

## LEARNING DISABILITIES PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 February 2007 at Grianan, Westview Terrace, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis.

**Present:** Dr Ruth McKinley  
Frances Daniels  
Alan Monks  
Sandra Macleod  
Mairi MacNeil  
Dr Antony Latham  
Ross Blackman  
Dr Stephen Welsh

Dr Stephen Welsh was welcomed to the Partnership. He is the new Consultant Psychiatrist with responsibility for Learning Disabilities. Dr Welsh did point out however, that Learning Disabilities is not his speciality and he would require further training.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Isobel Mackenzie, Finella Morrison, Joan MacCuish, Ina Maciver, George Whyte, Phil Tilley, Michael Fitzpatrick and Marie Macleod.

**2. Approval of minutes**

Sandra Macleod and Marie MacNeil approved the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

**3. Advocacy – presentation by Catherine Logan**

Alan Monks gave his apologies as he had unfortunately forgotten to invite Catherine Logan to the meeting. He will invite her to the meeting on 5 April 2007.

**4. Matters Arising**

**4.1 Learning Disability Database**

Janet to send out the up to date lists of people who have consented to sharing information to Alan Monks and Dr Ruth McKinley once more.

**4.2 Pathways to Work**

Alan Monks confirmed that he had forwarded a letter of apology to Mairi Campbell.

**4.3 Local Area Co-ordinators**

Dr McKinley gave an update as to the position regarding recruitment of the two LAC posts. Both previous LACs had expressed their concern regarding being employed via the Social Work Department as they act totally independently. A suggestion has been made that responsibility for them be taken over by the voluntary sector. It was agreed that a small sub-group be set up to discuss these various issues and report back the next meeting of the Partnership. The sub group to be made up of Dr McKinley, Ross Blackman, Alan Monks and Mairi MacNeil.

**5. Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship of the Partnership**

Ross Blackman had been voted to be the new Chair of the Partnership and Dr Antony Latham had been voted to be the new Vice Chair of the Partnership. Ross Blackman took over as chair of the meeting from this point forward.

Ross Blackman, on behalf of the Partnership thanked Alan Monks and Dr McKinley for their hard work over the past 2 years.

**6. Partnership in Practice Agreement**

It was agreed that this document would be reviewed by September 2007, taking six items for discussion at each meeting. Please see Appendix I for the conclusions regarding the first 6 items.

**7. QIS Action Plan**

Ross Blackman presented a paper regarding the QIS report. He asked members of the Partnership to go through the report and send comments on each individual point to Janet for her to then forward to Ross to enable him to bring a more comprehensive report to the next meeting of the Partnership.

**8. OFTTI Funding**

Alan Monks reported that there will be no alteration in service for this year. This has been postponed until next year until a final report is received. Iain Macaulay is the Acting Director of Social Work in place of Malcolm Smith. The social firm is still going ahead however this will be through Voluntary Action Lewis.

**9. Challenging Behaviour**

Alan Monks reported that there was still JLIP money which was specifically for challenging behaviour training. The Social Work Department has put most of their care staff through this training which has been delivered by CALM training. Alan Monks agreed to put together costings and a schedule to be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership with a view to putting non-specialist health workers, specialist service providers and carers of people with challenging behaviour through this training.

**Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17 May 2007 at Grianan, Westview Terrace, Stornoway.