to Viv to say thank you for her help with respite care for her son.



5. Forum for Adults with a Learning Disability.

We had a Forum meeting at the Sunlight Centre on 6th July.

The notes from our meeting are on the website:

www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk

Kathy presented the notes.



Carer's
Forum

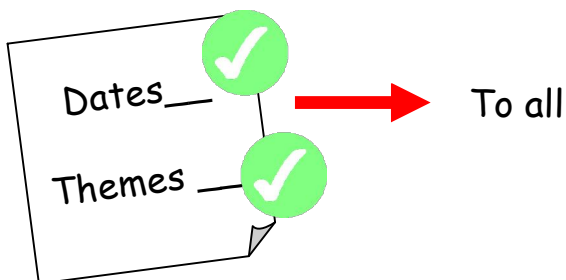
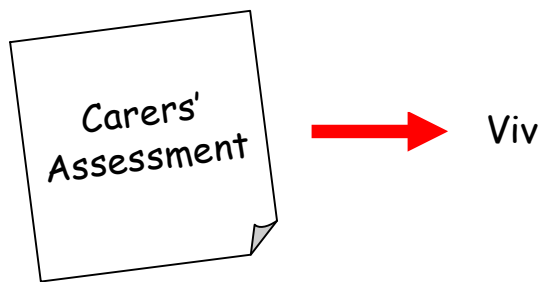
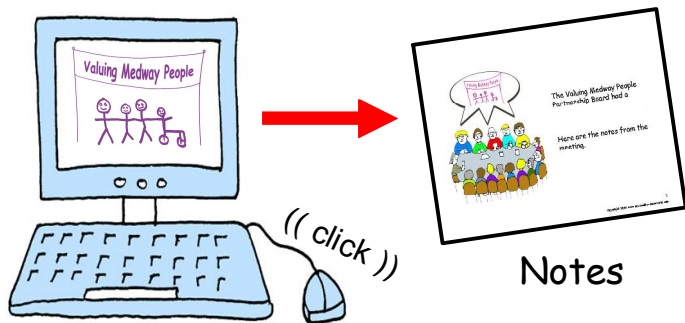
6. Carers' Forum

Lots of people came to the Carers' Forum on 21st June.

The Forum was about Self Directed Payments.

MCCH have a bungalow which will be developed for two people with complex needs.

A Housing Options event will be held on 8th August 2008 at the Civic Centre. Joan and Reg will join Jane Love's Steering Group.



Carers' Allocation

Nikki will e mail another copy of Partnership Board notes to Carers' representatives.

Nikki

Marilyn will let Viv know how many Carer Assessments have been done and how many Offered.

Marilyn

Carers would like to know who will be the lead person for respite care in Medway.

Reg will ask Liz Nicholas.

Reg

Nikki will make an up to date list of the dates and themes for all the Forums and Sub Groups.

Nikki



7. Feedback from Providers' and Voluntary Sector Forums

Providers will report at the September 3rd Partnership Board.

The Voluntary Organisations' Forum have no report this time.



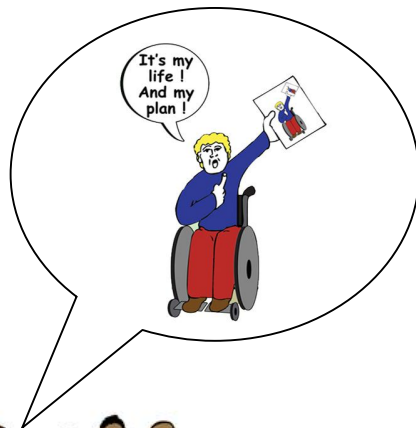
8. News from Sub Groups

Health

Fitness Academy at Strood is being set up as an in-house facility for 5-a-side football.

Ann will find out if adults with learning disabilities will have opportunities to learn and play.

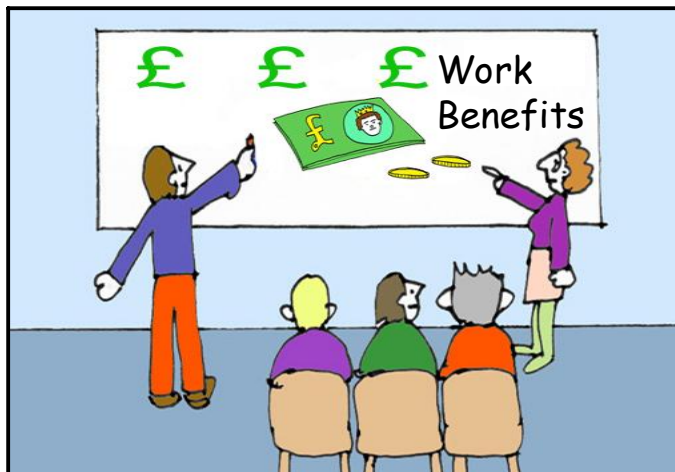
Ann



Daniella Howe will go to the Person Centred Planning Network meeting in September.

Daniella

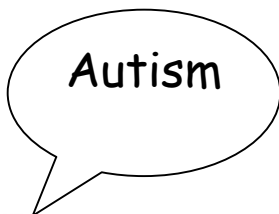
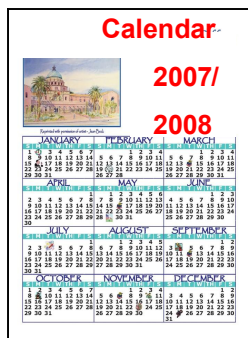




Employment

The next Employment Event will be about two things:

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2. Jobs and benefits.

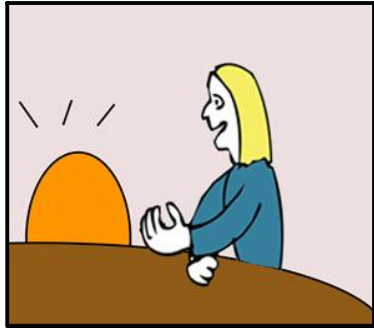


Autism

The first meeting has happened.

Nikki will arrange the next meeting.





We no longer have a member of the Board from Education.

Nikki will ask Candie Horton who will join us.



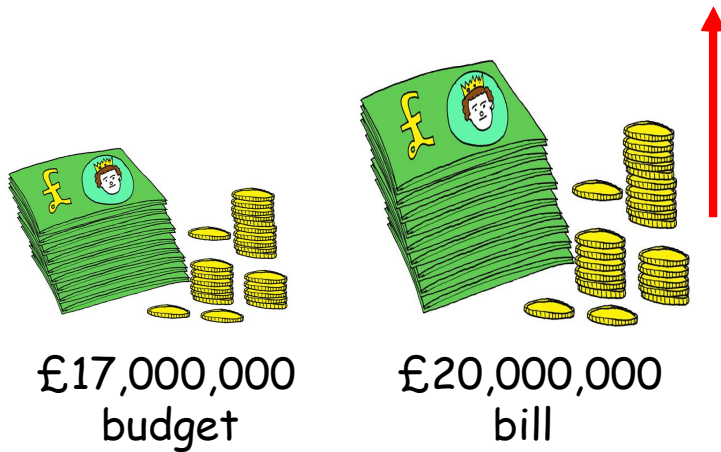
9. This year we are working on a budget of £20,358,000 (twenty million three hundred and fifty eight thousand pounds) to pay for supporting adults with learning disabilities.



We don't know yet how much money Medway Primary Care Trust will put in our budget.



Most of our budget pays for residential care in private and voluntary homes.

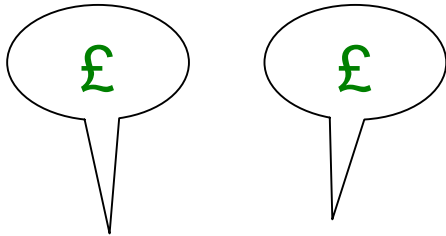


The bill for that care is more than we have in the budget.

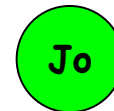


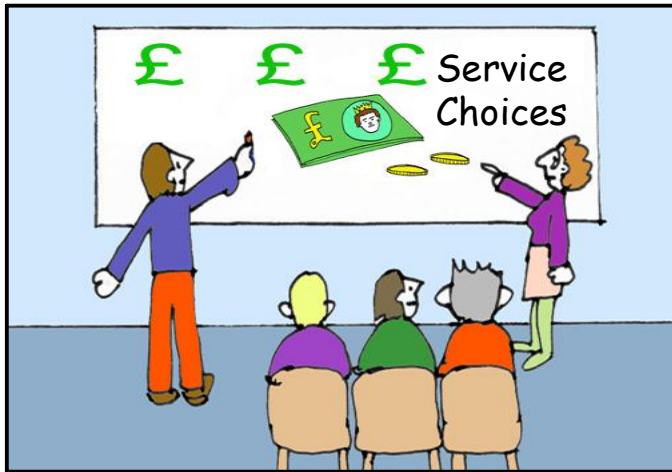
We are getting less income because some people are getting direct payments.

Direct payments are a good choice for some people.



A meeting is to be arranged about selling "The Tideway" shared ownership project and taking on a new one.



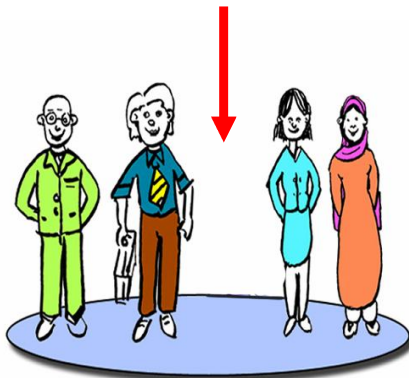


We are doing things to help control our budget:

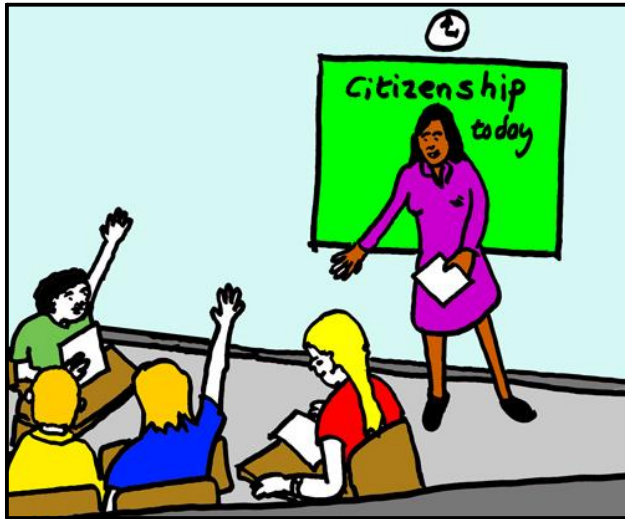
We are letting staff know about services that are available other than residential care.



We have a new Self Directed Care team.



When it is in the best interests of people using services, we do not always replace staff who leave Medway Council.



KEEPING SAFE

The Keeping Safe Group plans to go to schools in September 2007 to show their film and meet children and young people.

Kathy

Colin

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

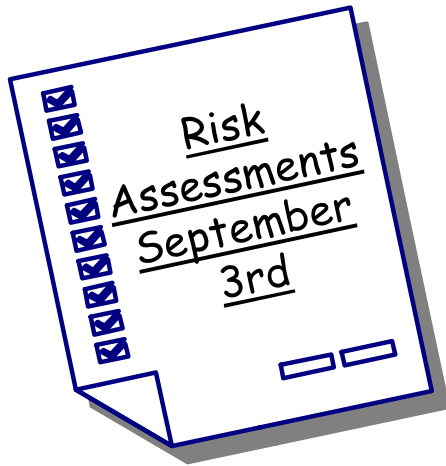
Jason told members of the Autism Friendship Group about the work of the Keeping Safe Team and will keep them up to date.

Jason

Christine will bring information about working with Positive Risk Assessments to our next meeting.

Christine





We will do some work on Risk Assessments during our September meeting.

Nikki



We need you at our meetings.

Jo will write to people who miss our meetings.

Jo



In the afternoon we did some work on Keeping Safe in Medway.

The Keeping Safe team was there.

They are:

Margaret Watts
Debbie Garbutt
Andrew Collett
Mark Jefford
Jason Terry
Kathy Johnson
Graham Honess
Wayne Hills



We worked on ways we can report bullying and hate crimes to the police.



The notes from our meeting are on our website

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our next meeting will be:

September 3rd 2007

Maple Room Municipal Buildings
Gillingham

9.30am to 4pm

