



The Valuing Medway People Partnership Board had a meeting on 26th March.

Here are the notes from the meeting.

1. See the list at the end of the notes to find out who was at the meeting.

2. News



Michael Howard is now in Medway hospital.

He is getting slowly better.



Beth and Daniel have asked Gillingham Football Club to visit him.



Liz

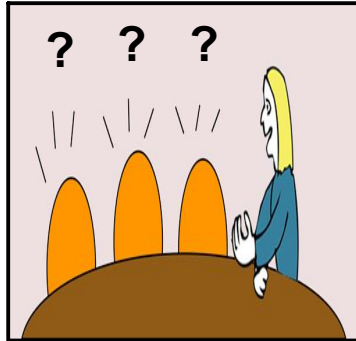
Liz Nicholas will start work
with Jo on 1st April.



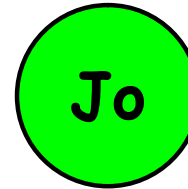
We will invite people from Connexions to come to our Partnership Board meetings.

Bobbie will be invited to our Partnership Board meetings.



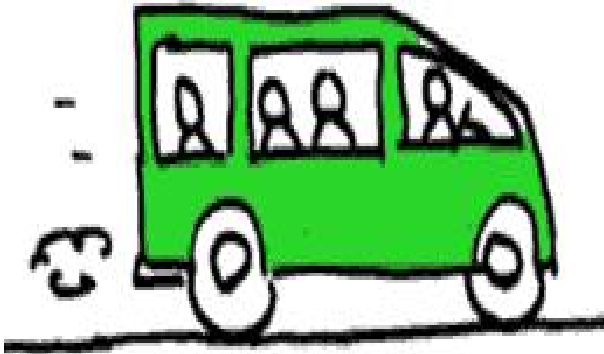


Ann and Kathy will send a letter to people who miss more than three Partnership Boards in a row. Jo will write the letter.



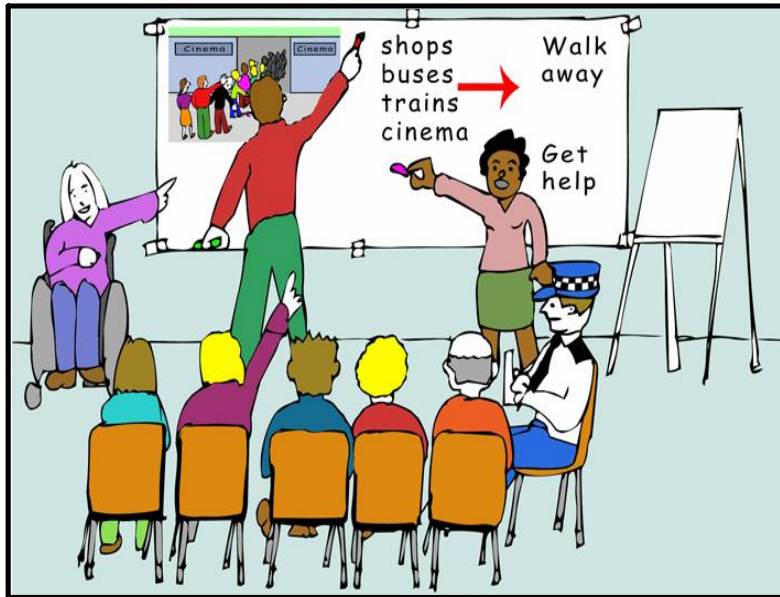
We asked Mary Butcher to come to our meetings even if her transport is late.

Nikki will also see if someone can collect Mary from home.



3. We did a Person Centred Activity.

4. Very important things.



The Voluntary Organisations Forum are inviting the police and someone from the prison service to attend their meetings.

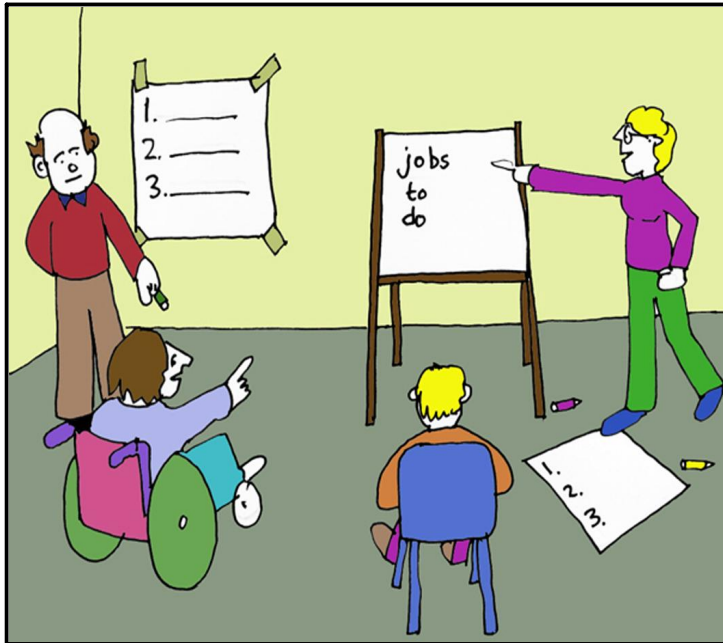
Ann suggested that the person who attends the Safeguarding Children's Meeting also be invited.

The Valuing People Support Team has written a book about safety.



Some students in Mid Kent will be helped by an Action for Inclusion project.

They will have money for new services and equipment.



Jason and Colin attended a Community Safety event in Oxford.

Colin and Jason will train other people about keeping safe.



We are going to invite the Disability Rights Commission to our Partnership Board meetings in the future.

Viv and Daniel are going to talk to the Professional Executive Committee.

Nikki

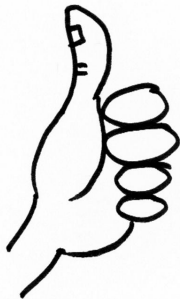
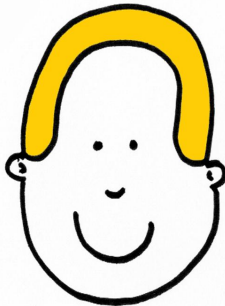
Fair Access to Care information will be written.

We now have a working group.

We can see more information in June 2007.

Bridget

Easy read!



Autism
and
Aspergers



Autism/Asperger's Sub Group to be held on the 23rd April 2006.

We need to make sure all the right people are invited.

Nikki

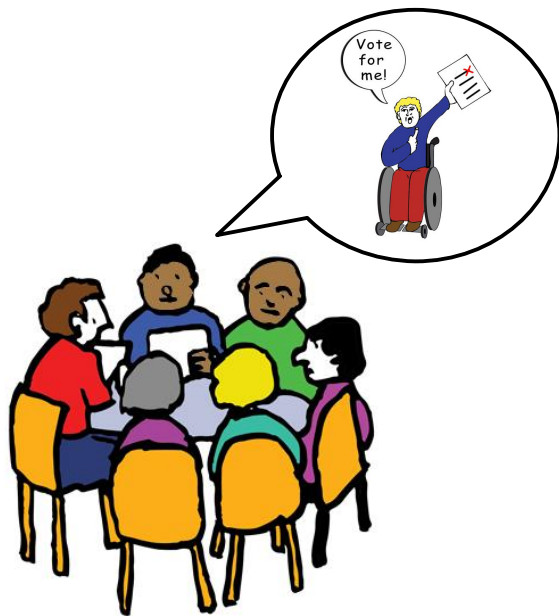
We talked about a Friendship Group.

Jo was asked if someone would be appointed for this.

ASK will talk with people at Greatfield Lodge to see what they want.

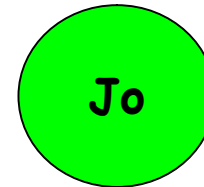
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Jo will find out if adults with a Learning Disability can support the work of the Person Centred Commissioning Group.

Some of the Group's work is very confidential and sensitive.

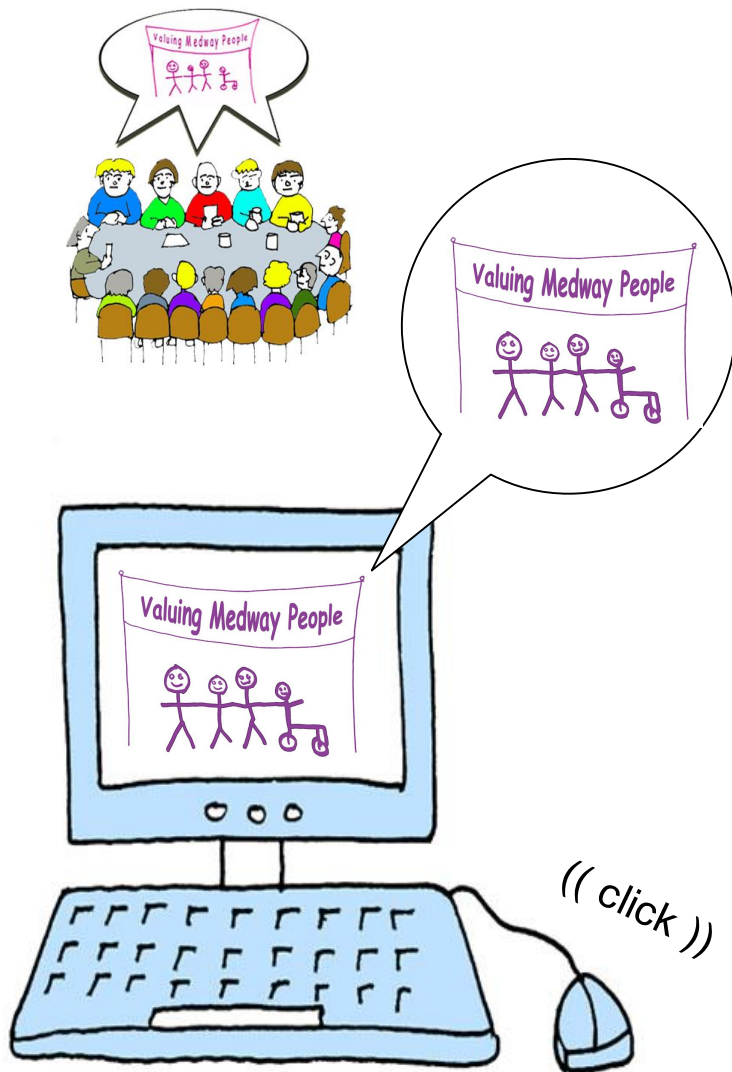


Robert, Kathy and Jason were all re-elected as members of the Partnership Board!

Rick Dartnail is also a member of the Partnership Board.

Everybody said thank you to Robert for all his work as co chair.

5. Report from people with a learning disability



The Forum for Adults with a Learning Disability had a meeting on 7th March.

Kathy reported what was said at the meeting.

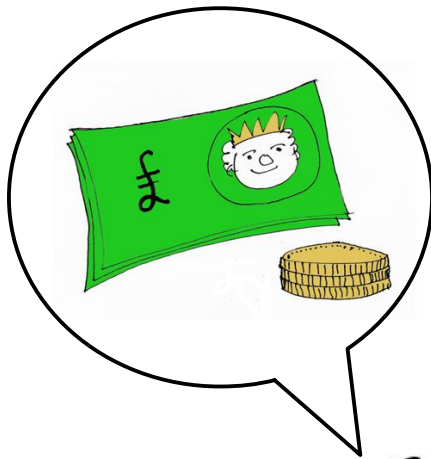
The notes can be seen on our website.

www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk

The notes can be printed from the website.



6. Report from Carers' Forum



The Carers' Forum will have a special event on 21st June.

The subject will be money.

They will find about:

Direct Payments

Independent Living Allowances

Individual Budgets



Carers want to have a special day to find out about places to live.

They want Council officers and carers to be there.



7. Patricia Vandy gave us a report about the Partnership Board budget

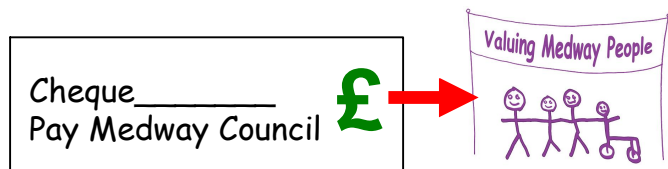


We talked about money we have for services.

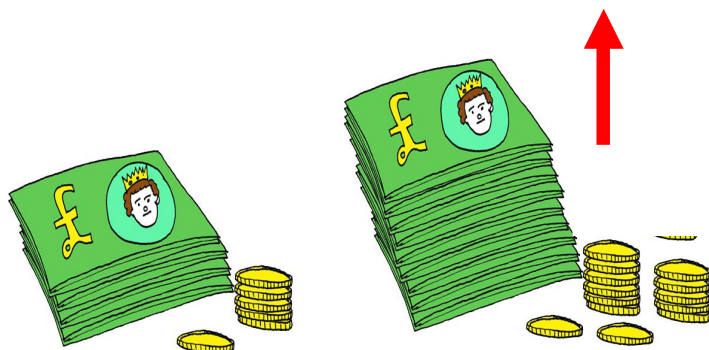


Our budget.

The budget for supporting adults with learning disabilities is £20,000,000 (twenty million pounds).



We will have more income than we first expected.



Our budget

What we will spend

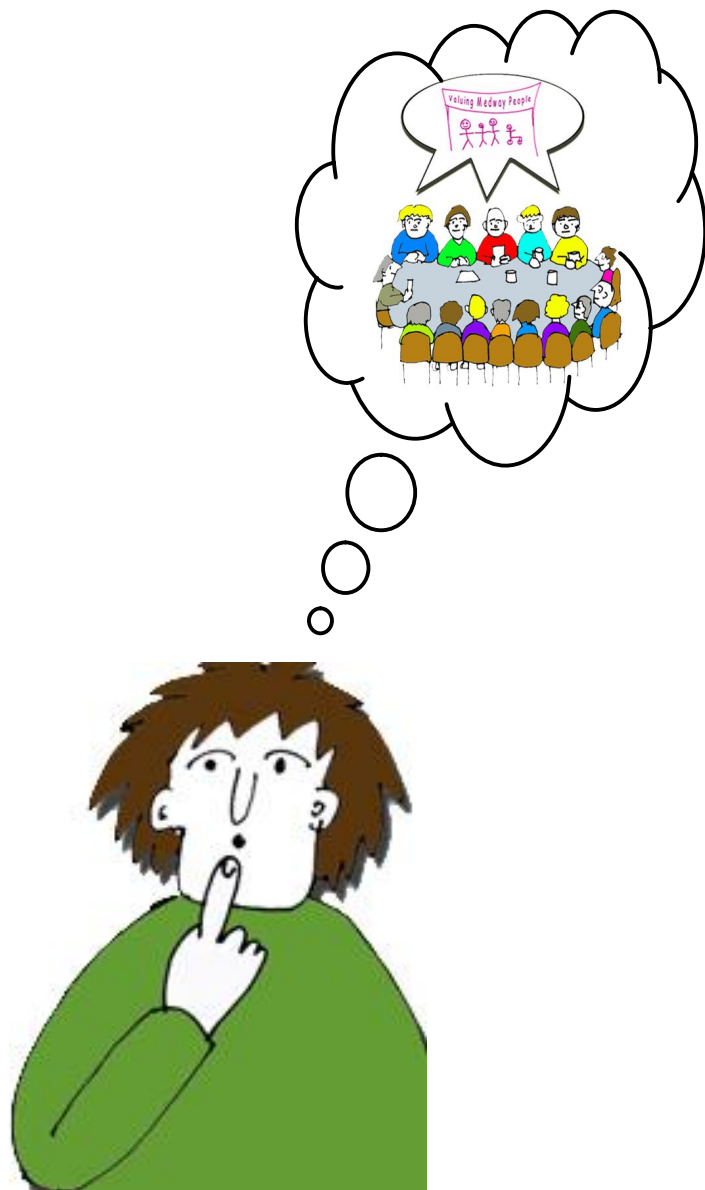
But we are heading towards spending £622,000 (six hundred and twenty two thousand pounds) more than we have in our budget.



We voted to see who would be the co-chair for the Partnership Board.

The choices were Kathy or Jason.

Kathy had most votes and will be co-chair from April 30th 2007.



We talked about what we want to do at our meetings.

We decided:

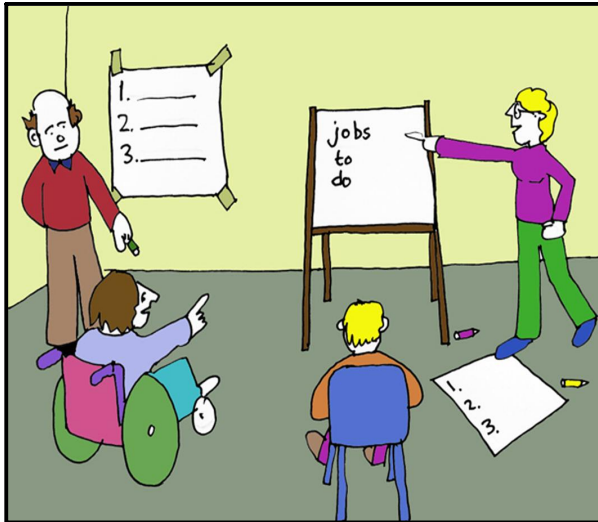
Always have time for reports from the Carers' Forum.

Always have time for reports from the Forum for Adults with a learning disability.

When we agree actions we will set dates.

We will have activities but allow more time to explain the purpose.

Frameworks and themes will be agreed for each year.



The next meeting on 30th April is an Awayday.

Subjects we could work on are:

Fulfilling Lives.

Planning for the future.

Measuring how well we are doing as well as managing the money.

We will have an extra Partnership Board meeting later in the year.



Nikki



Marilyn gave us a report about Adult Protection in Medway.

For a copy of the report e mail:

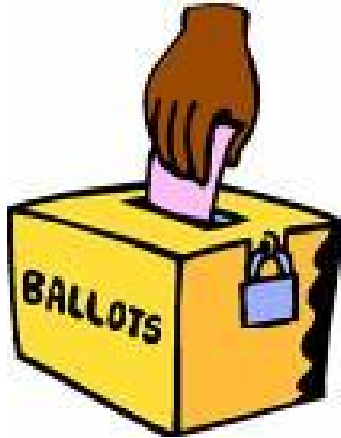
Nicola.jagger@medway.gov.uk

Medway's new Adult Protection Coordinator is Sally Ann Larkin.

Marilyn will tell the Partnership Board how much time officers take for each adult protection case.



8. Any other business.



ASK will offer support to people so that they can vote at the 3rd May Council elections.



Amanda suggested that the local Hospice can help arrange bereavement counselling.

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

Members:

Ann Windiate -	Director of Community Services and co chair
Robert Wilson -	Elected member co chair and service user
Kay Brunning -	Kent Autistic Trust
Mary Butcher -	Family Carer
Bridget Bygrave-Relf -	Joint Service Standards Manager
Jill Cavell -	Mid Kent College
Viv Cooper -	Family Carer
Rick Dartnail -	Elected member and service user
Richard Dinkeldein -	Providers Forum Representative
Dr Sabah Sadik -	Medical Director Kent & Medway Social Care Partnership Trust
Reg Higgs -	Family Carer
Kathy Johnson -	Elected member and service user
Marilyn Kitchenham -	Team Leader Integrated team
Liz Nicholas -	Joint Service & Commissioning Manager
Jo Poynter -	Joint Service & Commissioning Manager
Amanda Rogers -	Assistant Director Social Care
Monica Rivers -	Mencap
Jason Terry -	Elected member and service user

Visitor:

Janet Estervig

Support team:

Wayne Hill -	Trainee and service user
Graham Honess -	Trainee and service user
Nikki Jagger -	Valuing Medway People Partnership Board Administrator
Pauline O'Loughnane -	Advocate
Sally Pratley -	Advocate
Colin Guest -	Graphic recorder
George Guest -	Information technology
Bev Reid -	Care Manager and supporter

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

Suzanne Brooker - Senior Nurse Learning Disability

David Le Breton - Learning and Skills Council Kent and Medway

Janet Norman - Deputy Director Service Development Primary Care Trust

Guy Offord - Senior Health Practitioner

Wendy Purdy - Councillor with Social Care responsibilities