



What has happened since the last meeting?

This newsletter tells you a little bit about what has happened since the last meeting of the Strategic Disability Partnership Board on October 15th 2009.

It does not include things that are on the agenda of the next meeting on 14th January 2010.

If you want to know more or have any questions please raise on the Issues Board at the meeting or speak to Sue Haddock.

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1. Healthy Communities Funding Update



All the money has now been allocated. The final list of all successful projects with a summary of what they are providing and contact details will be available at the meeting or you can get a copy from Sue Haddock.

It has been decided by the Commissioning Task Group to allocate a smaller amount to Involvement and to allocate it specifically for the running of the Physical Disability and Sensory Needs Partnership. The remainder of the money has been moved into the small grants pot.

Most projects run until March 2012

2. Fire Safety in the Home DVD



Safety Central (West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service), People First Keighley and Craven and Bradford council have worked together to produce an easy to understand plain English DVD about Fire Safety in the home.

You can request a copy to view from Ian Brooke Mawson ian.brooke-mawson@bradford.gov.uk or tel 01274 437958. We will have a copy at the next meeting and will show over the lunch time break.

3. Office of Disability Issues



Office for Disability Issues
HM Government

A group of people from the Partnership have met with someone from the Office of Disability Issues to help them come up with a guide to help more Disabled People get involved in Local Strategic Partnerships. This will help disabled people to get more involved in influencing decisions that are made across the country. The Office of Disability Issues were very grateful for our help. We will let you know when the guide is published.

4. Partnership Exchange Event



This was a very interesting event all about sustainability. The SDP's Access to Information group had a stall at the event to try and help partners and partnerships understand the importance of accessible information. The stall had lots of things for people to try and was very busy.

Thanks to Bradford Talking Media and Bradford People First who worked on the stall all day.

5. Active Citizenship



Last meeting we did some work about how more disabled people could be active citizens and sent the information to the Stronger Communities Partnership. Since then Bradford have been asked to take part in a trial global citizenship project. This involves 4 days training and a visit overseas to another country to talk to people about being an active citizen there. Because of our involvement we are hoping that some disabled people will be amongst those selected.

6. Research into Communication Methods of Deaf People Bradnet



Susie Farrar from Bradnet has done a small piece of research into the preferred methods of communication of 2 different age groups of Deaf People. Copies of the research can be had from Susie Susie.farrar@bradnet.org.uk
We will have some copies available at our next meeting.

7. Easier Access 2010



The full report from 2009 is now complete.

Please contact Nick Farrar for a copy nick.farrar@bradford.gov.uk or tel 01274 43 7966.

A paper will be presented at the SDP meeting from the steering group for approval about SDP's involvement in Easier Access

8. Dial a Ride Keighley



We believe that Dial a Ride Keighley have been successful in getting some further funding so they will be able to continue to provide a service

9. Right to Control

Right to Control is a government plan to try and give disabled people more choice and control over money that is put on one side to support them. It includes money to help with housing, work and personal care. The Office of Disability Issues (part of the Government) and going to see how well it works in 8 places in England over 2 years from October 2010. They are asking local authorities to put in an application to be one of these 8 places where they can try it out. Bradford has decided to write an application. We will need to get the politicians to agree to it. We think there should be a citizens jury to help us to plan how to do it and to see how good it is. We will ask the disabled people's forum if they will set this up so it is independent.

10. Mystery Shopping Report



The Access to Information Group have worked with Bradford Council to do some Mystery Shopping to see how easily it is to get different pieces of information in different formats. A summary of the findings were that disabled people were generally having problems trying to get information from the Council in a way that they could access it. Copies of the full report will be available at the meeting or you can get an electronic copy by emailing sue haddock – sue.haddock@bradford.gov.uk

The report was presented to the Corporate Improvement Committee who have agreed recommendations as a result. The recommendations are attached to the Access to Information Groups report.

11. Wheelchair Services Out of Hours Service



We have received a response from Bradford Teaching Hospitals. All Out of hours calls do go to Lynfield Mount reception. They have access to an engineer who goes out to repair chairs. This engineer does not have access to peoples records and therefore is only an repair service. When a call is made to the 'Out of Hours Service' or the general repair service they have 3 possible responses.

An Emergency is when someone lives alone, when they are away from where they live and if the chair is a powered one. All requests that are an emergency should be seen within 4 hours. There is also a priority and standard response.

Lorraine has made sure all reception staff at Lynfield Mount are aware of the procedure

If you would like a full copy of procedures please ask Sue H

Please note I am awaiting clarification on this.

12. The Equalities Engagement Framework



Last year many people looked at how voluntary organisations could help the Bradford District Partnership to make Bradford a better place. One thing they felt was important was making sure that people from each of these groups could get their voice heard and make things better and more equal for everyone. (these groups are known as Equality Strands)

- Disability
- Gender
- Race
- Religion and Belief
- Sexual orientation
- Older People

It was agreed that people needed to know who they could ask to help them sort out problems.

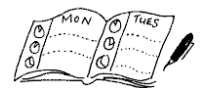
In the disability area it was decided that

- Individuals and groups of disabled people should be able to talk to and get help from the Disabled Peoples Forum
- The Disabled Peoples Forum would ask the Strategic Disability Partnership to help them to solve difficult issues, particularly when they needed other partners and partnerships to listen.

For each of the Equality Strands there is a similar arrangement.

You can get the full report called Equalities Engagement framework: report from the recommendation 4c sub group of the Third Sector review Implementation Group October 2009 from Sue Haddock

Dates for your Diary



DisabledGo Steering Group



Come and look at the new website, find out how we can have our next steering group meeting through a 'blog' ! and do you have ideas about new places you want adding when DisabledGo do our renewal in the next few months

Thursday 28th January 2010

Carlisle Road Business centre

2pm – 3pm

Reasonable travel expenses paid