

Dover District Partnership Group Notes of meeting 26th August 2010

Kent Partnership Board Feedback

Review of KPB. The Kent Partnership Board will be writing Terms of Reference for the Board, Delivery Groups, DPGs and the new Cabinet.



Terms of Reference are a guide to how groups will work.

The Cabinet will be made up of professional and non professional people. It will help the Kent Partnership Board make decisions and make things happen.

The Good Health Group talked about their action plan and what they are doing. Some people being asked to keep a diary of their experiences of visiting health services. This information will be used to try and make health services better.



The Kent Housing Action Plan makes sure the big points about housing in Valuing People happen. People with a learning disability should have a choice of where they want to live.



Complex Needs

Damien from Martha Trust told us about the complex needs group. This group looks at the needs of people with high support or complex needs and how makes sure they are part of the DPG. The group tries to meet before each DPG so they can feed back at beginning of each DPG meeting.



The group would like the views of parents and carers of people with

higher support needs. The group will be looking at taster sessions for people to try new things.

The group will be feeding back issues affecting people with higher support needs to Kent Board. One suggestion that has been made is for a button on websites to take people to information about higher support needs.



The next meeting will be on October 6th at Martha Trust.



Carers Update

Carers Support Dover and Thanet hold monthly meetings to support carers of people with learning disabilities. They also offer phone support. There will be a section in their newsletter for carers of adults with learning disabilities.



The DPG are also trying to get carers more involved. Often carers find it hard to attend DPG meetings. To try and reach carers the DPG will be holding a coffee morning/afternoon/evening to have an informal chat to exchange experiences. It is hoped this will be a way to feed back family carer issues into the DPG.



Sport Development

Emily Rosen is the Sports Development Co-ordinator working in Dover to help people with learning disabilities to access sports.



Emily talked to us about lots of different sports and sporting opportunities.

If people are interested in cricket Emily can help to get funding for coaches to teach people about the game.



There are some golf clubs in east Kent that offer lessons for groups of people. It may be possible to arrange a group to play golf.



Emily is also trying to get guided swimming sessions to improve people's swimming skills and water confidence.



Human Rights

Skillnet ran a workshop to help people to understand about human rights.



Human rights mean your right to be heard and treated equally.



Everyone has human rights.

We worked in small groups to think about what human rights are. We thought about what are things that we need to have and what are things that we would just like to have.



People felt that the following were the most important basic human rights

Clean water



Clean air

To share opinions



Healthcare

Protection from abuse and neglect



Fair treatment and non discrimination

Education

Opportunities to practice own culture language and religion



Housing

Food



We also watched a DVD about disability rights and how people are treated differently sometimes because of their disability.

