

LIL Core Group Meeting 7th Dec 2011

Apologies: Nigel Webster

Present: Iggy Patel, Mike Martin, Susan Lipscombe, Jo Minchin, David Bean, James Dunn

In Attendance: Charles Cook, Angela Porter, Michelle Arliss

David and James are considering thinking about being on the LIL core group.

3 Matters arising from previous minutes:

Minutes – They are difficult to follow for someone with a learning disability. Could do with an easy read. We can look in to it. Take the long difficult words out, larger format perhaps pictures not needed.

- 3 Susan went to the RAS meetings and she and Mike (representing mental health) have bought back masses of information for Voiceability. Shell very pleased with the results.

Website, quote requests not sent out yet.

- 4 **Feedback from workshops** – still looking at area feedback. Susan – community mapping in Skegness that she wants to feed back to the group. Nigel is sending info on members in the Gainsborough area. Iggy worried that we do not have enough diversity.

- 4a **Business plan** in Dropbox Iggy has been working on it further. Will look at this again later.

- 5a **Fund-raising.** Susan and Mike's posts only open till March. Charles will be helping Iggy look at this, Susan and Angela will be meeting on Friday. We need a lot more members! Members 1st, funding 2nd. Planning to do peer support and training.

- 5b We have signed on to LA framework. If any projects are suitable for us it should flag it up.

Carer's voting rights – see later.

- 6d Chasing up core group members to sign forms and show commitment – Susan. Iggy to contact Ian and Steve

- 9 Brokerage and Advocacy. Total Voice Referral form received. Make sure the referral form is filled in properly.

- 11.2 Freedom of Information form to LCC about day centre review. Iggy is working with Nigel about it and will write it up on his blog. Iggy will add an RSS feed on his tumblr blog so we can access it through our readers.

- 11.10 Regarding Iggy's situation, he's now got his direct payments sorted, took over 10 months. Iggy was told he was a one off, we know it is not the case. Iggy was able to point out this to the LCC by citing other cases he knew of. How can LIL help others if the chair can't get his own Direct Payments sorted out?

3a Personalisation:

1. New statistics, published on the web, key performance indicators etc. LCC either reluctant to release them or didn't know they had them. All councils on this website, It is unnecessarily obscure, numbers are not directly displayed. You need a code referring to a number, for documents to be provided. Will need to be dug in to, but Iggy is prepared to dig.
2. In Lincolnshire, over 500 people in Nov who have not had their assessments done in the last 3 months, but were due. It's a major issue. Lynn Bucknall from the LCC will set up a test subject to test the process and where the breakages are. What are the key performance indicators? Do they have the staff to do it?
3. Shell has had the process detailed to her.
4. LIL needs to educate people on alternative processes that will push the process forward. **LGO**? Adult performance audit? What can you use to put pressure on to make the process work?
5. We have to stop the divide and conquer mentality in the LCC. Need to ask how we can improve things and what we can do.
6. Age UK have 4 people working with the LCC to do assessments for people over 50. If they stay moderate and they are referred on to the first contact service, there is a guarantee that there is a follow up to see how it is going. We need to see how that works in practice. Where is the service for those under 50? Are they still using the old form? LLC is now recruiting staff in areas where they acknowledge that there are not enough. So they made trained workers redundant and are now re recruiting? - Yes.
7. Is this an area we can help in? Training package for February. Assessment, brokerage, support. In partnership with Voicability, and offer it as a service to the LCC. Adult social care only have a statutory responsibility to do the assessment. The rest can be provided by other parties.

4 Update from Charles Cooke:

1. Constitution: We have been acting as an accounting body under a previous partnership. Need to update that understanding. Probably not substantially different we want to facilitate what you want to do and not interfere or influence.
2. We have been working on a number of things that we want to work with you on.
 - a. Reaching communities application, which is now being submitted in the second stage.
 - b. Developing cooperative approaches to social care . It will be another 3 months before we find out if it is successful, 5 year funding if it works. Some funding for LIL if it goes ahead.
3. **IBNL website needs** developing and improving. The council wants to leave the project.
 - a. It's up in the air, do we drop it and let it go?

- b. It's out of date and not well organised,
 - c. it's not had any marketing done on it.
 - d. Most people have developed their own website and are not getting the big picture that it might drive traffic to other websites.
 - e. It needs a thorough refresh and re-branding, it would cost a lot of money (£10,000). The host fee for the site is £100 a month.
 - f. The use of the site should not favour large providers, so we don't want to offer high profile entries to those who can afford to pay for a prominent ad slot.
 - g. Large providers can afford to advertise, so it squeezes out small providers and charities.
 - h. Charles has had a quote of £6,000 to rewrite and update the site. Not able to make the decision.
4. Other things the LCDA would like to see happen.
- a. Support back in to work. We have started taking a personalised approach to peoples employment and making a job fit the person. It is a priority for people who are disabled to find employment. Creating a job to suit peoples abilities. How would LIL be able to support you to do that.
 - b. Remember the IT company for people with Autism = As-It? Charles had some involvement in that one.
 - c. Personal Assistants (PAs) in co operatives, people needing to employ PAs being in a co op is possibly better.
 - d. Helping small providers transform their business models as the market changes.
 - e. 30 day services under consultation over closure – 5 are in negotiation to change to be self supporting.
 - f. Analysis of the prevention value of a service. What is it preventing form happening (that would cost more)
 - g. Community mental health network
 - h. Shared lives, run by adults for adults, fostering other adults. Positive outcome for people who want to live independently but have difficulty doing it.

5 Action Plan distributed. No time to discuss

6 Funding/Fund Raising See 5a in matters arising

7 Membership & Recruitment See 5a and 6d in matters arising

8 Website See 3 in matters arising

9 Magazine

1. We need to get a quarterly magazine out Pen picture of the core group members. Not fancy or glossy, don't want to spend a lot of money on it, but needed to update members, and let people know what we are doing.

2. We need more members!
3. Monthly bulletin will go out by email only, the quarterly bulletin can be printed, or in audio.
4. Angela has a link for Braille conversion approx £10? very good deal. Browsealoud (Textaloud). Windows PCs have accessibility built in. Look at the BBC website to look at how to use automatic magnifiers and reading out aloud text. Need to educate people to switch on their applications. There is a big divide, people with a disability tend not to have IT, most people with learning disability do not have access to a PC. LCC rely too much on computers to put out and gather information. 90% of people accessing CVS services did not have a PC. Can we confirm this?
5. Direct payments to buy and provide internet access, to facilitate communication.

10 Next Meeting Wednesday 1st February 2012 Renew Involvement Centre, Mint Lane, Lincoln LN1 1UD – 10.30am to 12.30pm

11 Any Other Business

1. Consultation report from Susan. People did not want to use their social networks for care. Is the RAS index linked? Concerns. Main issues were communication, older parents and adults 30's to 50's not thought of end of life issues. Worried about if personalisation would be rolled out by the time day centres closed. Feeling that it is all a Done deal.
2. Angela, Creativity good for health and well-being. Pay through personal budget to pay for cultural activities. Workshops for people to come along to for health and well-being. Revival free Christmas craft workshops. www.revivallincolnshire.org .Funded by LCC and supported by CDA. Looking to open up premises in Sincil Street in Lincoln. For the community, run by the community, costs of travel covered for the workshop leader.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday ??? March 2012 (sharing knowledge course for IP, MM, SP)

Wednesday 4th April 2012

Wednesday 2nd May 2012

Wednesday 6th June 2012

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

Please let Mike know if you are unable to attend
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