

Breaking the Cycle Consultation

The Co-Chair of the North West Regional Task Force – Charlie Barker (on behalf of the NW Branch of the ADSS) and the Regional Valuing People Support Team/ Care Services Improvement Partnership – Martin Routledge/ Julie Stansfield are in the process of writing to Chief Executives of PCTs and Directors of Social Service Departments with regard to the consultation underway @ Breaking the Cycle.

Breaking the Cycle emerged in the context of work across the region initiated by Piers Butler looking to discharge people who were inappropriately placed at Calderstones.

Last year Steve Jones who was Chair of the Regional Task Force whilst he was Chief Executive Wigan commissioned this piece of work on behalf of the North West in order to support us looking together at how we commission secure services on behalf of adults with a learning disability across the Region.

Glynis Murphy (Lancaster University) has led this piece of work along with a core group from across the Region consisting of-

Glynis Murphy, Anne-marie Kingdon, Ann Thornbury, Christine Whalley, Debra Moore, Jacqueline Howard, Martin Gandy, Philippa Harris, Sandy Bering, Sheila Wright, Wendy Silberman, Phil Shackell and Martin Routledge.

The NWTDT is supporting the co-ordination of the consultation with regard to Breaking the Cycle.

Three large group events with learning disability lead officers and other stakeholders to guide the work and consult on key content of 'Breaking the Cycle'. The comments from this initial consultation have been incorporated in the final draft.

The final draft of this document – Breaking the Cycle – is now available for consultation (copies available through NWTDT office) prior to being amended and presented back to the Regional Task Force in March 2006. An ‘easy read’ version of the consultation document is also available from sue.canavan@nwtdt.com should you require it.

This is an important piece of work that needs your input now so that we can ensure the final document reflects the needs of the Region.

The Core Group is keen to seek feedback from as many people as possible including the following groups–

- Chairs of Learning Disability Partnership Boards
- Youth Offending Teams
- Self-Advocate forums
- Family/ carer forums
- Forensic Teams
- Clinical Staff teams – community nurses
- Additional Support/ Challenging Behaviour Teams
- Social Work Teams
- Transition champions
- Community Learning Disability Teams
- Any other services that you feel may be in a position to comment.

During this period of consultation we will also be looking for examples of good practise to publicise in the final document. This information along with your feedback should be forwarded to Glynis Murphy at the University of Lancaster who is co-ordinating all responses etc at – g.h.murphy@lancaster.ac.uk no later than the end of February 2006.