

**Newcastle Learning
Disabilities Partnership
Board**

Voices and Choices

**Rights , Equality and Money group
Person Centred Planning
Implementation Group
August 2008**

What we will talk about today

- Parents with a learning disability
- Changing Places
- Personal Finance
- Advocacy
- Voting
- Court Work

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- Developing easy to understand information
- Person Centred Planning
- What else do we have to do?
- What do we want the Board's help with ?

Parents

Good things

- National Good Practice Guidance
- Lot of attention in Joint Committee Report on Human Rights

Locally

- Protocol at Court
- CTLD do training
- Sue English has lead responsibility
- REM Group know the issues

Parents

Things we need to look at

- Needs ownership of who takes lead responsibility for support
- Court processes not user friendly
- Ending of Mencap service –well liked and nothing to replace it
- Dearth of support services

Changing Places

Member agencies and individuals joining the campaign

- Get Partnership Board commitment - as members to join and support the campaign

Where to target the campaign publicity

- Database suggestions for whom to target campaign publicity to Barbara

Identify facilities that need particular targeting

- What action is needed to sort out Discovery Museum Facilities?
- What action would be need to address Newcastle Airport

Changing Places

Consideration of Changing Places facilities as a planning conditions for new developments

- Ask Councillor Hindmarsh and Ewen Weir to take the planning conditions issue on board as part of their selling Citizens First to the council campaign.

Talk to other Partnership Boards

- Bill to see what other Boards are doing to help.

Changing Places

Consideration of Changing Places by other public bodies

- Planners and new developments in Newcastle. Getting this kind of commitment across Tyneside is part of the focus of the campaign.
- New Primary Care Trust buildings

Personal Finance

- Welfare Rights leaflet
- Banking matters to me questionnaire and letters
- Independent Living Fund
- Promoting Direct Payments and Individual budgets together

Advocacy

- Changing need for advocacy e.g.
 - Mental Capacity Act
 - Individual budgets
 - People getting older
- Case advocacy – now a contract
- Citizen advocacy – big demand
- Overall advocacy plan for Council
- Need to revise and strategy to reflect these

Court Work

- Talked to Court
- They want things to be accessible
- They want us to help with things like
 - Making the building accessible
 - Protocol for criminal law
 - Making court paperwork accessible
 - Awareness raising of people with learning disabilities with staff

Voting

- We asked supported living providers

Welford groups has

- Made contact with Voting Manager

Things we need to look at

- Issue about supporting to vote
- Political parties and easy read information

Developing easy to understand information

Good things

- Draft standards
- Lots of agencies and group willing to come on board
- People interested in making things accessible
- LDDF for media work
- Media space at Capability's extension

Developing easy to understand information

Things we need to look at

- Time and capacity to make it happen

BUT we are at last starting to make progress

- We need to get moving because this is really important
- High profile “freebie” – Local Area Agreement made easy to understand

What else do we have to do?

We have a plan !

- Court Work
- Offenders
- Ward committees
- Relationships
- Disabled Go

What else do we have to do?

Work currently outside REM group plan:

- Risk Enablement
- BME communities
- Local services for local people
- Mental Capacity Act

What do we want the Board to help with?

- Changing Places action
- Support to help people to vote
- Voting and political parties
- easy read