

User-Led Organisation Core Group Meeting Mint Lane, Lincoln 6th April 2011

1. Present

Ian Brown	Lincolnshire Sports Partnership
Susan Lipscombe	County Carers/LPCC
Jo Minchin	County Carers
Mike Martin	
Nigel Webster	West Lindsey Disability Network
Fay Cooper	Lincolnshire Association of People with Disabilities

In Attendance

Tara Kellie	Lincolnshire CDA
Helen Oliver	Voiceability
Nicola Dixon	Volunteer LAPD

Apologies

Susan Swinburn	South Lincs Blind Society
Steve McGuinness	

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<p>4a Memorandum of Understanding between ULO and LCDA</p>	<p>Memorandum of understanding. From Charles.</p> <p>P2 -To support the LCDA in the delivery of the project? Should we not be supported by the LCDA? The contract was originally between the LCDA and the DOH...</p> <p>Feels like the ULO is not independent. The future intentions section clarifies its independence.</p> <p>Suggestion to remove from 'whereas' 1st paragraph 2nd page and rely wholly on the future intentions bit.</p> <p>Additional agreements – clarification on this that the ULO would not exclusively have to use the LCDA to run projects on its behalf. Helen asked what are the CDA getting out of this? 2.5 days a week funding towards Tara's salary.</p> <p>All agreed there has to be a level of trust between both parties. We are happy to sign it. All signed MOU Decided just to amend the term 'generated' so its consistent with the Constitution.</p>	TK
<p>5. Tara's Update Report</p>	<p>Tara. – informed group she will now give the core group an update report each month on what she has been doing for the ULO. See report for detail.</p> <p>Discussed in detail using the In control personal budget survey for the workshops to collect people's views on pb's, this can be compared with the national baseline. All agreed this would be useful to have for the June conference. Tara to send link</p>	

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	<p>http://www.in-control.org.uk/what-we-do/research-and-evaluation/national-personal-budget-survey-(poet).aspx</p> <p>Once we get 50 responses, In control will write a report for us. We will also be able to get live updates between each workshop. Agreed this was a useful approach</p> <p>Potential venues for workshops: The Priory, Nook road. West Lindsey district council offices, Gainsborough. LD day centre Gainsborough don't charge anything. Wake house in Bourne. Abbey Church Bourne The Showroom- Lincoln</p> <p>Tara will cost it up.</p> <p>Steve McG would be happy to be in a small group to design workshops etc. Mike happy to do clerical work. Helen/Voiceability to offer support. Need another person with direct experience. Nigel or a colleague will come on board. With Steve.</p> <p>Emma offered opportunity for ULO to put in a 2nd proposal. Decided to do this around quality checking/mystery shopping. Voiceability put in a bid for this to DoH for a similar thing. People felt that it should not become over complicated as the Carers sitting service did, needs to be simple and easy to carry out. Examples: calling doctors surgeries, finding</p>	

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	<p>out about a provider over the phone.</p> <p>Mystery shopping might be best for ULO. Simple and straight forward. Can be done on small funding. Intention that if Voiceability get the funding the 2 projects will work together.</p> <p>LDPB County Carers, Voiceability conference 27th June. Must have branding and membership forms by then.</p> <p>Tara asked core group to confirm name as we will be branding now and will need to stick with that, does LULO say what it is? New name. 2 suggestions each to be sent around and voted on.</p> <p>Funding bids of interested to ULO applied for by LCDA Reaching Communities – to continue and set up a consortium of small service providers – leading on from previous project LCDA has done. Also Personal assistant co-operative – ULO can decide how/if they want to be involved.</p> <p>Mint lane, CDA has got a 6 month lease, and is sub contracting to Andrew.</p> <p>Tara attending PSI board on behalf on ULO next meeting 19th July make contact through Shell Arliss at Voice ability. Website: http://community.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lincolnshirephysicalsensoryimpairmentpartnershipboard/index.asp?catId=17080</p>	

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6. Future Funding/Current Budget	<p>Tara raised that we need to have some discussion over how the budget is used and divided up. Steve is keen for the ULO to learn graphic facilitation skills and there are other bits of training that may be of interest.</p> <p>Helen keen to make sure any funding/training can be used to further aims of ULO, disseminated etc.</p> <p>All agreed that needs to be a major agenda item on the next meeting. Tara to send around up to date budget for all to look at prior to next meeting.</p>	TK
7. Regional Equality and Diversity Partnership	<p>Fay: Elected to regional equality and diversity partnership for the region.</p> <p>Fay can take queries to the forum. They are currently challenging cutbacks in disability services. Lobbying parliament. Highlighting services that are disappearing and disabled peoples organisations.</p> <p>The REDP has contact with a Barrister- Andrew Houghdon, he acted for Matthew Smith who had taken LCC to court over the fees for disability parking. People can take any discrimination/equality issues to Fay to send on to Andrew through the REDP. He will respond to it with a one page reply about whether he thinks the case is legitimate and likely to win. No win, no fee. Andrew takes insurance out on the basis of the case that it will pay him if he loses. If he wins, it does not cost the person as this comes out of the settlement fees.</p> <p>Amendments changing the meaning of the disability bill. Lobbying ongoing.</p> <p>Fay to update to ULO group about REDP</p>	

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<p>8. Any other business</p>	<p>Helen raised the issues about independent brokerage, this is currently all part of the restructuring with LCC and the indications are that it will be in house. All agreed this is not an option for personalisation. LCC staff / practitioners, wont have had the training or the time to do it, which means traditional options are more likely to be offered. Looking at examples around the country. We can only win if we can show independent brokerage saves money. Tara and Helen to meet outside the meeting to discuss putting together saving money proposal for brokerage, collecting evidence.</p> <p>Need for creativity. Penderels limited to what they can advise, due to contracting, they are not contracted to broker. Current amount for advertising of £300 can only be used for this and not for brokerage.</p> <p>People attended the broker training run by IBNL went through process but were not able to do study cases so not able to fully complete practice element of course. Individual Budget champions from pool of social workers. They say they don't have the time for doing brokerage. Has to be sold to a wider market. Many people on PB are scared to become employers and this is often being sold as the only option, there are lots of alternatives and brokerage can help to develop these. People are being sued and not taking out employers insurance.</p> <p>Core group fully support a campaign for independent brokerage. Will also save money.</p> <p>Supporting independence consultation. FACS stuff. Dropping moderate needs from funding. This is a public consultation need as many questionnaires filled in as possible. Fill questionnaire in! Tara will email around Charles/LCDA response to FACS consultation</p> <p>Income support /JSA shift has become very much a medical model used for</p>	<p>TK /HO</p> <p>All to promote TK to email LCDA response</p>

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	<p>assessment.</p> <p>Where are the jobs? Apprentice scheme for all age groups. Reassessment is very wrong. Need support to go through the questions. There is a huge issue around the wording. How can we help?</p> <p>TK suggested that we ask people on our membership form what's most important to them, then we can focus on that and do something about it in response.</p> <p>Mike.</p> <p>Take things from this group to the MH forums, Can we approve someone else to come in as a member? All agreed</p> <p>LCC are helping community based groups to host websites. Will set up and help people to update and change too. ULO site is on there.</p> <p>http://community.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lincolnshireulonetwork/index.asp</p> <p>Ian:</p> <p>Bike project Bike 4 life, accessible bikes. Trikes, tandems etc to events 10th April Bardney Heritage Centre and 17th April Grimsthorpe Castle . Small charge for kids highly subsidised. Adults can also go slightly higher charge but still reasonable.</p>	

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	<p>Inclusive fitness Initiatives across lincs, leaflets handed out.</p> <p>Leaflets for Ambassador Club Whizz Kids, Funding for equipment for people up to 25 years of age as well as a number of other benefits.</p> <p>BID Birmingham institute for deaf don't do interpreting. Do do support, but it is not the same thing.</p> <p>Updated minutes following 18th May meeting: Iggy asked for group to clarify this statement after the meeting via email (7/04/11) as this would have a major effect on the deaf community. Emma clarified that: The new service provider - BID services, in partnership with Beacon Centre for the Blind and Deafblind UK will provide a range of sensory impairment support services - see link some more information. It includes a Supporting People service, enabling people with sensory impairments to maintain their tenancy. Their focus is on providing <i>support</i> - by skilled workers with the requisite communication skills, rather than simply interpretation, to people who need it. The support aims to enable people to achieve various outcomes such as building confidence and self-esteem, building mobility, building communication skills and aims to enable and empower. BID have a strong commitment to their services being shaped by the experience of those who use them (within the terms of the contract).</p> <p>Community engagement officer job is being put into another post- all concerned about the effect of this. lan...</p>	

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	<p>Quest for Gold scheme, where people can try out most of the Paralympics sports around the county.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Sports Partnership will have an Equipment Library</p> <p>Inflatable Marquee</p> <p>Zorb balls.</p> <p>End of meeting.</p>	