



Reading Learning Disability Partnership Where we live Work Group Notes from meeting held on 4th May 2010

Who was there?

Sarah Tapliss - Strategy Officer - Housing
Peter Brown - Service User Representative
Dom Gray - Talkback
Bryony Hall - Housing Needs
Lyn Harrington - Locality Manager Learning Disabilities
Maurice Harker - Housing and Support Partnership
Janet Kelly - Property Development, RBC
Debra Cole - Reading Learning Disability Partnership

Who couldn't be there?

Christine Edwards - Manager Community Learning Disability Team
Jacqui Foster- Brown - Property Development Team
Daryn Inston - Property Development Officer
Lyndon Mead - Contracts and Commissioning
Lee Case - Housing Benefits
Richard Pike - Property Development Team
Debbie Hunter - Specialist Psychologist, RBC
Chris Stevens - Service Manager Children's Learning Disability Service
Jenny Pannell - Housing and Support Partnership



Where this group sits.

At the moment we have several groups working on different housing projects so we need to be clear about how each group works to make sure we're not all doing the same thing and that we link together. We also need to be clear about where and how people with learning disabilities are able to give their views and ideas so that all the groups know what they think.

Overall the Learning Disability Partnership is responsible for making sure that Valuing People Now and our local strategy 'a big voice in our lives' happens for people with learning disabilities in Reading. As part of the Partnership this group looks at anything to do with accommodation. It is also this

group where people with learning disabilities feedback what they think through the work being carried out by Peter and through other meetings.

With the help of the housing guide produced by Housing & Support Partnership this group can plan it's work to make sure that people with learning disabilities and their carers know about their housing options and know how to plan for the future.

This will also help give us good information about what people want. We need to make sure that we have the right information so we can plan the work we need to do around housing.



Service user representative feedback.

Peter has started some of his work to find out what people think about where they live. We talked about what is the best way to do this work and agreed that it would be useful for Peter to make a video of him interviewing different people and talking about different types of accommodation. This will be shown at the open meeting in November.

Housing & Support Partnership.

Housing & Support Partnerships guide for Reading 'A Home of Your Own' will help Peter in his work for this group.



The guide is aimed at giving information about housing options to people with learning disabilities and their carers. The final copy is not ready yet as we are waiting for peoples comments to make sure we get it right.

The Partnership has funded Housing & Support Partnership for another year to run workshops around housing options and paying for your own home for people with learning disabilities and their carers. They will also work with Talkback to develop more easily accessible information.

Housing Project.

We are currently talking to people in residential care about where they live and if they are happy where they are living. If not we are asking them if they would like to move and if so where would they like to live and in what type of housing.

So far a few people have said they would like to move but we need to look carefully at what they want.



Future meetings.

7.7.10 - 12.00-13.30, Committee Room 3, Civic Offices

3.8.10 - 11.00-12.00, Committee Room 3, Civic Offices

15.9.10 - 13.00-14.30, Committee Room 2, Civic Offices

13.10.10 - 10.30-12.00, Committee Room 2, Civic Offices

8.11.10 -13.00-14.00, Fountain House, Floor 3, Room 1

17.11.10 - 13.00-14.30, Committee Room 2, Civic Offices

24.11.10 - 10.00-12.30, Open Event - to be arranged