

Dover District Partnership Group Notes of meeting held on 6th February 2009

Valuing People Now Priorities

- At each meeting people are reminded of the principles of the Valuing People Now Government Paper.
- These principles are:
 - Choice and Control (personalisation)
 - What people do during the day and evening
 - Better health
 - Housing



Feedback from the Kent Partnership Board

- The Kent Partnership Board and District Partnership Groups were set up to make sure Valuing People happens for people and their families in Kent.
- Valuing People is about people
 - Being included
 - Having rights
 - Having choices
 - Being independent
- District Partnership Groups were set up to help the Kent Partnership Board because Kent is so big.
- Each District Partnership Board elects 2 Joint Chairs to represent them at the Kent Partnership Board.

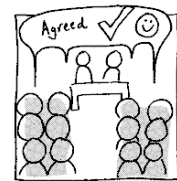


Feedback from meeting held on 13th January 2009

- This was a special meeting to talk about the changes in Kent Adult Social Services.
- The things discussed included:
 - What the Kent Partnership Board is for and what power it has to do things.
 - How to work out future plans for the Partnership Board.
- Oliver Mills agreed that:



- He would write and apologies to everyone for how the changes had been handled.
- People with a learning disability could be involved in the interviewing process for the new jobs.
- There would continue to be support for the Kent Partnership Board and the District Partnership Groups.



Hospital Practice Development Nurse

- Daniel Marsden has been given this job.
- This is because some people have died in hospitals that shouldn't have.
- The Government held an inquiry called Healthcare For All.
- This said hospitals must make sure healthcare is accessible and easy to understand.
- Work has already begun to make menu's easier to read with pictures.
- East Kent Hospitals Trust is looking for people to become Foundation Trust members.



- This would give people the chance to tell hospitals what it is like to have a learning disability and be in hospital.
- If anyone is interested in this they can contact Daniel at the William Harvey Hospital for more information



Carers Update

- The Supporting Carers Implementation Group is part of the Kent Partnership Board.
- The Annual Carers Workshop will be held in July and will link with the Good Health Group.
- There will soon be a new carers centre in Deal.
- This will be on the ground floor of 10 Victoria Road, Deal.



Update from the Planning Group

Some of the things the Planning Group has been working on are:



- Fundraising Training to find out where the DPG can bid for grant money to continue funding projects.
- How to hold DPG meetings so that people with high support needs can be more included. The April DPG meeting will be held at the Walmer Centre so we can think more about this.
- Person Centred Planning for people with high support needs. The Planning Group have written to local organisations who may like to work with us.
- Writing an Action Plan for the Schools Project.



Update from the Speaking Up Group



- Work is continuing with Stagecoach. Another meeting is planned for 6th March at the Landmark Centre.
- The Group is working with Jasin's Restaurant to get easy read menus.
- The Group are starting to visit residential homes to tell them about speaking up and the District Partnership Group.



Partnership Fund



Direct Payments Team

- The DPG agreed to fund the Direct Payments Team £1,448.
- The Direct Payments Team tell people about direct payments.
- They support people to get direct payments.
- They will present to more groups in the Dover district area..
- People in the Direct Payments Team are paid for the work they do.
- Funding will be to cover the cost of salaries and equipment.



Roles and Responsibilities of DPG Members

What does it mean to be a DPG Member?

- To support the work of the group.
- To attend the DPG meeting regularly and take part in decision making.
- Share experience and local knowledge.



- To be a member you must attend 2 meetings in every 6 months.
- You can only be a member of one DPG
- Only members can vote at meetings.



The DPG Planning Group

- The Planning Group is a smaller group.
- It is elected by the full DPG members.
- They can make decisions on behalf of the DPG.
- They can take forward ideas from the DGP.
- They are elected for 2 years.
- Planning Group members must give a commitment to attend Planning Meetings.
- There will be 6 vacancies on the Planning Group in June.
- We will hold elections for these at our June meeting.
- If you are interested in being on the Planning Group please speak to Elvis Cudjoe or Sue Peach.



Date of Next DPG Meeting

The next DPG meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st April at the Walmer Centre. This will be an evening meeting starting with light snacks at 5pm and finishing at 7pm.



People who attended the meeting:

Clare Palmer

Joint Chair

Elvis Cudjoe

Skillnet

Peter Bland	Skillnet
Neil Fullilore	Skillnet
Brian	Skillnet
Simon O'Bree	Skillnet
Birgitte Perdios	Skillnet
Tanya	Skillnet
Leila	Skillnet
Paul Hoffmyer-Bembridge	Skillnet
Shelly Nash	Skillnet
Melissa Walden	Dover Integrated Team
Chrissy Dubber	Speaking Up Group
Heather Prebble	Dover Mencap
Jan English	Dover Mencap
Nicolas Prebble	
Susanne Derham	East Kent Mencap
John Nairn	Advocacy Partners
Nicky Goldfinch	Advocacy Partners
Sharon Scott	ILS
Sonia	ILS
Toby Lee	ILS
Vikki Smith	Dover District Carers Support
Linda Chapman	Dover District Carers Support/SCIG
Trevor Chapman	Supporting Carers Implementation Group
Karl Bland	
Daniel Marsden	East Kent Hospitals Trust

Carol Nash

Parent

Andy Cowens

Transition Worker (KCC)

Steven Kissock

Walmer Centre

Martin Parish

Walmer Centre

Sam Clutton

Walmer Centre

Matthew

Walmer Centre

David Fagg

Walmer Centre

Becky

Walmer Centre

Maureen

Walmer Centre

Dave

Walmer Centre