



# **“Shaping Our Work”**

## **How the Dorset Learning Disability Partnership Board will work from July 2007 onwards....**



**Plain English Summary**



**Dorset Learning Disability Partnership Board**

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# 1. Introduction

**It has been a few years since the Dorset Learning Disability Partnership Board has been checked out properly to see what is working or not working.**

A group of partnership board members have been writing a new plan to make the board run better in future.



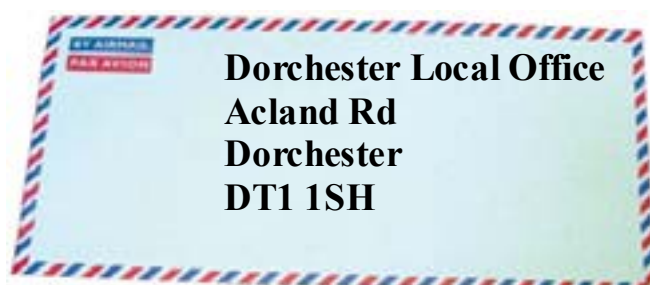
At the last meeting it was agreed by the partnership board members that we should try out this new way of doing things to see if it works out better.



The next few pages of this booklet will tell you about how the new system will work and what it will look like.



If you would like to have your say about this paper please contact Chris Watson at the address below.



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## 2. Sub Groups

**There will be five new groups that will be working with the partnership board.**

### **Life Opportunities**

This group will look at leisure activities, ways to make support services better, helping people get voluntary and paid work.



### **Community Living**

This group will look at community issues like housing, hate crime, person centred planning making things more accessible for people with learning disabilities.



### **Health & people with profound & multiple learning disabilities (PMLD)**

This group will look at issues to do with health services and people with PMLD's.



### **Transitions**

This group will look at services for people with learning disabilities aged 14-25 and how it can make the change from Children's to Adult services run smoother.



### **Mental Health & Learning Disabilities**

This group looks at how care services respond to the needs of people who have both mental health needs and learning disabilities.



# 3. Agenda Sub Group

**The agenda for each partnership board meeting will be set by the agenda sub group.**

This group will meet before the main LDPB meetings to make sure that the agenda is right and that people have been following the boards rules.



This group will meet around 3 weeks before each LDPB meeting to build the agenda and look at the things that people have said they would like to talk about.



No items can be added to the LDPB agenda without the agenda groups permission first.



# 4. Implementation Group

**The implementation group meets to look at wider issues for people with learning disabilities both locally and nationally.**

This group will work alongside the Partnership Board to help decide about what future services should look like and how NHS and Dorset County Council money is to be spent to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities and their carers.



This group will be made up of senior bosses from Dorset Healthcare Trust, Dorset Primary Care Trust, Dorset County Council, independent services, people with learning disabilities and carers.



They will look at bids that come in for the Learning Disability Development Fund and will pass information and comments on to the LDPB to help them make decisions about the bids.



This group will meet at least six times per year.



## 5. Other Groups

**There are other groups that meet up regularly to look at issues that affect people with learning disabilities and their carers.**

These groups are not sub groups of the partnership board itself but also fall under the umbrella of learning disability services and so are an important part of the work that is happening in Dorset. The groups we know about at the moment are as follows:



### **“Lets Change our Day Services” meeting**

This group meet to work on planning a new day support service in Bridport to replace the social and educational centre that is getting old. Contact Jacky Walters on 01308 422666 for info.



### **Carers Meetings**

There are regular carers meetings in the South, East and West of Dorset. The LDPB will link in with these groups whenever it needs to. Contact Chris Watson on 01305 215414 for more info.



### **Moving on from Hospital Living**

This group meet to look at moving people out of their NHS homes and into the community in Dorset.

Contact Jane Goodwill on 07980 062085 for info.



# 5.1 Other Groups

## **Pan Dorset Steering Group - Children & Adult Learning Disability Services**

This group meets to make sure that the things that happened to people with learning disabilities living in Cornwall NHS homes do not happen in Dorset.



## **Bournemouth and Poole Learning Disability Partnership Boards**

These groups meet to work on issues in Poole and Bournemouth.



## **Pan Dorset Total Communication Group**

This group meets to look at how to make plans to improve communication methods and training for health and social services staff in Dorset.



## **Protection of Vulnerable Adults Group**

This group meets to look at how to keep people with learning disabilities safe from abuse.



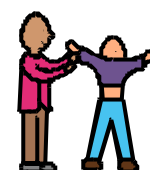
## **Dorset Health Care NHS Foundation Trust Education and Development Group**

This group meets to look at training needs for staff who work with people with learning disabilities across Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole.



## **East Dorset OT Forum**

This group meets to share local and national good practice in the Occupational Therapy field.



# 6. Big Events

**We want to help spread the word about the Learning Disability Partnership Board and find out what the people of Dorset want.**

To do this we are going to hold two big events each year for people with learning disabilities, their families and supporters.



These events will give people from all over the county a chance to find out more about what we do and feed back about any issues or concerns that they would like the partnership board to work on.



It will also give people the chance to collect information about services and the types of help and support that are available to people in Dorset



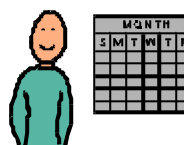
# 7. Learning Disability Partnership Board

The partnership board itself will be smaller and much more focused on the big picture in Dorset.

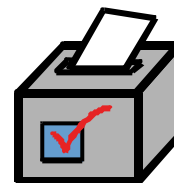
It will be made up of:

- The LDPB Chair and Co Chair
- Chairs and Co Chairs from each of the sub groups
- County Councillors
- Implementation Group members

It will meet once every 4 Months



All full Partnership Board members will have the right to vote



# 8. Terms of Reference

**These are the rules for how the partnership board and sub groups run.**



**The partnership board will have a clear set of rules about who is a member and how voting works.**



**The partnership board terms of reference will give people a clear understanding of what it thinks the sub groups should be doing .**



**Each sub group will make up a new set of terms of reference to show to the partnership board.**



**The terms of reference should also say how things that are very important like diversity and person centred working will be dealt with by each sub group.**



# 9. Reporting

**Getting regular reports about the work that people are doing is very important.**



The group agreed that the sub groups would report back to the partnership board on their work at each meeting.



It was agreed that once a year the partnership board would put together a big report to tell people about all the work that was done in that year.



# 10. Chair & Co Chair

**These are very important roles for people to hold.**

The partnership board Chair and Co Chair will be voted for in an election every 2 years.



The sub group Chairs will be people who work in that area.

Co chairs will be made up of carers or people with learning disabilities who are interested in that subject.



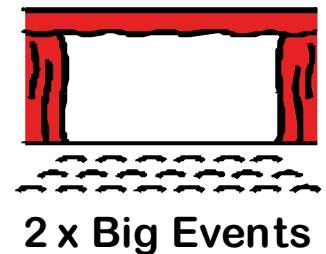
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## The Dorset Learning Disability Partnership



Will check the LDPB's work.



# Diversity Statement



The Dorset Learning Disability Partnership Board believes in treating people equally and valuing the differences between people, their ways of living and their culture at all times.



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