

## Winter Newsletter



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### *Your money and your life conference 2011*

We talked at the conference about where do we get our money?

We get our money from working, benefits and direct payments and personal budgets.

Here are some examples what people do with their money:



Going out on outings

Paying rent and bills

Shopping

<http://dorset.ldpb.info/>

### *Health*

A survey is being done about going to the dentist



You may be asked some questions about this and we will use the information you give us to help dentists to work better

It is important for dentists to know how to help people keep their teeth and mouth healthy

Please help by sending in your answers!



If you have not received a survey please ring **Jo Findlay** and ask for one on **01305 368010**

## How to take part in the 2012 Paralympics

On the 7th of September 2012 between 10:00am and 2:00pm Dorset County Council Sports Team are running a beach festival for adults with learning disabilities as part of the Paralympics celebrations.

The event is free and will be great fun with opportunities to have a go at water sports, beach sports and cultural activities. There will also be films shown all around you in a 360° dome.



We have up to 200 spaces. If you attend a Day Centre your support staff will arrange your entry. If you do not go to a centre please contact Dave Franks by email at [d.g.franks@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:d.g.franks@dorsetcc.gov.uk) or you can call him on **01305 224855**

## The Sailing Centre

To help celebrate and mark International Paralympics Day (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011), members of the Weymouth & Portland 2012 Operations team organised for a group of disabled adults from the Weymouth Ridgeway Centre to experience sailing and have a tour of the centre at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland.

Here is what some of us said about the day

"Proud to meet them"

"I look forward to watching the sailors next year at the Olympics"



"We are pleased to meet them and have our photos taken"

"The sailors made us feel very welcome"

## Cambridge Court, Poundbury

Cambridge Court, Poundbury, is a new development that will soon be home to 7 people with a learning disability.

East Borough Housing Trust completed the building in October 2010. 'Dimensions' are the support provider and are meeting with tenants and their families to check the support they will need in their new homes. We are hoping that Prince Charles will officially open Cambridge Court in 2012!



## ***Time for a Changing Place!***

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council have agreed that a Changing Place will be put into the Tourist Information Centre. This is on the Esplanade in Weymouth. People from the Learning Disability Partnership Board will go to a meeting in January to help with planning the changing place. It should be ready for use by the summer. This is good news for people who need a changing place and want to be in Weymouth for the Olympic and Paralympics sailing!



## ***Bertha Norwood Fund***

Some changes in how the Fund works were agreed at the November partnership board meeting:

- There is only a small amount of interest left to spend now
- There will be a small panel of people from the Partnership Board who will be emailed to say if a bid should be approved
- We want to do this fairly
- Bids should be £200 or less
- Each person can only have one grant from the Fund



For more information please look on our website at:

<http://dorset.ldpb.info/our-board/money.html>

or contact Allyson Evans who will arrange for bids to be considered:

[allyson.evans@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:allyson.evans@dorsetcc.gov.uk) Tel: 01305 251414

## ***Day services consultation***

Dorset County Council recently had a meeting about the future of day services (This covered all day services including those for older people).

There were 20 meetings for staff, 61 meetings for people who use services and their carers and 9 public meetings.

Dorset County Council councillors met on 14<sup>th</sup> December and agreed a “service by service” approach. They also wanted to find out if services could be given more ways of working as a business. There will be a second set of meetings when certain ideas are developed.

More information can be found at

<http://consultationtracker.dorsetforyou.com/dorset-consultations>



## What we are doing in 2012



The Co chairs of the Partnership Board, some officers from the County Council and representatives from People First got together in December to plan the Partnership Board work for 2012.

In January we had a big subject around police, prisons and "In Case of Emergency" cards.

**The meeting was at Stratton Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January.**

In April we will catch up on what is happening with:

Housing, Employment, The Transitions Personal Budget pilot, how the NHS is doing (Health self assessment update) and supporting people with autism.

**The meeting will be at Ridgeway Day Centre in Weymouth on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

In July there will be one big topic on keeping adults safe. This will link to what comes out of the Government's look at what happened at Winterbourne View and what we can learn from it.

**The meeting will be at the Dorchester Cricket Pavilion on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

In November we will look at the work of the Pan Dorset Health Action Group (HAG) and have a second update on keeping people healthy.

**The meeting will be at the Dorchester Cricket Pavilion on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

The annual all day event (conference) on **11<sup>th</sup> October** will be a bit different this year. We hope to have an exhibition day, with some workshops for people who want to go to them. It will be about having a full and healthy life. We hope there will be a chance to try things out!

## Contact details

Tell us what you think of the newsletter.

What would you like to hear about?

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