

## Lincolnshire Independent Living - Core Group Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 - Renew Involvement Centre, Mint Lane, Lincoln

<b>Present</b>	Nigel Webster, Susan Lipscombe, Jo Minchin, Iggy Patel, Mike Martin
<b>In Attendance</b>	Tara Kellie (LCDA) Angela Porter (LCDA)
<b>Apologies</b>	Fay Cooper (LAPD), Steve McGuinness

Item	Comments	Action
<b>9</b>	<b>Core Group</b> Item 9 discussed first.	
<b>9.1</b>	Two people have stepped down from the core group, Georgie Allen, and Possibly Susan Swinburn – representing the Blind Society, not able to commit to the meetings any more. Can replace with Brenda Owen. Neither had a direct experience of an impalement	
<b>9.2</b>	Matt Smith Physical Disability and James Bell Learning Disability and John Tier Mental Health From Voicability peer champions may be possible candidates for core group posts.  Voicability run the Total Voice project along with The Healthy Hub.  Remember that there is a possible conflict of interest with Voicability which means that if LIL has specific tender decisions that may also clash with Voicability, those who have a foot in both camps will have no vote.	Invite James
<b>9.3</b>	We need to send out a general email to all of the groups that we know of to say that we are scouting out for people with sensory impairment. Need to make sure that the commitments are spelled out.	

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<b>2</b>	<b>Matters arising from minutes</b>	
2.1	<b>P5 Para 3</b> The way the FACS/RAS questions are angled to make people look more capable than they are. People are not getting the allocations they need. Big news story in the Lincs Echo today. Iggy has noticed that the RAS has been rewritten so people are getting lower quotes. They keep denying that it is about saving money..	Iggy is keeping up to date with this
2.2	<b>P6 Para 2</b> Smaller focus group for quality checking.	
2.3	<b>P6 Para 8</b> Signed up our first member from event Community Health Network event @ Sincil bank. Lots of stalls, but not so many punters. Targeted towards Sincil Bank communities. The location may be problematic. Need to be somewhere that the general public goes not somewhere that needs to be searched out and trouble to get to. People have to be aware they need to attend, but that limits the number of people going to the event. More likely to find people in need if we are out in a public place. Sincil bank was great for networking between organisations though.	
2.4	<b>P6</b> Did the free training day. Get the building blocks together now.	
2.5	<b>P7 Para 1</b> Tara met with Susie Alexander Brokerage care homes closing, project to invite independent brokers to work with the day centre older people. The LA put out a tender for it, a tester to see if there were individual independent brokers out there. however it went to Penderels trust.	
2.6	<b>P8 Para 5</b> working toward a model for world class commissioning? Not been chased up yet, will need to speak to Emma. We need the diagram of the new local authority structure. We need to know who sits where and is responsible to whom.  Nigel would like a break down of costs, how much is saved by scrapping in house services and the cost of replacing them. Nigel thinks they are not putting back as much as they were doing before. Freedom of information request, there is evidence that things are moving back to a medical model. (actually it never went away, but it is getting even worse!)	
2.7	<b>P8</b> We need to re-sign the constitution because the group has changed it's name. Tara will get it to Mike so that we can resign it.	Mike
2.8	<b>Minutes accepted and approved by the group.</b>	

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<b>3</b>	<b>Voting of Chair/Vice Chair</b>	
3.1	<p>Iggy declared a conflict of interest if he stood for chair, his business overlaps with LIL's scope, and he has concerns.</p> <p>Tara proposed that Iggy be acting chair whilst we resolve this situation and that the conflict is noted.</p> <p><b>This is passed</b>, Tara hand chair to Iggy.</p> <p><b>Vice chair?</b> Needs someone to be available for when Iggy has a declared interest. Nigel will take the post, but he is very unwell, so it may well be temporary, and more as a critical friend</p> <p><b>This is passed</b></p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Admin Development worker hand over</b> Advertised as a contract.</p>	
4.1	Mike Martin will be doing admin for 7.5 hours a week	
4.2	Susan Lipscombe doing development work for 15 hours a week.	
4.3	Angela budgeted in for 2 days a month	
<b>5</b>	<b>Membership Recruitment</b>	
5.1	<p>Membership forms have been printed. Take and distribute. <b>Everyone in the core group needs to sign up as a member.</b></p>	
5.2	Mike has offered to do an involvement and monitoring form for LIL, using the mental health involvement and monitoring ones as a kind of template. Need easy read ones too.	Mike
5.3	Mike to gather forms, we need to send out a welcome pack with links to online stuff etc	Mike
5.4	<p><b>Confidentiality</b>, What do we do with data protection. You don't have to register, but you do have to follow the rules. Where to keep the forms? The database will be password protected. The address on the forms will go to the CDA office, Amanda can store them in her office in a locked cabinet. Look at setting up a LIL administration folder Jo to work with Mike on this and inform Iggy.</p>	Jo/Mike

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<b>6</b>	<b>Workshops update.</b>	
6.1	<p>Iggy, Susan, Tara. Have decided on the agenda. Iggy to do intro on how personalisation actually works and from LIL's perspective., Susan to do the next part of the workshop, and introduce her perspective.. Have another meeting set up at Iggy's for a dry run of the day.</p> <p>Susan has put up posters in the Library. NHS centre, leisure centre etc all in Grantham. Still has Spalding to do. Went to Louth and presented what LIL was about. Iggy's partner is a district nurse team leader, he'll get her to circulate the posters. Mike has distributed posters to Cross'oCliffe to go to GP surgeries. Local supermarkets? There is a phone number on the form for booking.</p> <p>Radio advertising? Question or talking show on Radio Lincs. Iggy?.</p>	
6.2	Need to put councillors in wheelchairs and set them a route to get out and about around Lincoln. Also sight awareness week, blind fold them and get them to do a route	

<b>7</b>	<b>IT / Communication / Website Update</b>	
7.1	<p>Set up twitter page. Set up FB page. G+ Jo to invitee peeps for conference call in the next few days to try it out. Jo to do some IT communication training?</p> <p>Advertise events on to Twitter FB etc.</p>	Jo
7.2	Lincs worst in the country for broadband etc. There is a lot of money to fund IT.	
7.3	Do we have any money reserved for IT. We need to get our own website set up and off the Lincs LA one. Mike has put a site together in Wordpress for the mental health forum. Fund Jo for short course, Perhaps through the business club. Jo to work with Mike on this. Need to have online form for membership. Angela can send us lots of info on training. Get networked in to the involving Lincs network for cheap courses. Involving Lincs is a support structure for networking. We would like to get things sorted out by Christmas. Can we aim for that. Can we move structure over to our own server by then?	Jo & Mike Website  Angela Training information
7.4	Angela used the Carphone Warehouse on Tritton road for her £8 pcm package with Vodafone.	Mike, Tara
7.5	Initial and date document changes on Drop box. If you save it, change the version number as well. Hard copy to Nigel.	
7.6	Guide that Jean wrote – a service user's guide to Direct Payments. Susan to liaise with Jean.	Susan

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<b>8</b>	<b>East Lindsey Link update.</b>	
8.1	Lack of PAs record keeping onerous, auditing a PITA. Paperwork for lbs needs to be simplified. Council is looking at approved provder framework. If providers not on it now, they are locked out for 2 years. Paper excrsise too onerous. Penderels will be members of LIL . Difficult to get people to turn up at meetings in Louth. 'It's all to do with care, not money' Quote to take out.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Dates of next meetings</b>	
10.1	<p>Just core group? Yes.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Weds of each month. Need to book and pay for Mint Lane. Renew to invoice? 6 months ahead.</p> <p>Tara has been paying Renew for the tea/coffee and claiming on expenses. It was agreed that members would make a donation for their own drinks if required</p> <p>Also open agm in 6 months time. March time?</p> <p>Iggy will put together a news letter after the meetings.</p>	<p>Mike</p> <p>Iggy</p>
<b>11</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
11.1	It was noted that Lincoln Mencap seems to have stalled. There is no activity at Tentercroft Street, and everything seems to have been shut down.	
11.2	Susan will be doing a Voul sector management training course OCN accredited level 2	
11.3	Valuing people regional workshops in Birmingham, directed by Inclusion North and the Helen Sanderson association. Anyone interested?	
11.4	Penderels trust include people suffering from HIV in their criteria, it would be very difficult to mention every single disability in our manifesto. Chronic life threatening illness.	
11.5	Tara -regarding business planning meeting, will Angela take that forward? Yes.	Angela
11.6	Update on meeting with Martin Austin from disability direct to do quality checks on independent brokers. Would we quote for a scrutiny panel for any thing the LA would refer to us. Costed for 3 people 1 day's work.	

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11.7	Iggy has applied for chair role appeals for people turned down for Disb living allowance. Also quality assurance complaints process, we as LIL can do that. Any funding apart from costs will go to LIL.	
11.8	JSNA new report, what has happened with the consultation. The report that was sent back was withdrawn because it was not for the general public. Iggy's concern is that they have not taken anything on board. The official report looks exactly the same as the consultation document, just prettied up a bit. Iggy will be fighting this. What is the point of the consultation if it is ignored? Lots of groups are left out of consultation, so the LCC tends to cherry pick the groups. Once the report comes out Iggy will draft the response.	Iggy
11.9	Strategic intervention and a collective voice. - Mike this is for you :-)	
11.10	Minutes have been sent to Emma and Helen up until now, in future only send them any relevant information we would like consult them on. There is now an agreement that we will invite them to attend if required.	

## Future Meetings:

Wednesday 5th October 2011

Wednesday 2nd November 2011

Wednesday 7th December 2011

**No meeting set for January as yet**

Wednesday 1st February 2012

Wednesday 7th March 2012

All meeting are **10.30am to 12.30pm** at Renew Involvement Centre, Mint Lane, Lincoln, LN1 1UW

Please let Mike know if you are unable to attend

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