

Supporting People

Minutes of the Bradford Supporting People Commissioning Body Meeting 1-3pm on Monday, 28th June 2010 5th floor meeting Room, Olicana House

Present:

CB Members:

Moira Wilson	Strategic Director Adult and Community Services, City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (Chair)
Maggie Smallridge	West Yorkshire Probation Service

CB Officers in attendance:

Guy Van Dichele	Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance & Business Support, City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (Accountable Officer)
David Shepherd	Assistant Director Housing Service, City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Chair of the SCG
Jayne Hellowell	SP Lead Officer City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
EW	Supporting People Service User
Pam James	Service User Advocate Representative
Katie Nutman	SP Service user Involvement Officer
Rachel Lorimer	SP Service Development and Research Manager
JB	Supporting People Service User
Val Balding	Safer Communities, CBMDC

1. Apologies:

2. Declarations of interest

JB – Item 4 Horton housing

3. Minutes & matters arising from the meeting held on 10 May 2010

None.

4. Lead Officer Update

1. Election of Chair

This was unable to take place as Matt Neligan did not attend this meeting.

Action – Guy to email Matt asking him his view as to whether he would be interested in chairing the CB.
Jayne to have a conversation with Maggie about what this role will entail.

Decision - Election of chair to take place at the next meeting.

2. Bradford Day Shelter (BDS)

Jayne informed members that the SCG had agreed to the recommendation of additional funding to BDS to allow them to open for a further 2 days. But now due to the current budget cuts and future cuts members are asked to reject this recommendation.

It was noted that BDS and Horton Housing are aware of this decision.

Discussion took place about other ways forward and it was suggested that this service could be incorporated in the homelessness sector review that is coming up. Maybe to look at this as services to the community rather than housing related support?

It was also noted that BDS are now running at a deficit as it has not received an increase since it was first funded. SP was going to pick up this deficit.

Decision – members agreed to the recommendation highlighted in the report

Action – Guy to speak to Dave Preston about BDS running at a deficit.

3. Service user outcomes

JB referred to the appendix attached. He also informed the meeting about the new approach to peer reviewing. Staff are no longer in the room when SU are being interviewed which gives the SU an opportunity to speak more openly about the service.

Discussion also took place about the way information from the peer reviewing is shared amongst the service development officers and how it is incorporated in their reports.

4. Approach to mystery shopping

Jayne informed members that the 5th mystery shopping exercise will be taking place in August. A discussion took place about the poor result from the previous exercises and it was agreed by all that the front line staff should be informed that this is taking place which will give them time to prepare for it..

Action – Guy to inform CMT that SP are undertaking another mystery shopping exercise.

5. CLG update from central government.

Jayne went through the key headlines as listed in the lead officer report from a meeting that she had with CLG and the chairs of the regionally supporting people groups nationally.

6. Attendance monitoring

It was noted that no representative from the strategic partner–health and well being has attended the last 3 consecutive meetings.

Action – Guy to speak to Roz about attendance of a rep.
SP Admin to send invites for the CB meetings to Cllr Amir Hussain. He will be attending as a member.

5. DV Strategy – Overview Val Balding

Val reported about the “Bradford Tackling Violence against Women and Girls” strategy 2010/13 which has been developed by the Domestic Abuse Partnership. She informed members that the current Bradford Domestic Abuse Strategy is due to end in 2010. The new strategy will provide a shared understanding of the needs of the district, enabling strategic partnership working and commissioning of services.

Discussion took place about the recent events in Bradford where 3 prostitutes were murdered and the steps that have been taken with the strategy and the local press.

6. Service User Involvement Strategy and Action Plan Update.

Katie summarised the report and spoke about some of the new initiatives i.e. the new governance committee, the new urdu peer reviewing etc. The next steps is to look at the new action plan. Information will be taken from surveys and meetings and the SU group will look at any issues that may have been noted and the way providers can improve those issues and base the action plan around that.

Katie also informed members of some news that has come through today. Bradford SP had put in an application for Yorkshire & Humberside empowerment partnership. The requirement was to demonstrate how good SU involvement/empowerment is. Bradford SP has been accepted as one of the case studies. This will give the SP SU abit of regional and national coverage to capture and demonstrate what good work sp team are doing

7. Bradford Women’s Aid

Rachel summarized the circulated report. A discussion took place on the following key points:

- BWA services
- The Impact this will have on the DV sector
- The effect this will have on the outreach services. This could result in more women asking for housing related support
- Continuation of funding
- Monies from different agencies
- Joint reviews with various commissioners.

Decision - After a lengthy discussion it was noted to accept the recommendation as highlighted in the report but to add a 3rd recommendation that SP team and CFU liaise on this issue and have a joint recommendation.

8. Family Intervention Project

Rachel summarised this report. Concern was expressed by all members. A discussion took place and the following actions were noted

Actions

- Impact assessment is required - what has the money been used for
- Guy to liaise with the AD of children's services to discuss this project
- Guy to look at the paperwork – Look at the original request.
- To get a children services rep on this group

Decision - To accept the recommendation as highlighted in the report.

9. Finance Report

Gary went through the finance report with members. The report sets out the grant incomes and expenditure relating to 2009/10, as well as forecast income and expenditure for 2010-11 should it have been business as usual.

10. Any other Business

None

Date, time, venue for next meeting

23rd August 2010, 1-3pm, Olicana House, 5th Floor Meeting Room