

LEARNING DISABILITIES PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 October 2006 at Grianan, Westview Terrace, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis.

Present: Mairi MacNeil
Ross Blackman
Alan Monks
Michael Fitzpatrick
Sandra Macleod
Joan Maccuish
Isobel Mackenzie

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jane Brydon, Charles Hill, Frances Daniels, Antony Latham, Finella Morrison Iain Maciver, Ernie Garden and Phil Tilley.

2. Approval of minutes

Item 3.3 on the minutes should read "Choose Life" and not "Choose a Life" Michael Fitzpatrick and Ross Blackman then approved the minutes as an accurate record of that meeting.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Person Centred Planning

This item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

3.2 Learning Disability Database

It was reported that the consent letters have been forwarded to all people on the database. It is hoped that all information will be available to share by the beginning of November.

3.3 Membership of Partnership

It was confirmed that the invitation to join the Partnership to "Choose Life" would be open to the successor of Lesley Mackenzie.

3.5 Mental Health Re-Design Report

The report is now out for public consultation. The full report is open for all to see with the recommendations. Any comments should be made individually.

Dr Ruth McKinley joined the meeting

3.6 Response to WICUSN

Alan Monks to forward the Partnership's response again.

3.7 Mental Health Framework

A date of the 30 November has now been set aside for this. Invitations will be sent out shortly. Dr Ruth McKinley and Emlyn Collier are co-ordinating this event with the help of Janet McKenzie.

3.8 Consultation on OFTTI Service Document (Lewis and Harris)

Alan Monks had met with Malcolm Smith regarding the future of OFTTI. He confirmed that a request had been made for ESF funding. Gateway 58 is closed temporarily, the current building does not meet health safety regulations and the conclusion may be that alternative accommodation may need to be found. Marie MacNeil commented that the families of the current service users of OFTTI hoped that future services would stay within the college environment. It was

agreed that Alan Monks would write to Malcolm Smith on behalf of the Partnership with their concerns.

Marie MacNeil or another representative from the Employment Service to talk about "Pathways to Work" at the next meeting.

4. Partnership in Practice Agreement and Action Plan

Alan Monks had received no replies to his request at the previous meeting for comments on the Action Plan. He would like members of the Partnership to preferably e-mail him setting out what points have been achieved and suggestions for the other items which remain outstanding. It is then hoped that the items which have not been achieved can be worked through at subsequent Partnership meetings. Janet to e-mail the Action Plan to all Partnership members asking for comments. This item to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

5. Supported Accommodation

Isobel Mackenzie confirmed that the housing stock transfer had now taken place to the Hebridean Housing Partnership. The housing department now need to look at their work programme and compile a schedule, which she hoped would be completed early in the new year, at which point she would report back to the Partnership. Any ideas for new development should be put forward for consideration.

6. Meeting Date for December 2006

The date for the December meeting would fall on 21 December 2006. The Partnership agreed that the next meeting after November would be 11 January 2007. It was also agreed that there would be no July/August meeting placed on the schedule. Janet to circulate dates for 2007 at the November meeting.

7. Any other competent business

7.1 Chairmanship of Partnership

Alan Monks informed the Partnership that he would be stepping down in his role as Chairman in the New Year. He suggested that some thought be given as to who would take over as Chairman. This item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

7.2 Ardseileach

Joan Maccuish asked for an update regarding Ardseileach refurbishment. Alan Monks gave the background to the current situation. He informed the Partnership that a report is being compiled regarding the feasibility of upgrading the building whilst the residents are in the building, he did feel however, that it would conclude that this would not be feasible. If this was the case a new purpose-built facility would be the only alternative.

7.3 Haloperidol

Marie MacNeil reported that she had discussed Dr Tittmar's report on Haloperidol with other members of ENABLE on the mainland and similar experiences had been reported.

7.4 OFTTI and LAC Post (Uist and Barra)

Fiona Grafton is due to leave her post tomorrow, 6 October. The question was raised as to whether the above posts would be filled after her departure. Dr McKinley reported that she was not aware what would happen with the OFTTI post however, the LAC post would come under the remit of Social Work, not the College which was the case at present. Because of this change the post would

have to go to various committees to be approved and she was unaware of the timescale of this. The conclusion, however, would be that the post would be filled at some point in the future.

Fiona Grafton joined the meeting

7.6 Mental Health Procedures Manual

It had been concluded at the Mental Health Partnership meeting that learning disabilities would not be covered in the above manual, unless the patient had mental health problems. The Partnership expressed their concerns about this. Alan Monks confirmed that the same concerns had been raised at the Mental Health Partnership. It was agreed that the Learning Disability Partnership would look at writing their own procedures manual.

Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 November 2006 at Grianan, Westview Terrace, Stornoway.