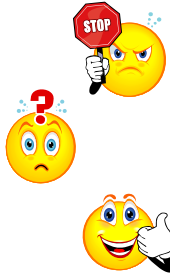


## Rotherham Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the Meeting  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
10.10 am to 12.05 pm



### Voting Members

#### At the meeting:

Patricia Russell	Councillor – RMBC ( <b>Co-chair</b> )
Alison Owen	Regional Forum Representative ( <b>Co-chair</b> )
Bryan Adams	People's Representative (left at 11.10 am)
Jan Frost	Housing Services - RMBC
Shona McFarlane	Director of Health and Well Being – RMBC (left at 11.15 am)
Ann McMahon	Carer Representative
Robert Parkin	People's Representative
John Williams	Learning Disability Service

#### Who said they could not come to the meeting:

Kate Tufnell	Head of Contracts & Service Improvement - NHS-CCG
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#### Who did not come to the meeting:

Linda Jarrold	Voluntary Action Rotherham
Brian Wood	Children & Young People's Service - RMBC

Sorry!

### Non-Voting Members

#### At the meeting:

Sally Ferguson	Speakup
Janine Parkin	Commissioning – RMBC
Nigel Parkes	(for Kate Tufnell)

#### Taking the notes of the meeting:

Jo Frear	Learning Disability Service
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#### Key:

NHS-CCG	NHS Clinical Commissioning Group
RMBC	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
RAP	Rotherham Advocacy Partnerships
RDaSH	Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust



Alison opened the meeting and asked people to turn off their mobiles and to use the cards if they want to ask any questions during the meeting.

### 1 **Introductions + Apologies**

Hello!

The meeting started with introductions being made (people said who they were).

Sorry

Jo then read out the people who said they could not come to the meeting (voting members) – see page 1.

The order of the agenda was changed so that Shona could be present during an important agenda item.

### 8 **Carer Representation on the Partnership Board**



John reminded the Board that following the resignation of Pat Woodcock as Carer Representative, a new process had been agreed to replace Pat. Letters were sent out to carer groups / forums to ask carers to put in expressions of interest for the Partnership Board to consider and decide who would be the best addition to the Board.

We have had 4 expressions of interest received before the deadline given. A further 2 expressions have been received after the deadline. There has also been feedback from some carers that the process is not democratic (the Board choosing a representative for carers), as well as issues around communication (more carers should have been made aware of the position on the Board). Carers had been advised that this feedback would be taken to the Board, who would discuss and make a decision.



The Partnership Board talked about this and agreed the following:

- To make a decision about a Carer Representative for the Board based on the process agreed at the Partnership Board meeting in November 2012.
- Jo to circulate information to voting members about the 4 expressions of interest from carers who met the deadline.



- Voting members to put their choices in order 1, 2, 3, 4.
- Over the next 12 months, the Carer Representatives are to try to link in with more carer groups / forums to find ways of representing as many carers as possible.
- The Board will look again at carer representation in 12 months' time.



**Action:**  
**8a** Jo to circulate information to voting members, who will send in their votes to Jo.

**2 Winterbourne Stocktake**



Following Winterbourne, there were a number of actions that the Learning Disability Service had to do, such as find out the number of people in hospitals / secure settings.

The Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme (JIP) has now asked areas to do a stocktake – this is a self-assessment about how we are doing against the commitments made in the Winterbourne Concordat (agreement) action plan. The JIP is checking how areas like Rotherham are doing on their action plans and whether areas may need some help and assistance from the JIP.



Rotherham's stocktake was sent out with the agenda papers. We are really sorry that it is not in easy read. We did not have much time to complete it and had to send it off before it could come to the Partnership Board.



Both Councillor Russell and Ann pointed out that it says in the stocktake that the Partnership Board is chaired by a carer and service user. It should have said Elected Member / carer and service user.



The Board considered the stocktake and areas highlighted included:

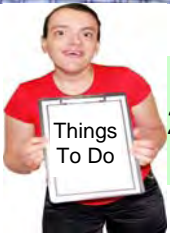
- Rotherham has been a joint health and social care service for over 10 years now - some Local Authorities are not working in partnership this way.



- Rotherham has a register of health funded placements, which Jo keeps up-to-date. This register includes lots of information. Rotherham does not have many people placed out of area – some Local Authorities do.
- Rotherham has reduced the number of Assessment and Treatment (ATU) beds to 5 – because the beds were not being used. We are working on ways to support people in the community instead of having to come into the ATU.



John told the meeting that RDaSH have done a Winterbourne self-assessment and there is an action plan. It was agreed to bring this to the Partnership Board.



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### Action:

John / Jo to arrange to bring the RDaSH Winterbourne self-assessment and action plan to a meeting.

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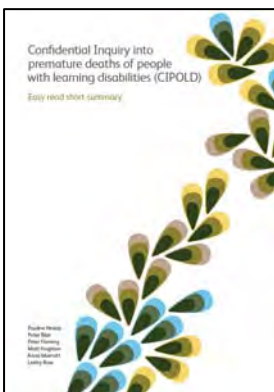
### Final Winterbourne View Hospital: Department of Health Review and Response

For information. A list of documents now available has been circulated with the agenda papers.. The Partnership Board went through the final report in detail at the last meeting.

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### Confidential Inquiry into premature deaths of people with learning disabilities (Easy Read)

Judi could not come to today's meeting and has asked John to let people know about this report.



John told the meeting that Mencap wrote a report in 2007 called "Death by Indifference", about 6 people with learning disabilities who should not have died. Following this, a Confidential Inquiry was set up to look at why people with learning disabilities sometimes live shorter lives than other people.

Sally explained that the Inquiry had looked across NHS Authorities in Bristol and compared 247 people with learning disabilities to 58 people without learning disabilities. The Inquiry looked at what happened to these people before they died and found that the health and social care given to people with learning disabilities could be better.



Some of the findings included:



- Women with learning disabilities are likely to die 20 years sooner than women in the general population.
- More people with learning disabilities were underweight than in the general population.
- People with learning disabilities had more medical problems than people without learning disabilities.

Sally told the meeting that Judi Kyte is working with the Foundation Trust to do a similar check in Rotherham.



Shona said it would be a good idea for Judi to check whether there are people with learning disabilities in Rotherham who are underweight.



### Action:

- 4a** John to feedback to Judi about checking if there are any people with a learning disability in Rotherham who are underweight.
- 4b** Judi to take the Inquiry report to the Health Subgroup.



Sally also told the meeting about a survey of GP Practices about working with people with complex needs. There have been 15 GPs who have replied and this information will be taken to the Health Subgroup.

Sally said that Norah Fry have done some research about End of Life. They say that work needs to be done to make sure it is personalised and that people have a choice about where they want to be treated. For example, we should not assume someone wants to go into a hospice.



John said that in Rotherham, there has been some work done in Public Health about setting up a review process or panel to look at when people with learning disabilities die. This would do things like assess unexpected deaths, look at whether things could have been done differently, etc.

There will be some national recommendations coming out about End of Life and it was agreed to wait for this.



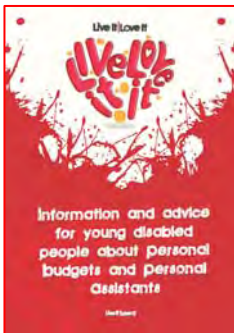
There was a break for tea / coffee – 11.10 – 11.15 am

5 **People's Issues**



Alison read out an update to the meeting, which included:

- There was a Regional Forum on 21<sup>st</sup> May about employment.
- There was a People's Parliament on 25<sup>th</sup> June about Health and the possible changes to the Walk-in Centre.
- There was a Making It Real campaign event on 3<sup>rd</sup> July for people using health and social care services, who identified 6 areas of work for the Council.
- "Live it Love it" is a new resource for disabled people about Personal Budgets from Speakup working with SYCIL in Doncaster.
- REACH's High Five Café has re-opened at the New Life Centre, Maltby.



Sally talked about Work Choice and Work Programme. Work Choice gives more support to disabled people to get work placements and jobs.

6 **National Forum Feedback**

Alison gave a presentation to the Partnership Board about the National Forum held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Telford. This included information about:

- Wayne Clinton from Disability Online talked about changes to benefits.
- Alison talked about Yorkshire and Humber issues – such as the cost of living independently and the impact of the bedroom tax.
- Alick Bush from the **Professional Senate** talked about people's treatment in Assessment and Treatment Units (ATUs).

**Professional Senate** is a group of health professionals working together to make sure the health and wellbeing needs of people with a learning disability are being met.

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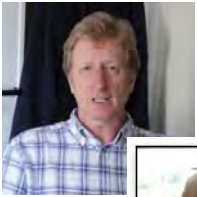


Jan asked for any feedback about the impact of the bedroom tax to be sent to her.



**Action:**  
**6a** Sally agreed to send the minutes of the National Forum to Jo, who will send out with the Partnership Board minutes.

**7 Carers' Issues**



**7a Carers' Meeting**

Ann and John gave feedback from a Carers' meeting held last week. There had been lots of issues around communication and John had agreed to talk to Jo about how we can do this better.



A big issue was about Oak Close. It had been explained that we can't do anything until we hear whether the bid had been successful or not. There has been a delay but it was hoped we should know by early next week.

**7b Care Bill**

Janine told the meeting that the Council are preparing for the Care **Bill**. There will be big changes because of this legislation. There is a commitment to carers in this Bill, including carer support being provided across health and social care.

Janine said that a Steering Group has been set up to start and look at what we need to do, who will do what, etc.

**Action:**

**7b1** Janine agreed to bring more information to the next Partnership Board meeting about the Care Bill.

**7b2** There are some Department of Health Factsheets and Janine agreed to send the link\* to Jo, to circulate with the minutes of the meeting.

A **Bill** is a plan that could end up as a law. When Parliament agrees to the Bill, it then becomes law.



\* The link is <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-care-bill-factsheets>

9 Letter from Inclusion North



For information. John sent an email to Inclusion North for the Partnership Board about the feedback from Rotherham that had been included in the February Families network notes. Sam has written back to say sorry about this and to say that they will make sure that in the future they check with Ann, Rotherham's Partnership Board representative.

Ann told the meeting that she has also received a copy of the letter and that Sam rang to speak to her and apologise about this.

10 Notes of the Last Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
+ Matters Arising



John went through the notes of the last meeting to remind people what had happened. Everyone said that the notes from the meeting were okay.

10a Good2Great Events Feedback

John has had some feedback from carers this week about the event on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013.



**Action:**

10a John to talk to Sharon Davies about the carers' feedback about the event.

10b Hospice Care for People with Learning Disabilities

Nigel provided feedback for Kate on the actions agreed at the last Partnership Board. Paula Hill at the Hospice has said she will come to a meeting and that a visit to the Hospice can be arranged.

Paula says that only a small number of people with learning disabilities use the hospice. Most people are cared for in the community and not in hospital.



**Action:**

10b1 Jo to contact Paula and invite to a meeting.

10b2 Sally said that she will follow-up on the action about letting Kate have contact details for Sheffield Hallam End of Life, who are doing some work about people who can't communicate (the lady is on maternity leave).



**10c “Let’s get everyone talking” Poster**

John noted that we have not yet seen the amended poster.



**Action:**

**10c** John to contact RDaSH about the amended poster.

**10d Partnership Board Questions about People who are in Hospitals / Care Homes paid for by Health**

Bring forward.



**Action:**

**10d** John to talk to Kate about making the Partnership Board questions better.

**10e Partnership Board – Member Photographs**

Sally had said she would bring a camera to the meeting for members to have their photographs taken or updated. However, Speakup’s camera is broken at the moment!



**10f Let’s Talk Employment Event – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013-07-31**

Jo said she has written a draft report which she will share with John, and then bring it to a future meeting, for information.

**11 Any Other Business**

**11a Connect2Support**

Janine advised that Tanya Palmowski has been to the Adult Board to show them how to use Connect2Support and wondered whether she should be invited to the Partnership Board or another meeting? Sally advised that Tanya has been to the People’s Parliament.



**Action:**

**11a** It was agreed to invite Tanya to attend the Carers’ meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 – John to action.

**11b Rotherham Disability Network**

Ann asked Sally whether Speakup are involved in the Rotherham Disability Network. Sally advised that Jono has been to meetings and is a co-chair. Anyone can go to the meetings. It is about bringing organisations together from across Rotherham, find gaps, put in bids together, etc.



**11c HealthWatch**



Janine told the meeting that HealthWatch have now moved into their building in the town centre. They are open all week and on Saturdays for people to call in. Their website is also now set up. HealthWatch will also start to go to the Health and Wellbeing Board meetings.

Jo told the meeting that she met the manager during the Carers' Week Market Stall and had talked about the manager coming to a Partnership Board meeting.



**Action:**

11c It was agreed that Jo is to invite the manager to come to a future Partnership Board meeting.

**12 Date and Time of Next Meeting:**



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
@ 10.00 am



Councillor Russell closed the meeting and thanked people for their time.

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