



Catch Up Meeting 8th April 2009

Present: Judith North, Barry Gallagher, Rick Wilson, Mandy Evans

Matters arising from the last meeting

- **People First Leadership Programme** - Rick reported that CLC is in discussion about running a PF leadership course for people locally in partnership with AWPf and Swansea PF. This led to a discussion of the peer led training that could offer staff a more collaborative understanding of their work with service users.
- **Blog Moderator Support Meetings** - The first meeting has taken place, Rick is organising these on a bi-monthly basis.
- **Terms of Reference** - These on the basis of feedback are approved.

Key Theme Activities

1. **Developing Legislation and Case Law** - We had a discussion about current concerns about the Sleepins and the National Minimum Wage and the Working Time Directive. Strategies being employed by group members:
 - Exploration of sharing the cost of sleepins across average pay - Cartefi and Reach
 - Discussions with Commissioners about responses to these concerns – OHT
 - Developing alternative models of community based night-time support - CLC and Drive.

We agreed to share on the blog updates about this work as it develops.

2. **Best Practice in Care and Support**

We discussed the possibility of organising an event about the issues raised by Private Hospitals, we agreed that was a priority but felt we should consider the impact of Circular 1/91 regarding this issue first.

3. **Best Practice in Housing Management** - Updates included:

Assisted Homebuy - Out of the 3 pilot participants 1 has now moved in, the other 2 will move in shortly. Coastal Housing Association and FCHA has gained approval from WAG for a second phase Assisted Homebuy SHMG bid to look at a no grant Assisted Homebuy model.

- **Turnbull judgement impact** - We discussed the response of HB departments to recent circulars from DWP arising from the Turnbull judgement. The common feedback concerned maintaining effective arrangements for rent accounting, having clear



evidence underpinning the setting of service charges, and potential issues about rent levels in privately funded shared housing schemes.

4. Research Findings - Updates included

- The CLC Targeted Support Evaluation final report is imminent, we will post it to the blog as soon as possible.
- Helen Sanderson research details. REACH is in discussion with Helen Sanderson about piloting person centered thinking for older people carol.eveson@reach-support.co.uk
- Autism research details. We agreed that care needs to be taken in trafficking the “evidence base” in autism intervention. What’s measured is what interests the researchers and the evidence base is skewed to children (ABA mainly).
- Swindon total transformation details. Simon Blackburn from REACH is planning to formally evaluate Services being developed by REACH in Swindon based on an IB model simon.blackburn@reach-support.co.uk
- CLC would like to put together a research proposal looking at the social impact of multi-media advocacy.

5. Self Directed Services - Updates included:

- Update on function and issues at In Control Cymru. Affordability and sustainability are real concerns. Members agreed to support Judith at the next learning event when she asks providers to help with ICC core costs.
- In Control Provider Network is working effectively the programme of seminars and Action Learning Set are underway.
- We discussed the links between personalisation and the Welsh Assembly's sustainable development agenda. [One Wales One Planet](#) places community cohesion centrally in a policy of making Wales socially and environmentally sustainable. This places a self directed services strategy based on a community development agenda squarely within a wider social agenda. CLC shared information about work that is taking place to look at more sustainable models of social care that could potentially bring together sustainability and self directed services www.sustainable-lives.org.uk.

6. Commissioning for Best Practice - Updates Included:

- The South Wales regional Social Care commissioning project managed by NPT was discussed positively as an open well structured model of commissioning, we discussed the potential of building a more person centred front-end for systems like this.

Next meeting will be on the 5th May at 1pm at the Cartrefi Cardiff office and by video link at the Llandrindod Wells and Bangor Cartrefi offices.