



Notes from the Valuing Medway People Partnership Board.

We had a meeting on September 1st 2008.

We met at the King Charles Hotel in Gillingham



1. Here are the names of the people who came to the meeting:

Kathy Johnson Co Chair  
Amanda Rogers Co Chair

David Le Breton  
Kay Brunning  
Bridget Bygrave-Relf  
Michelle Cattigan  
Rose Collinson  
Viv Cooper  
Rick Dartnaill  
Reg Higgs  
Claire Jones  
Marilyn Kitchenham  
Kay Meinertzhagen  
Beth Peal  
Tracy Sharpe  
Robert Wilson

Support Team

Colin Guest  
Tim Guest  
Bev Reid

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

Liz Nicholas  
Christine Edwards Daem



Members'  
Day  
Service  
Review

## 2. Very important subjects:

Councillor David Brake will come to our meetings after the November Awayday.

We will soon have a new list of Partnership Board members and what they do.

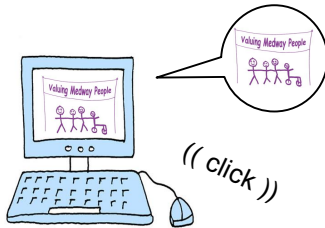
**Bridget**

If people agree we will use their photos on the notes.

**Colin**

Home Managers and Team Leaders are finding out more about the Members' Day Service Review

Modern  
Services  
for  
Medway ?



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A questionnaire is being made so that everybody can let us know their ideas for Medway services.

Beth

The plans can be discussed at the Forum for adults with learning disabilities

The plans and questionnaire can go on our website.

Beth

Derek Gooch and Genette Laws are making plans for transport for people with disabilities



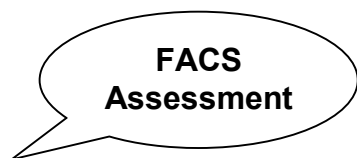
230 people have had their FACS assessments checked by moderators.

450 people need to have their FACS assessments checked.

The plan is to get all FACS assessments finished by 1<sup>st</sup> October.



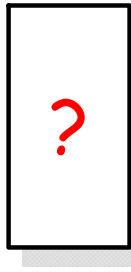
Care Managers will give support to people if services are reduced.



Medway will have a leaflet about other support from private and voluntary organisations.



We will talk about FACS at every Valuing Medway People Partnership Board meeting.



Job  
Vacancy

People with learning disabilities and their families will help choose Jo Poynter's replacement.

A job description will be sent out with these notes so that we have a say about the new job.

Valuing People have a report about better choices for people with learning disabilities in where they live.

We can find the report on the Valuing People website.

<http://valuingpeople.gov.uk/dynamic/valuingpeople148.jsp>

We can also find the report on our own website

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

To find it click the Housing button



### 3 - Minutes and Matters Arising:



Tracy Sharpe is writing a Policy for providing support for people staying at Medway Hospital.

Tracey has to get a written agreement with the hospital.

The hospital manager is thinking about paying for new people to come in to do new jobs.

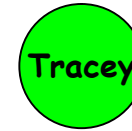
If that happens different insurance will be needed.

Some other hospitals had this problem and it got so difficult they gave up.



Tracey will see if people can be hired from a Job Agency.

Marilyn Kitchenham will ask Medway Council's Contracts Department to send care provider information to Tracey.



Tracey said that the hospital is not using the Medway Carers' Strategy at the moment.

If people with learning disabilities are in hospital and do not have their family carer with them, then the family should tell the Ward Sister at the hospital.

The family can tell Tracey if the hospital does not arrange for the family carer to be with the patient.

Tracey will keep us up to date with developments.





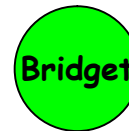
The Medway Carers' Strategy will be discussed at the next meeting of Medway Council's Overview and Scrutiny meeting.



Reg will send Regional Carers details to Julie Bullass so that it can be sent to Partnership Board members.



Bridget will go to the RIG (Regional Involvement Group) meetings in future.



Beth has fixed a date to tell the Providers' Forum about progress with Person Centred Planning



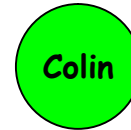


Daniel Marsden is arranging learning disability awareness training for new Medway GP's.

Kathy and the Forum representatives will be trainers.

Colin said that the Pathways to Inclusion project could be asked to help with learning disability and autism training.

The Pathways to Inclusion project has money for training.

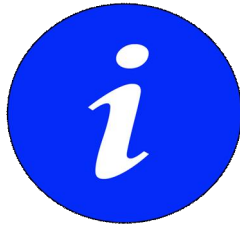


Bridget suggested the training be offered to the local Medical Council

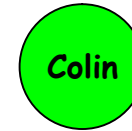
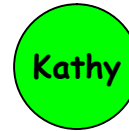
Tracey will find out if staff at Medway Hospital will come to autism training provided by Jason.

Bridget will ask Errol Cordle if his staff will come to the training.





Kathy Johnson said that the date for the Keeping Safe event will be on Friday, 27th February 2009.



The Autism Awayday date is still to be agreed.



Amanda said that the audit of the Section 31 money was still not finished.

Stuart Frith has written a 3 page summary report. We will talk about it at our Awayday.

We can see ask Julie to let us have a copy of the summary before the Awayday if we want to.



Picture notes will be made after the Partnership Board meetings for people who go the Forums.

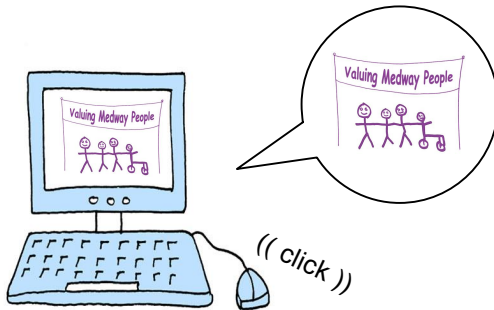
This was Option 4 at the last meeting.

We will aim to offer training for people with learning disabilities to draw picture notes.

That was Option 5 at the last meeting.

Bridget and Colin will keep us informed about plans for leadership courses.

Notes from all Partnership Board meetings are always put on our website



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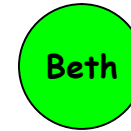
We can find the meeting notes and Annual Report for 2007 by clicking the link for Meeting Notes



Meeting Notes

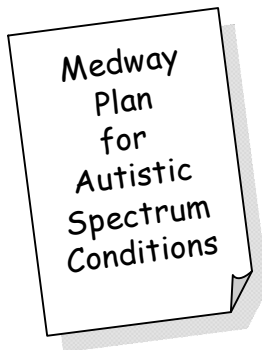


The Annual Report is also on the website at this link. Beth will check that the Annual Report is the approved copy



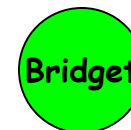
Julie is keeping information about carers up to date.

Julie will ask RAISE for some information and ask carers to let her have up to date names and addresses.



The Medway Plan for Autistic Spectrum Conditions will not be put on the [www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk](http://www.valuingmedwaypeople.org.uk) website until it is ready.

Bridget will check with Kay Brunning to see if a draft copy is ready.





4. We did a person centred activity about better communications.

5. Feedback from adults with learning disabilities.

Members of the Forum had a meeting at Rainham Healthy Living Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

The topic was 'Leadership, choices and voting'.

A copy of the notes is on the website

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## Medway Autism Action Group



## 6. Feedback from subgroups

### Autism

Bridget Bygrave-Relf will attend the Medway Autism Action group meetings for Medway Council.

Bridget will ask Errol Cordle to choose somebody from the Primary Care Trust to join the group.

Bridget

### Health

Kathy, Rick and Robert confirmed with Reg that they will be helping to train the new Medway GP's in learning disability awareness.

Kathy

Rick

Robert

Colin



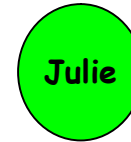
Short  
Term  
Breaks



Having a  
short  
break!



Julie will ask Errol Cordle to come to one of our meetings to tell us what Medway Primary Care Trust will do about the Darzi Report.

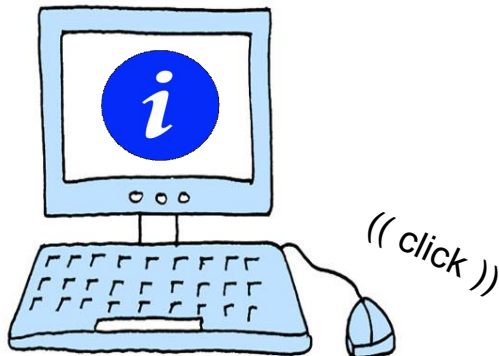


Reg told us Family Carers are making a pack to help people plan for short term breaks.

Reg and Michelle would like information from us to go in the pack.

Family Carers should tell Bridget how much it will cost to print the pack.

Amanda agreed to see if we can pay for the printing from LDDF money.



We can find a map of places that are accessible for people with disabilities, on the Direct Gov website

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/MonitoringAndTransport/DG\\_1038295](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/MonitoringAndTransport/DG_1038295)

Genette Laws is working with community and voluntary groups to make a map of places in Medway that are accessible for people with disabilities.



## 7. Feedback from Carers

Viv told us that on 18th September there will be a meeting for Financial Planning.

There will be Fair Access to Care meetings on 1st and 2nd October

Amanda said that the comments of carers of people with learning disabilities were considered when the Medway Carers' Strategy was finalised.

Viv will give us feedback from the National and Regional Forums

Viv told us the National Director of the Learning Disability Task Force will be looking at support for people with complex needs

Amanda is looking at a practise audit of the support provided for people with complex needs in Medway



Complex needs





VOLuME



## 8. Feedback from providers and VOLuME

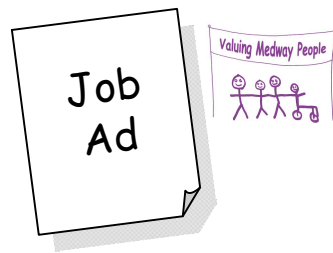
There was nobody at our meeting from the Providers' Forum

Kay told us that lots of people came to the VOLuME meeting. People at the meeting had asked how adults with learning disabilities were represented at the Partnership Board.

Bridget told us that 4 adults with learning disabilities are elected by people who go to the Forum meetings.

Shout Out does not send its own representatives.

We will be talking about the elections during our Awayday in November.



Kay has started to develop Communication Passports

Medway's LDDF budget will pay for the work

The project will have a treasurer to manage the money.

Kay will make the arrangements with Marilyn Kitchenham.

Amanda told us that we will be able to see a job description for Jo Poynter's successor.

**10. We did a person centred activity about sign language**



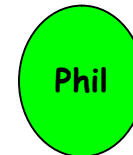
## 11. Money, audit and performance

Phil Watts told us about the Learning Disability Pooled Budget.

We saw a report for July 2008

The Council saw that the service was under funded for the last few years. We have more money for services this year.

Phil will let us have report on how the numbers for the residential care were worked out



Medway compares its costs with other Learning Disability Partnership Boards in the south east.

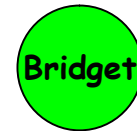
This is called a Benchmarking Club.



## LDDF report

Bridget will meet Patricia Vandy give us a report on our LDDF budget.

Amanda said that the Partnership Board will still have reports on the LDDF budget and plans



We agreed that during our Awayday on November 24th we will make a chart showing us who our partners are.

We will also see if other Partnership Boards can be joined together



## 12. Education:

David Le Breton gave us a report about education for adults with learning disabilities.

David told us that Colleges should offer education to people with disabilities but it does not always happen.

Partnership Boards should tell learning providers what courses and support are needed.

Viv asked what education is available for people with challenging behaviours.

Staff training is needed but new specialist learning providers do not deal with the wide range of needs of learners

Some college staff could benefit from learning disability awareness training



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Leading learning and skills



We can:

- talk to Connexions about support for people aged 19 to 25 years old.
- ask Bob Hodges and Marian Holliday who work in Medway's Colleges about advice and support for people over 25 years old.
- find out about new Foundation Learning courses and see if Medway Colleges can offer them.
- talk to people on the Colleges Providers' Forum which plans staff training
- find out about Action for Inclusion projects in colleges and see what they can offer Medway
- ask people who come to the Forum for Adults with Learning Disabilities to say what education opportunities they would like.



Jason



Kathy



Rick



Robert



Colin



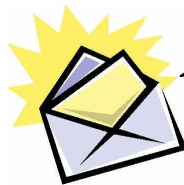
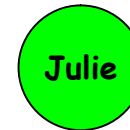
Very important issue!

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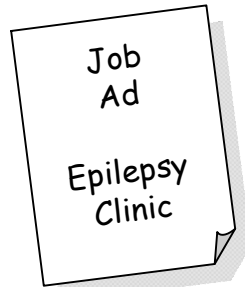
We will have a cut off date for Very Important Issues.

This will let Amanda put them on the agenda if they need time for discussion.

Julie will email asking for Very Important Issues.



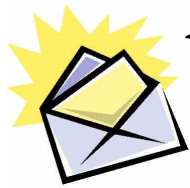
Please come to our meeting



Marilyn is trying to invite a private landlord to come to a Partnership Board meeting

Bridget will write to Louise Parker at Medway PCT to ask about their plans for filling job vacancies at the epilepsy clinic.

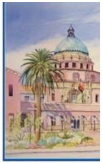




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meetings

Amanda said that Errol Cordell should be asked if Beverley James could come to come to our meetings in his place when he cannot come.

**Julie**



# Calendar 2008

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Our next meeting will be on Monday 13th October 2008

From 9.45am to 4pm

At King Charles Hotel Brompton Road

Gillingham, Maidstone, ME7 5QT

