



Valuing Medway People Partnership Board.

We had a meeting on Monday
21st July 2008.



We met at the King Charles
Hotel in Gillingham

1. People who were at the meeting all day were:

Kathy Johnson Co Chair
Amanda Rogers Co Chair
Jo Poynter
Reg Higgs
Jason Terry
Christine Edwards Daem
Kay Brunning
Marilyn Kitchenham
Bridget Bygrave-Relf
Kay Meinertzhagen
Beth Peal
Robert Wilson

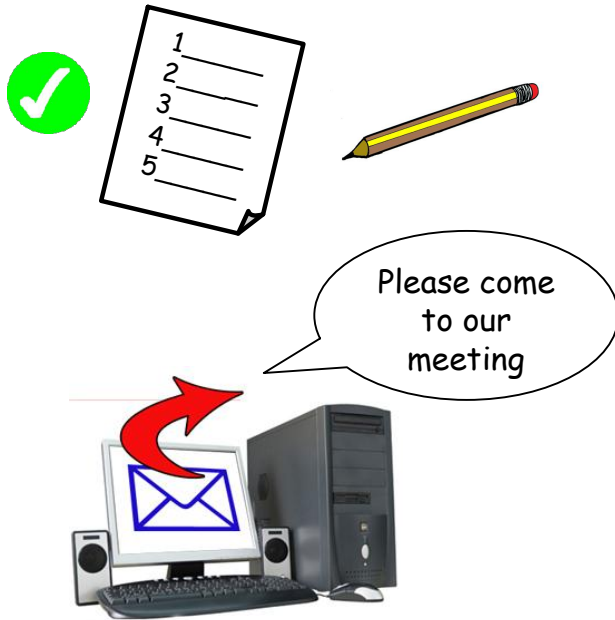
David Haymes - visitor

Support Team

Bev Reid
Colin Guest
Tim Guest

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

Tracey Sharpe
Viv Cooper
Michael Turner
Liz Nicholas
Phil Watts



2. Things we said we would do after our meeting in June:

Tracey Sharpe was unable to attend this meeting.

Tracey will be asked if there is anyone else from the hospital that can attend when she cannot, or if she can send an email progress report for the meeting.

Tracey is going to give an update on the policy she is writing at the September meeting.

Julie to contact Tracey about attendance and report back.

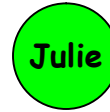


Person Centred Planning Guide



Beth is writing a guide to Person Centred Planning.

We will put this on the agenda for our next meeting.



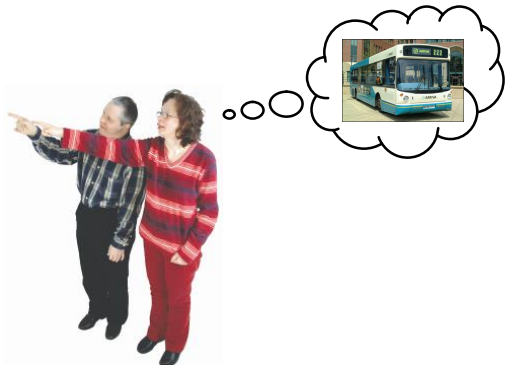
Medway Carers' Strategy

Amanda told us that the Medway Carers' Strategy is going to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at 5.30pm on 21st August 2008 at Gun Wharf.

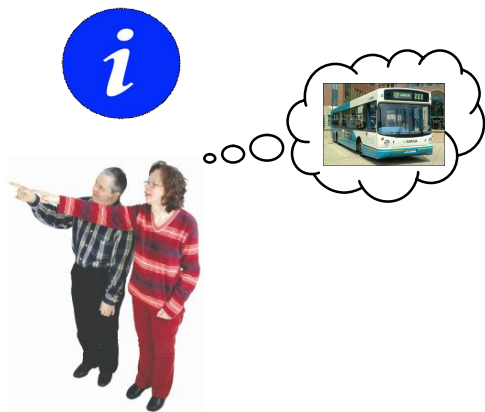
Anyone can go the meeting.

It was confirmed that Bridget Bygrave-Relf is attending the Providers' Forum meeting in August to give them information on Fair Access to Care (FACS).

Providers' Forum



Although the Transport Sub Group has finished its work we still need to talk about ways to pay for travel buddy training and how best to spend the Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF).



We will decide when we talk about the Learning Disability Development Funding on Item 10.

Rick Dartnaill told us about grants available from the Department of Health to train volunteers.

This might be a way to train travel buddies for people in Medway.

Beth still needs to attend the Providers' Forum to update them on the Members' Day Service Review. The date is still to be agreed.

Providers' Forum



Beth

Jason said that he had given a presentation to student nurses about autism and that they had found it very useful.

Jason has been asked to give his presentation to more groups of nurses.





Short Term Break



Fair Access To Care Assessments



Continuing Care Team



Amanda said that the new elected Member was still to be decided. This would probably be agreed by the Away Day in November.

Julie has received the short-term break information from the Home Farm Trust. E mail and paper copies of the information are available if anyone would like them.

Amanda said that the information from the panel that is checking the Fair Access to Care Assessments (FACS) was still not available but that as soon as it is she would bring it to the Partnership Board.

Jo said that in her other job she was looking at the Continuing Health Care criteria for people with a learning disability.

Beverley James from the Primary Care Trust is looking at joint assessments between the learning disability nurses and the Medway Primary Care Trust Continuing Care team.



We agreed that the date for our next Away Day will be 24th November 2008.

The dates for the Keeping Safe and Autism events are still to be agreed. Kathy Johnson, Colin Guest, Jason Terry and Kay Brunning will agree dates and tell us.



Amanda told the Board that the results of the audit had still not been received. When we have the results Stuart Frith will be asked to come to a meeting to tell us about it.

Amanda to ask Stuart Frith for the audit results.





Robert Wilson told us that he would no longer be going to the centre.

Robert has been going there for 44 years but wants to do more things by himself and be more independent.

Item 3 - Very important issues:



Kathy told the Board she had met with the Police and Medway Council to give advice about helping people with learning disabilities keep safe. The work will carry on during this year.

Graphics - Kathy Johnson and Colin Guest

Colin and Kathy presented 5 options for picture note taking and minutes to the Board. We agreed that option 5 will be best. People with learning disabilities will be trained and supported to make picture notes during the meetings. Colin will take the notes and Forum meetings and make notes that can be emailed and put on our website. Kathy will decide how she wants to be supported during the meetings.



Colin and Kathy to decide which option the next meeting will use and report back with a plan.



Confusion about Carers' Database - Reg Higgs

Reg asked whether there has been some mistake on the carers' database as some letters had gone to the wrong place.

Reg also wanted to know who received carer information.

The Data Protection Act tells us that the Carers' Forum is not allowed access to this database.

The database will be checked and updated, with a letter asking whether we can send out details from the Carers' Forum.

Julie will liaise with Marilyn and use RAISE to gain up to date information.

Julie

Dates are still to be set for September for Bridget and Beth to attend the Carers' Forum to give further Fair Access to Care and Members' Review information.

Bridget

Beth

Viv

Reg





Partnership Board Changes - Jo Poynter

Amanda said Jo would be missed by the Board, the Council and the Primary Care Trust. We all thanked Jo for all her hard work.

Amanda said that Medway Council will be appointing a Partnership Board Development Officer, who will only deal with Partnership Board issues.

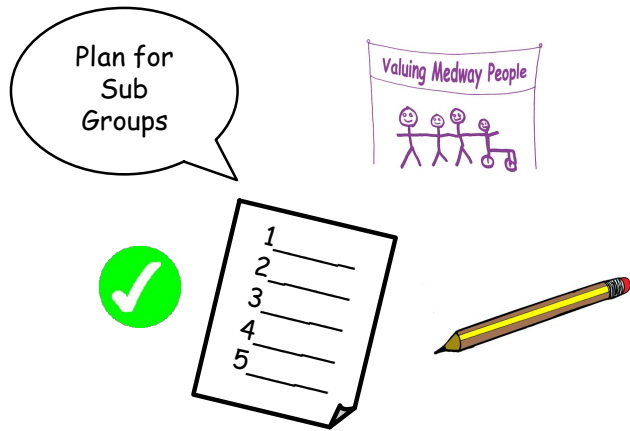
Jo said that the regional link person will now be Bridget.

The Sub Groups that Jo had not been involved with will stay the same.

The groups where Jo has had a large input would be handed over to the other Partnership Board member on the group so that other members would carry on with the work.

Sub
Groups





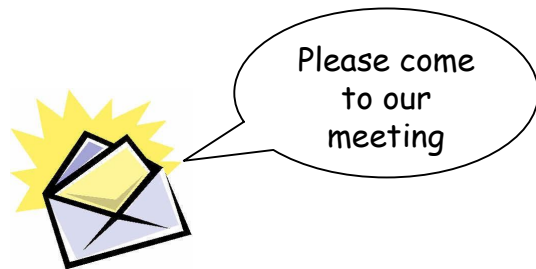
Sub Groups:

- Health - Reg
- Communications Passports - Kay Meinertzhagen,
- Short Term Breaks - Michelle Cattigan or Sharon White
- MAAG - Kay Brunning.

Forums: Carers' administration supported Reg/Viv,

Julie and Colin to work with Amanda to get the easy read/minutes out until the officer appointed.

So the Partnership Board's work will continue.



Somebody from the Integrated Team will come to our meetings. It will not always be the same person.



Marilyn suggested that one of the private landlords Medway Council uses should be asked to attend.

Amanda confirmed that there was a Private Landlords' Forum and that she would look into asking a member of that Forum to attend.

Marilyn to contact the Private Landlords' Forum to ask if a member could attend future Partnership Board meetings.

Item 4 - Feedback from Forum for Adults with Learning Disabilities:

Kathy, Jason, and Rick made a presentation from the Forum meeting held on 14th July 2008 at the Sunlight Centre in Gillingham.

The topic for this meeting was human rights and the law.

A copy of the presentation can be seen on the website www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk

More people from different organisations come to the Forum.





Medway
Plan for
Autistic
Spectrum
Conditions

Item 5 - Feedback from Subgroups:

Autism: Jo and Kay Brunning gave a presentation on the Medway Plan for Autistic Spectrum Conditions.

A summary and handout were handed out covering the presentation.

A copy will be put on the website.

Colin



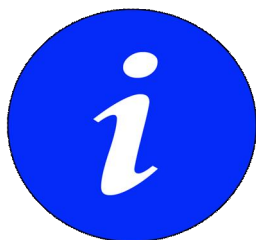
Learning
Disabilities

Health: Reg said that Dr Little and Bev Martin would be working with us for another 6 months, this time dealing with Transition.

Dr Wheeler has asked if anyone can help with training GP's to work with people with learning disabilities.

It was suggested that Daniel Marsden contact Shout Out for their help with this.

Daniel



Jason asked whether or not the Partnership Board would host the South East Regional Health event.

We agreed we could not do January but would be happy to host the event in July 2009.

Jason will find out if July will be okay.



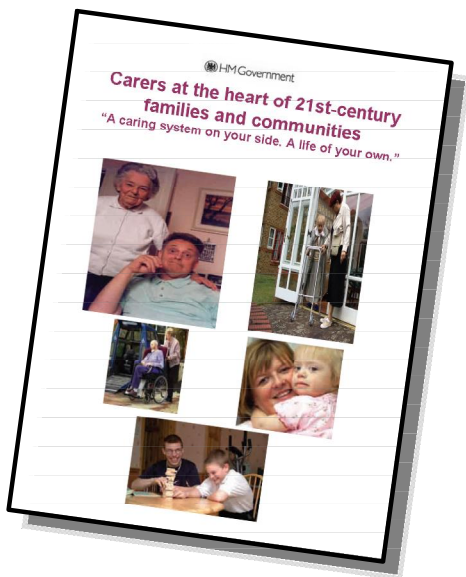
ITEM 6 - Feedback from Carers:

Reg gave us copies of a Government report called 'Carers at the Heart of 21st Century Families and Communities'.

We agreed to talk about the report at our meeting in September.

Kathy asked if there was an easier read copy of the report. Bridget could not find one.

Reg will find out if the Government made an easier to read copy.



Reg told us that from 1st September Viv will be working with the Valuing People Support Team for 3 months.

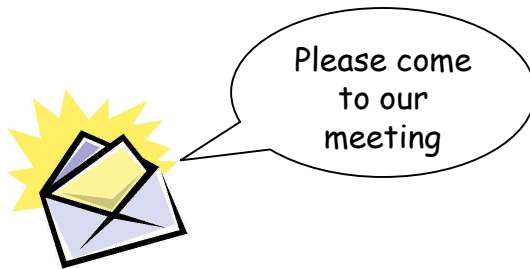
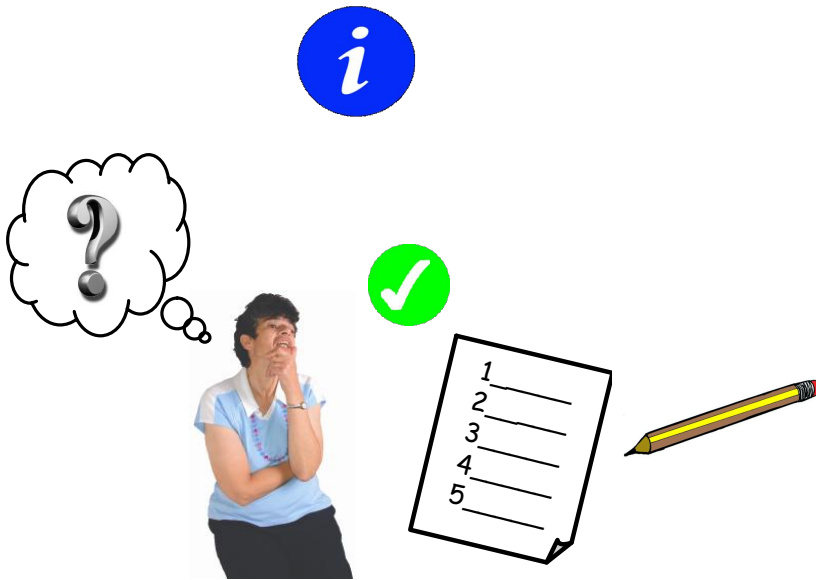
Mansell 2 is a report that looks at the services that support people with difficult and challenging behaviour. The Valuing Medway People Partnership Board has been asked to help with the work by doing a survey.

We agreed that Beth would find out more by asking Viv.

Beth Beth to contact Viv to discuss.

We agreed that Julie should ask Errol Cordell to come to our next meeting to discuss how we should get funds for Short Term Breaks.

Julie Julie will see if Errol can attend the next meeting.



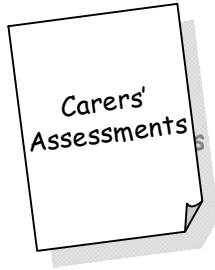


Viv has asked Medway Council how much money is available to Family Carers.

Amanda asked Viv to write to her making the request.



Viv/Reg to send a written request for this information.



Viv has asked

- how is information from Carers Assessments collected? and
- when can the details be brought to the Partnership Board?

Amanda would like to discuss this at the September meeting when Viv is back.

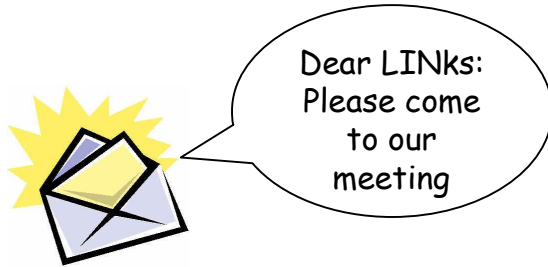


Viv to raise again at next meeting.



People from the National Families Forum met with Simon Whitehead, acting National Director, about the carer's role within Valuing People Now and how it was written.

There is a strong message that more effort is needed to include families when Valuing People Now is written again.



Dear LINKs:
Please come
to our
meeting



Dear Sharon:
Please come to
our meeting on
September 1st

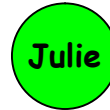


We agreed that we will ask David Haymes to send a member of LINKs to our meetings every 3 months.



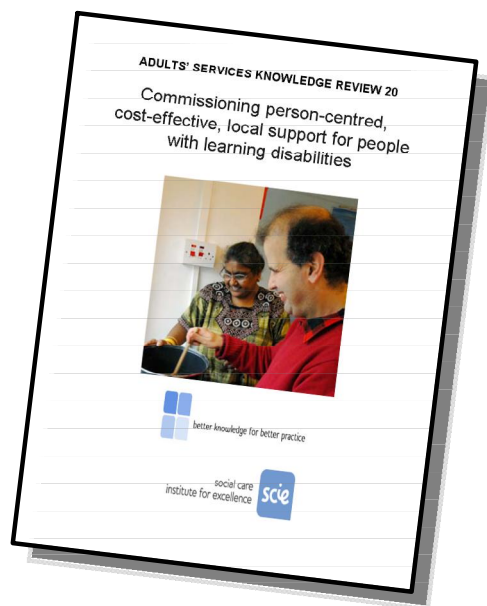
Julie to contact David Haymes to ask if able to attend quarterly.

Sharon White is now leading the Short Term Breaks sub group. We will ask Sharon to come to our next meeting.



Julie to invite Sharon White to the next meeting.

Reg asked if there was any news on Queens Court. Amanda said that the business case is currently under development.



Reg showed us a report called 'Commissioning Person Centred Cost Effective Local Support for People with Learning Disabilities'. The report says that Medway is 8th worst out of 144 authorities for having people out of their home area.

The full report can be seen on the internet, using this link:
www.scie.org.uk/publications/knowledgereviews/kr20.pdf

It was explained that many people were placed when Medway was part of Kent and at that time were not out of area.

Many people are choosing to remain where they are.

ITEM 7 - Feedback from providers and VOLuME:

Christine Edwards Daem gave us feedback from the Providers Forum held on 23rd April 2008.





Providers'
Forum



Christine said that she had been asked by the Providers' Forum to bring up the issue of access to money and bank accounts and bank statements again.

She asked whether there could be a working party to look into this issue.

Amanda asked that Marilyn, Chris Gell and Christine get together and organise a meeting to look into this and report back on their findings.

Jo suggested that banks be asked to attend the meeting to give their views.

Marilyn to meet with Chris Gell to discuss issue and report back.





Thank you
Christine!



Christine confirmed that she would be standing in for the current chair of the Providers' Forum from now on and so would no longer be able to attend the Partnership Board.

A new representative will be chose by the Providers' Forum who will be attending in future.

Amanda thanked Christine on behalf of the Partnership Board for the constructive contribution that she has made over the time that she has been a member.

Kay Meinertzhagen said she had nothing to report back from VOLuME, but the next meeting is on 14th August 2008 and she would report back from that.



Item 8: Local Involvement Networks (LINKs)

Presentation by David Haymes:

David Haymes told us about LINKs in Medway. LINKs is an independent group funded by the Government to deal with issues around Health and Social Care for the whole of Medway.

LINKs will look at the support and services that people with learning disabilities receive but also things like dental and hearing services.

David agreed that when LINKs does any work they will think about how it affects people with learning disabilities.



Item 9 - Money Performance and Audit:

Phil Watts sent his apologies as he was unable to attend today, but he confirmed that the finance information will be available to go out with the minutes from the meeting.

Phil Watts to forward information to Julie for distribution.



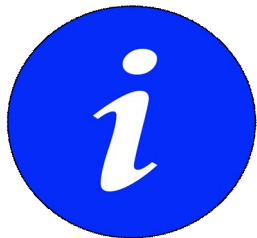
Item 10 - Learning Disability Development Fund

Jo told us how the Learning Disability Development Fund is being spent this year now that we know what money is available this year.

We did not spend all of the money we had for last year.

We talked about how to spend the money this year and agreed the plan.

Jo's presentation is attached to these notes.



We are getting a life!



Item 11 Getting a Life and Transition:

Beth gave a presentation on *Getting A Life* and Transition issues for people with learning disabilities.

Beth's presentation is attached to these notes.

It was agreed that Beth would come back and tell us about the *Getting A Life* work at regular intervals.

Item 12 - Any other business:

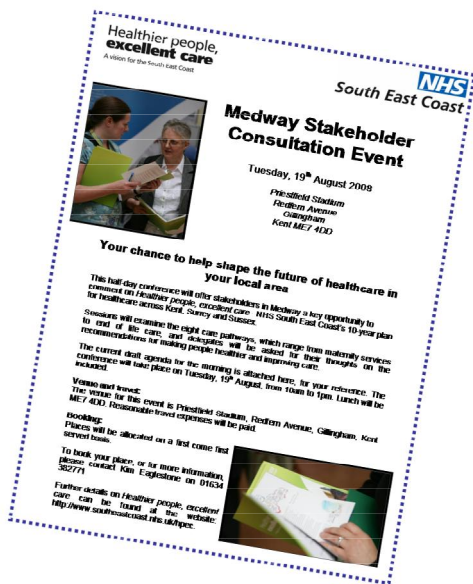
Reg told us the NHS South East Coast will have an event on Tuesday 19th August 2008 at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham.

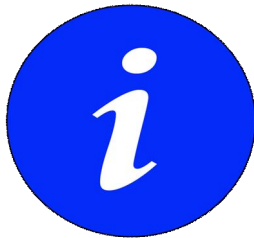
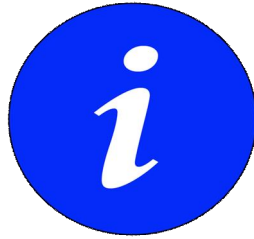
They want people to take part in a Stakeholder Consultation Event.

Further details can be found at:
www.southeastcoast.nhs.uk/hpec

Marilyn said that the new Senior Practitioner had been appointed.

It will be Richard Hill and he should start work around September time.



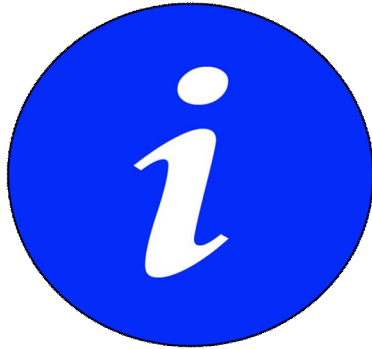


Marilyn also said that Sandra Hill had also been appointed to the Intake Team, so that all new admissions would go through her and be put on to the RAISE system before they get to the Integrated Team.

Jason asked when the letters would go out from the Fair Access to Care assessments as people were keen to find out if any changes that would be made to their support. The moderation panels have sent information to the Care Managers to be given to service users.

Amanda said that the Social Care Management Team was visited by Dr Oliver.

Amanda said that Liz Nicholas would be having another meeting with Dr Oliver. Jo said we have had a good relationship with Dr Oliver's service over the last 6 years.



Jo said that we have got some new packs called 'Dementia and People with Learning Disabilities' which will be sent to nurses to help them with their work.

Jo also has a leaflet with a picture library called "Say It Works".

More information can be seen on the internet at: www.sayitworks.co.uk.

The telephone number is 0845 601 9973

Jo has a leaflet about travel training at Bradford College.

For more information call Chris Walters on:

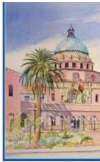
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or email: c.walters@bradfordcollege.ac.uk

Jo said 'Thank you! It has been great working with the Valuing Medway People Partnership Board!'



Thank
you!



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Calendar 2008

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

1st September 2008, in the Pembroke Suite at:

The King Charles Hotel in Gillingham

The meeting starts at 9.45am.

