

UK Primary Health Care and Learning Disabilities Network

Launch meeting.

10th July 01

Present: Sue Carmichael – Department of Health, Nursing Division.
Janet Cobb - North West Training & Development Team.
Sue Denny - Community Care Development Centre & Barnet PCT
Margaret Gregory - Community Care Development Centre.
Libby Kitt - National Development Team
Colin Beacock – RCN National Learning Disability Nurse Representative.
Sally Broughton - Lifespan Healthcare NHS Trust, Cambridgeshire.
Karen Thompson - Lifespan Healthcare NHS Trust, Cambridgeshire.
David Charnock - Learning Disabilities Service, Nottingham.
Julie Mason – Leeds Community and Mental Health Services.
Trish Bailey - Hull & East Riding Community Health NHS Trust.
Kay Graham - Yorkshire Wolds & Coast PCG.
Christian Fluet – Bedfordshire LD Service.
Alison Pointu - Barnet LD Service.
Sue Richards - Calderdale & Kirklees LD Service
Brickchand Ramruttun - Calderdale & Kirklees LD Service.
Julie Fitzpatrick - Lomond & Argyle Primary Health Care Trust.
Maria Nelligan – Wirral LD service & Bebington and West Wirral PCT
Alison Williamson – Wirral LD Service.
Sandra Dawson – Chester & Wirral LD & PCTs
Wendy Ingham – Bolton PCT.
Dave Hanson – Bolton LD Service.
Chris Dale – South Staffordshire LD services.
David Marshall - Ulster Community & Hospitals Trust.
Lesley Russ – Bristol PCT & LD Service.

Apologies: Jacquie Howard - NHS Executive Northwest
Vicki Stobbart - Hounslow and Spelthorne CTLD.
Jo Darrow - Hillingdon CTPLD.
Dr Geoff McLardy – Bolton PCT.
Mary Render - Ellesmere Port & Neston PCG
Gill Gates - Leicester Frith Hospital.
Martin Bollard - De Montfort University, Leicester.
Sarah Ellison – Nottingham PCT.
Sue Bickerton – Worcestershire.
Jan Large - Worcester Community & Mental Health NHS.
Herbie Weoh – Hertfordshire.
Karen Morgan - Mid Surrey PCG
Phil Boulter - Surrey Oakland's NHS Trust.
Lisa Harrington – Kent.
Luke O'Byrne – Bracknell.

Carol Onyewu – Bracknell.
Michael Brown - Lothian Primary Care NHS Trust
Linda Allan – Glasgow.
Fiona Parley - Aberdeen
Robert Macfarlane - Lomond & Argyll PHC Trust

◆ **Welcome and Introductions.**

Sue Carmichael opened the meeting and welcomed people.
Participants had an opportunity for a round of introductions with a brief description of their local initiatives in primary health care with people with learning disabilities.

This information has been summarized and included with the attached mailing list.
In addition many participants brought written information and handouts to share with colleagues.

◆ **Presentations - ‘Primary Care Partnership Models in the Northwest’.**

1. Bolton – Website address: www.halliwellssurgery.com

Dave Hanson - learning disability community nurse & Wendy Ingham – practice nurse presented their work on the establishment of well person protocol within a GP practice (Halliwell Practice – Dr Geoff McLardy) for individuals with a learning disability.

2. Wirral and Chester.

Alison Williamson – Health Promotion and Sandra Dawson – District Nurse presented their work on collaboration between primary care, learning disability and health promotion with people with a learning disability.

For more information on either of these initiatives contact the named practitioners, see network mailing list.

◆ **Sue Carmichael – Valuing People.**

Sue gave a brief overview of the implications of Chapter 6 of the White Paper in terms of service structure and delivery and in terms of the changing role of learning disability practitioners.

Health Action Planning DH Guidance to be developed by Norah Fry – Jackie Rogers.

Four key messages:

1. Share power and work in partnership.
2. Work in mainstream services.
3. Services need to be evidence based.
4. Break down the barriers between children’s and adult services.

The emphasis is on *partnership working* not *handing things over*.

Statutory guidance under Section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 is expected in the very near future:

The White Paper "Valuing People: A New Strategy for Learning Disability for the 21st Century" was published in March 01. It sets out a programme of action for improving the life chances of people with learning disabilities and contains a series of key objectives for achieving this.

The guidance consists of a brief summary followed by more detailed information on:

The membership and role of Learning Disability Partnership Boards

Updating Joint Investment Plans

Disabled children and young people

Links between children's and adult services

Expanding choice and control

Supporting carers

Health

Housing

Day service modernisation

Employment

Quality

Workforce issues

◆ **Workshop Activities.**

Participants split into small groups to look at how a network like this could take forward the agenda in primary care and assist with the development of the 'health facilitator' role?
See attached 'Summary of workshop activity' sheet.

◆ **NHS Executive Northwest.**

Janet Orrell attended the network launch on behalf of Jacquie Howard – Learning Disability lead at NHS Regional Office in the Northwest – to say that NW Regional Office are offering their support to the Network and are pleased that the launch event took place in the NW. One of the regional Task Groups in the process of being developed will be focused on Primary Care issues and Jacquie would be glad to hear comments and messages from the network either collectively or individually. Expressions of interest are also invited from Northwest participants for the PHC Task Group.

In addition Northwest NHS Executive are planning to establish a 3 year development post to develop better services locally within primary care for people with a learning disability.

◆ **Remit & Development of UK Primary Health Care and Learning Disability Network.**

A discussion took place regarding the network and a number of decisions taken as follows:

1. Remit will be predominantly about the sharing of good practice and information and will aim to facilitate the networking of practitioners interested in primary care and learning disability across the UK.
2. The network would wish to remain a UK wide facility including participants from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
3. Participants agreed to accept local responsibility for networking and sharing of information within own regions.
4. That the Network would seek to develop a directory of contacts nationally and that participants within each region would assist with the collection of information across learning disability services.
5. That Janet Cobb and Sue Denny would manage minutes and circulation also that information would be via e-mail rather than post.
6. That the NWTDT website would be a host site for the UK network: www.nwtdt.com (Work underway) and information would be accessible and free to all. Materials gathered via the network to be made available via NWTDT website – participants would have to submit electronically via Janet Cobb: janet.cobb@nwtdt.com
7. That a planning group will be established – interested parties contact either Janet Cobb or Sue Denny – planning meeting scheduled for 19th September in Salford, 2pm onwards.
8. Frequency of meetings to be quarterly and venue not fixed.

NB cost of launch meeting £800 borne by NWTDT.

However a number of planned participants failed to attend therefore incurring unnecessary costs of £27 per head, this was because NWTDT venue was available for the number of us who turned up but was not big enough to hold all those who had indicated they would attend.

9. Future topics for focus & discussion – Agenda Item.

Suggestions made so far:

Connexions service -
Funding opportunities -
Person Centred Planning & Health Action Plans – Martin Routledge & Helen Sanderson

◆ **Date, Time & Venue for next meeting.**

17th October 01
11am – 3pm
NWTDT
3rd Floor
Adamson House
Pomona Strand.
Old Trafford
Manchester
M16 0BA

◆ **Agenda Items**

- Future topics for focus & discussion
- Making information accessible via NWTDT website.
- UK Directory.
- Health Action Planning Guidance update – Sue Carmichael.
- National Review Network: www.show.scot.nhs.uk/ldr - Michael Brown

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Summary of ‘workshop activity’

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Issues identified on flip charts have been sorted and summarized in the following categories:

Raising the profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Engage with primary care teams.✓ Look at the opportunities within the public health agenda locally.✓ Identify Key People in primary care with an interest in learning disabilities who can become champions and show leadership. (E.g., Clinical Governance lead, Modernisation manager, Pharmacy advisors, Heads of Nursing etc)✓ Be pro-active in looking for opportunities for health gain for people with a learning disability locally. (NSFs & National Cancer Plan)
Information / Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Involve people who use services and their families.✓ Breakdown professional barriers.✓ Develop an evidence based training and competency building agenda.
Sharing & Developing practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Look at staff development and education requirements and opportunities within primary care.✓ In partnership with local primary health care teams establish minimum requirements / standards.✓ Ensure people with a learning disability are included in implementation planning around NSF's & Cancer plan.✓ Examine ways of integrating with the primary health care teams (Example: secondment of LD nurse into an integrated PHC nursing team)✓ Remember that the process is important – integrated not segregated.✓ If learning disability staff can establish close partnership working with primary care teams than there are lots of opportunities for professional exchange and challenging views, but the relationship comes first.

<p>Opportunities within Primary Care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Funding streams available in Primary Health encouraging specific initiatives with identifiable outcomes – modernising primary care funds (E.g. Local development schemes or initiatives via PMS) ✓ Are there inequalities for people with a learning disability within and across PCG/Ts locally? ✓ What are the local priorities within the PCG/Ts and how can these priorities benefit people with learning disabilities? ✓ Look for opportunities in initiatives such as NHS Direct and Walk in Centres.
<p>Valuing People opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This network could be involved in offering assistance to Jackie Rogers – Norah Fry (Writing HAP Guidance) ✓ The essential role of Health Facilitator. ✓ Ensure that there are ways of influencing and informing partnership boards locally regarding primary care. ✓ Influence strategic planning by development of a clinical evidence base. ✓ Be aware of the local commissioning agenda. ✓ Learning disability practitioners will not lose skills but gain the opportunity of enhancing and refocusing their skills. ✓ Identify the role of the health facilitator – operating on 2 levels - strategic and operational. What are the core competencies of Health Facilitators? ✓ Key objectives for children & young people in transition – how can you get involved with Regional Task Groups?