

VALUING MEDWAY PEOPLE



Valuing Medway People
Learning Disability Partnership
Board.

We had a meeting on

Monday 30th March 2009
10.00am - 3.30pm

at The King Charles Hotel,
Gillingham.



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

| Name: | Representing: |
|----------------------|---|
| Kathy Johnson | Co Chair - Forum for Adults with a Learning Disability |
| Amanda Rogers | Co Chair Assistant Director, Adult Social Care Medway Council |
| John Bakker | Interim Director of Commissioning NHS Medway |
| David Le Breton | Learning and Skills Council - (morning only) |
| Kay Brunning | Carers' Forum |
| Mary Butcher | Carers' Forum |
| Bridget Bygrave-Relf | Transformation & Policy Manager |
| Viv Cooper | Carers' Forum |
| Rick Dartnaill | Forum for adults with a Learning Disability |
| Reg Higgs | Carers' Forum |
| Marilyn Kitchenham | Team Manager - Service to Adults with a Learning Disability |
| Kay Meinertzhagen | VOLUME Forum |
| Liz Nicholas | Joint Service and Commissioning Manager |
| Tracey Sharpe | Safeguarding Lead Medway Foundation Hospital Trust |
| Jason Terry | Forum for Adults with a Learning Disability |
| Robert Wilson | Forum for Adults with a Learning Disability |

Supporters

| | |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Bev Reid | Assistant Care Manager |
| Colin Guest | EnableUK |
| Tim Guest | EnableUK |

Visitors

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Jean Collins | Department of Health South East Regional Advisor |
| Shirley Griffiths | Medway LINK (Local Involvement Network) |
| Bob Hodges | Mid Kent College |
| Claire Jones | MENCAP |
| Robin Maxted | Medway Council Self-Directed Support Team - (morning only) |
| Ravinder Pathania | NHS Medway Graduate Trainee in Commissioning |
| Beth Peal | Medway Council Person Centred Planning Co-ordinator |
| Steve Pereira | Admin Support |
| Richard Redmond | Medway Council - Interim Assistant Director, Adult Social Care |

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

| | |
|--------------|--|
| Errol Cordle | Assistant Director of Integrated Commissioning |
|--------------|--|

1: Welcome and introductions

We said hello to Richard Redmond. Richard is the temporary replacement for Amanda Rogers.

2: We checked the notes from our meeting in February.

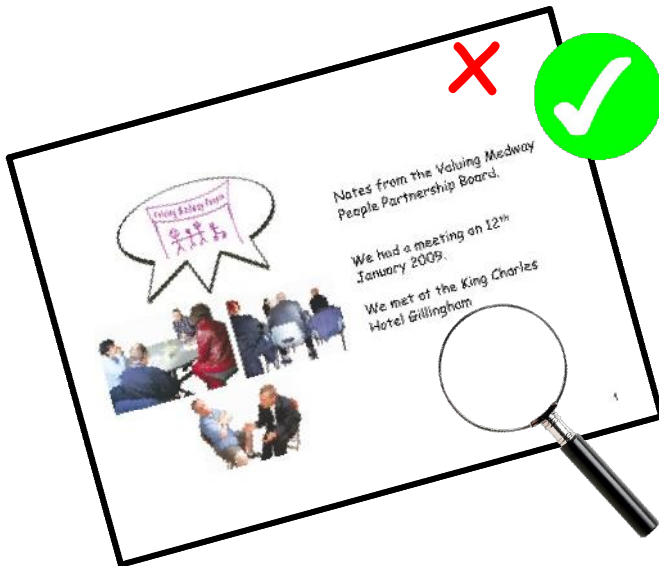
We agreed to change the notes as follows:

Apologies had been sent from John Bakker.

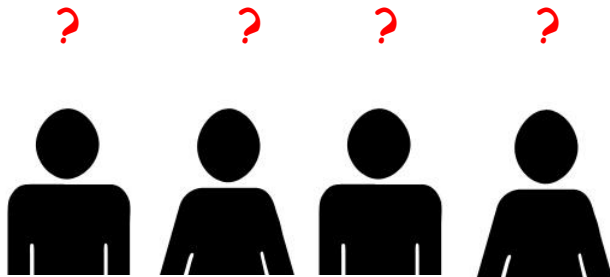
Page 17 will say that the students at Hempstead Road are 'working towards getting individual budgets from the Learning and Skills Council'.

Page 28 will say that "Viv suggested that we call upon advice that is available from the region as and when necessary".

Page 14 will say that at the 21st January Carers' meeting, Reg was 'endorsed', and not 'elected'.



New job



choose a new coordinator

3: Things we said we'd do after our meeting in February

Partnership Coordinator post

The new coordinator job will be advertised until 16th April.

We will be able to meet the people who apply for the job at a special lunch.

A family carer and a person with a learning disability from the Partnership Board will help interview.



I'm a co-chairperson



Chairs for Partnership Board

At the AGM on 27th April we will discuss how we elect new Co Chairs.

It will depend on the structure of the Board.

One option could be for Shout Out advocacy and the Forum for Adults with a Learning Disability to share the co-chairing work.

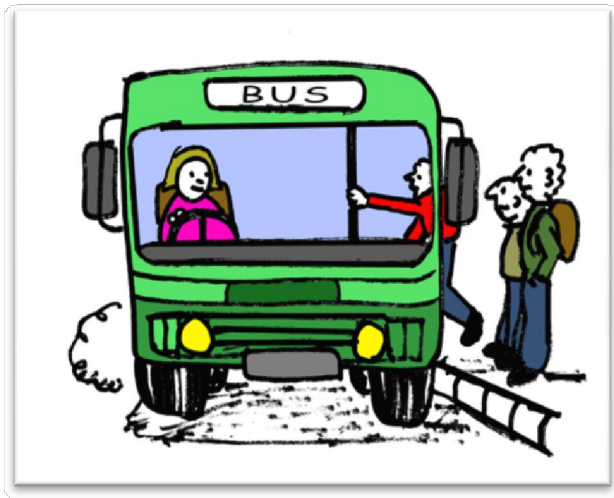
Courses

Marilyn wrote to North West Kent College about courses but has not had a reply.

David suggested writing to Maryanne Halliday - Head of Department for Learning Disability at North Kent College.

ACTION: Marilyn





Travel buddies.

Members of the Forum asked Kathy and Rick to visit the Grace Eyre Foundation in Brighton.

They found out that in Brighton they used LDDF money to train travel buddies.

They gave Rick and Kathy information about how to train travel buddies in Medway.

The Forum will meet them again.

A team from Grace Eyre came to the Keeping Safe event.

Medway Council has asked Pathways to Inclusion to develop travel support for all in Medway, not just people with learning Disabilities.

The Forum will offer help to them.



Carers' Forum

We will change the notes from our last meeting to say that some carers were not able to go to the Carers' meeting in January because they were not on the list of family carers at that time.

Reg does not have the names of carers on Medway Council's list.

The law says that Medway Council can not share its lists of names and addresses with other people or organisations. This why the Partnership Board arranges the mail outs for Carers' Forum meetings.

Feedback from Regional meetings

The notes from our meeting in February missed Jason's report.



Person Centred Planning and Getting a Life Project

The Office of Disability Issues helps the Government make sure that disabled people have the same opportunities and choices as non-disabled people and are respected and included as equal members of society.

We can find out more on the website
www.officefordisability.gov.uk

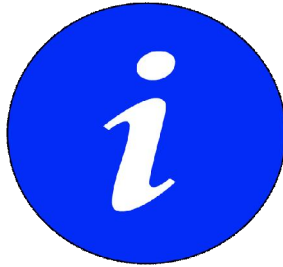
Medway's Getting a Life Project will focus on people living in Medway.

Annual Report

Not everybody has sent Beth their report.

Please send them as soon possible so the Annual Report can be printed.

Meeting minutes



Reg asked that the minutes come out 2 weeks before Partnership Board meetings.

Kay M asked that the numbered points in the Easy Read notes match the numbers in the text notes.

4: Person centred activity

We talked about the 6 Valuing People Now priorities for the next year.

5: Feedback from the Regional Meetings.

Event for lead people and co chairs

Bridget, Mary, Kathy and Beth went to the Valuing People Support Team event for Medway on 2nd March. Viv (National Carer Lead) and Jason (Self Advocate) were there too, but not representing Medway.



The big messages from the meeting were that:

- Every Partnership Board needs to have a plan for people with learning disabilities in their area - the plan involves a Strategic Needs Assessment.
- The NHS should take the lead in health matters.
- The Partnership Board needs to produce a yearly report for the region on Partnership Board progress and problems.
- The new job of the Partnership Board is to make sure that everyone is doing their job to make Valuing People Now happen.



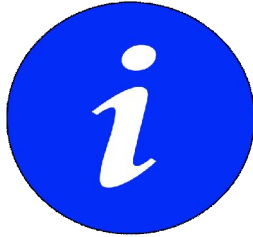
Easy read report:

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/
Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/
PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_093377](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_093377)

Partnership Boards should work hard at making sure that people have good places to live.

Some Partnership Boards have found new ways to give people housing choices.

They have made special jobs for Housing Officers, organised 'Cluster Flats' and got private money in for Housing Associations.



*'Modernising
day services
in Medway'*



Diversity Event

Beth went to the Department of Health South East Regional Diversity Event in London.

It is important to include people from ethnic minorities in our work over the next year.

6: We had a break

7: Feedback from Carers' Forum

Day Services changes

34 carers went to a Carers' Forum on 27th March.

They were asked to let the Council know if independent people contact them offering to set up day services as people leave Greatfield Lodge.

Most people now at the Centre are supported by family carers.

Medway Council has found a way to work out how many hours support Direct Payments can pay for each day.

The money that was used for Greatfield Lodge will be used to support people in different ways.

Medway Council's Transport Unit now provides transport for people who attend Medway's Day Services.

Risk Assessments are done for all services including transport.

People have asked for Easy Read information about transport.

Carers' Forum

Reg took over as lead for the Carer's Forum when Viv became National Family Carer lead.

Carer members on our new Partnership Board will be elected through Medway Carers' Partnership Board.

'Modernising day services in Medway'





Autism

Kay told us there will be a public meeting in Maidstone on 31st March about services for people with autism.

We can see the report on the internet

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/publications/council-and-democracy/selcomrep-asd.htm>

Kay will tell us about the work done in Kent at our next meeting.

We can then decide on the next steps in Medway.

Jason asked for the report to be made easier to read.

ACTION:

Kay

8: Feedback from the Providers' Forum and VOLUME

No representative from the Providers' Forum was at the meeting.

Kay M said that a better list of names and addresses is needed to make sure that people know about VOLUME.

Kay M will find out if Medway CVS can help.

Bridget said that Jane Love of Medway Council is making a better list of people from provider and voluntary organisations.

Kay M is working on the Medway communication passport project. She had a helpful meeting with Val Levens.

ACTION: Kay M to contact Liz N regarding Communication Passports and linking in the work Liz is doing with Greatfield Lodge.



9: Feedback from the Forum for Adults with Learning Disabilities.



Rick, Kathy, Robert and Jason reported that the work with Mid Kent College and Pathways to Inclusion is going well.

11 new courses will be offered this year.

Mid Kent College and the Forum will work together in making posters and leaflets about the courses.

Taster courses will start soon.

Ten week courses will start in September.

The Forum want to make sure that people supported at Greatfield Lodge and through Shared Lives know about the courses.

They have asked the Self Directed Support team to work with them.



Keeping Safe Event

110 (one hundred and ten) people came to the Keeping Safe event on 23rd March.

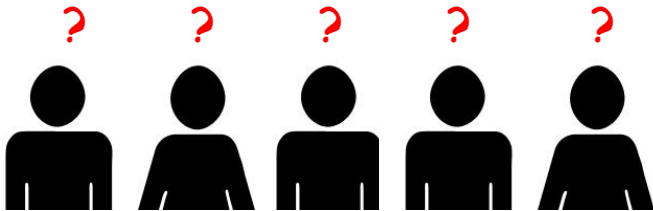
30 (thirty) of the people were police officers, train and bus company staff.

The Forum has been asked to train people from Medway Police, South Eastern Railways and Arriva.

10: We had lunch



How we choose members



5 elected people with learning disabilities



6 meetings

11: More feedback from the Forum for Adults with Learning Disabilities.

Forum representatives told us their choices for the new Partnership Board and how they would like the changes to happen.

Their first choice is for:

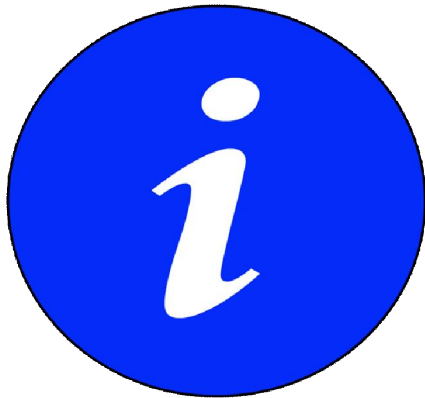
- More meetings with more people who have a learning disability.
- Four forum representatives including a co-chair.
- 8 meetings each year lasting all day.
- Time to get ready for the elections.

We looked at all the choices and voted.

This is what we voted for:

- Five people with learning disabilities should be on the Board, from the Forum and Shout Out.
- The board will meet every two months (six times each year).
- We will have elections by the end of June 2009.

£££



12: Money

There was not enough time to talk about money. We agreed to talk about money at the next meeting.

13: Medway Challenging Behaviour Strategic Development Board.

Viv was going to present to us on this but there was not enough time.

We agreed to have a report at the next meeting.

14: We had a break.

We said goodbye to Amanda Rogers and thank you for all Amanda's work for people with learning disabilities in Medway.

Amanda wished us every success for the future.

Richard Redmond co-chaired the rest of the meeting.

15: Carers' Strategy

Jane Love and Ron Alexander told us about the Medway Carers' Strategy.

When Jane and Ron asked Carers for feedback about the plan people said that:

- Carers want to keep healthy and have lives of their own.
- it can be hard to find information about services.
- Carers may be worried about not having enough money.

Liz told us that some people with learning disabilities are carers.

We need to be sure they get support and are represented.

The Carers' Partnership Board is being set up and will link with other Boards.



16: Valuing People Now Regional Programme

Jean Collins told us about Valuing People Now. Jean is Regional Advisor for the South East.

All Government Departments have to make Valuing People Now happen.

Important aims of Valuing People Now are about people:

- having their rights.
- becoming independent.
- having control of their lives.
- being included

The NHS has to take the lead in making sure that the health priorities happen this year.

Valuing People Now does not apply to people with autism who do not have a learning disability.

No Secrets

The Government wants to make sure that people with learning disabilities are safe from abuse.

We will ask Sallyann Larkin to come to a meeting to tell us about plans.

NO SECRETS
THE PROTECTION OF
VULNERABLE
ADULTS FROM ABUSE:
LOCAL CODES OF PRACTICE
Findings from an analysis of local codes
of practice

June 2002

Keith Sumner

Centre For Policy On Ageing
19-23 Frommenger Row
London E11 3QP
Tel: 020 7553 6500
Fax: 020 7553 6501
email: cpa@cpa.org.uk
<http://www.cpa.org>

We can see new guidance on the internet

<http://valuingpeople.gov.uk/dynamic/valuingpeople2.jsp>

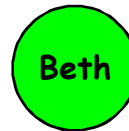
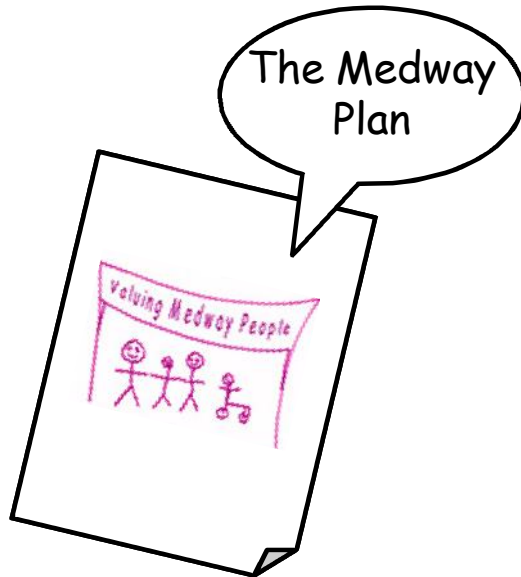
17: Any other business

Partnership Board restructure - we will try to arrange a special meeting to look at the proposals.

Medway Challenging Behaviour Board and Strategic Group - Viv will make a report to our next meeting.

Annual Report and Annual General meeting - Beth will send us copies of the report when it is ready.

Partnership Board interviews - an invitation will be sent out to members to meet people who apply for the job.

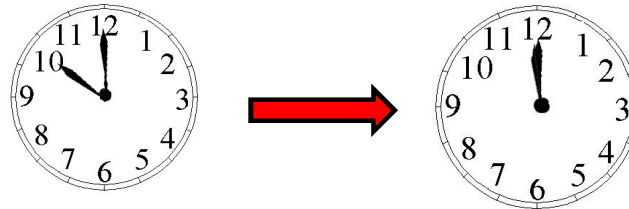


Calendar 2009

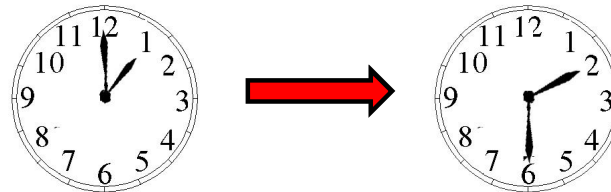
| JANUARY | | | | | | | FEBRUARY | | | | | | | MARCH | | | | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | | | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| APRIL | | | | | | | MAY | | | | | | | JUNE | | | | | | | | |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | |
| | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JULY | | | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | | | SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | | |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | |
| | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | | NOVEMBER | | | | | | | DECEMBER | | | | | | | | |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

18: Next Meeting

April 27th 10.00am to 12.00pm Pembroke Room,
King Charles Hotel, Gillingham.



Ordinary Meeting



Annual General Meeting