

Minutes 2nd Meeting
County Durham Low Vision Services Committee
Friday 10th October 2008 Spennymoor Council Offices

Present:

Leigh Nicholson ACM Sensory Support Team 'CHAIR'

Rachel Emery – Lead Commissioning Manager PCT

Emma Keeble – Project Manager PCT

Phil Smith – Rehabilitation Officer, Sensory Support Team

Linda Curtis – Director, County Durham Society for the Blind & Partially Sighted

Cathie Burke – Action for Blind People (Sunderland/Durham)

Margaret Welch – Blind Life in Durham

Pauline Morphet Chairperson Durham Society Blind and Partially Sighted

Gil Smith Optician Low vision Durham Hospital

Sharon Meadows Action for Blind Asst Manager

Jim Halsall Rehabilitation Worker Sensory Support Team

Barbara Pratt Rehabilitation Worker Sensory Support Team

Non Attendance:

Andrew Nuttall Team Manager Sensory Support Team

Geoff Foster – Chair, Durham Local Optometrists Committee

Chris Steele – Consultant Optometrist, Sunderland Eye Infirmary

Ann Adcock – Low Vision Service User

Martin Pilgrim – Low Vision Service User

Thomas Hoyle – Low Vision Service User

Jan Hoyle – Carer

Susan Stevens - Action for Blind People, Service Manager NE Team

Stephen Morgan

Ann Morrell –Education - Sensory Support Manager

Richard Cox 'Seeing Sense'

Mary Barstow '2020 Vision'
 Theresa Huddard PCT
 Chris.Steele NHS
 Simon Berry NHS
 Caroline Malloy PSO Adult and Community Service, DCC
 Jacqui Cox County Durham PCT
 Jim Welch – Blind Life in Durham
 Derek Illingworth – County Durham Society for the Blind & Partially Sighted
 Catherine Scott
 Chris Morgan
 Chris Wood
 Sharon Smith
 Alison Ayres
 Anthony Prudhoe
 Ann Gobbet
 Reti Winward
 David Britton

No	Subject	Discussion	Lead Officer	Action
1	Welcome Apologise	Leigh welcomed Rachel Emery and Emma Keeble and Gil Smith. Andrew Nuttall, Derek Illingworth, Jim Welsh Leigh -There may be other people sending apologise via Andrew's e mail (Leigh has no access)	Leigh	
2	Minutes	Minute taker unavailable – Leigh will make notes	Leigh	Leigh to ask PCT for minute taker next meeting

		Previous minutes prepared by Leigh – accepted and circulated	Group	
3	Interpreter protocol	Advice given to group	Leigh	
4	Newsround	Durham Sight Loss Partnership stakeholders conference will take place in the council chambers Durham County Hall on 4 th November 1.30pm – 4.30pm (Presentation by Richard Cox Seeing Sense Consultant) on results/overview of a survey of Blind and Partially Sighted people who live in County Durham.		For invitations please e mail Margaret Welsh Blind Life in Durham (Durham Sight Loss Partnership)
		Sensory Alliance Meeting :- 5 th Sept 08 Strategic professional campaigning group mainly ‘voluntary sector’ agencies which aims to place sensory issues at a higher profile in the councils agenda. Group meets quarterly. Projects / Work Streams: 1) Data and criteria for registration ‘HI VI Dual Sensory’ to take place with the local authority. 2) Awareness raising and training analysis of needs for professionals working with sensory loss	Chair Leigh Nicholson Durham Deafened Support CoDeaf CDSBPS BLinD BID	

		<p>3) Mapping of existing counselling services</p> <p>Personalisation – a government agenda and 3 year to implement ‘Best practise in Rehabilitation’ Sept 10/11 Wolverhampton.</p> <p>2020 Vision Updates: LVSC in other areas</p> <p>Stacks of Chairs conference 6th November Queen Alexander College Birmingham LVC support Conference</p> <p>RNIB ‘Good Practise in Sight’ gives some key priorities and national indicators for local authority partnerships.</p> <p>World Sight Day 9th Oct</p> <p>Low Vision Letter – circulated to Information Group P Morphet Lead</p>	<p>Leigh attended</p> <p>Volunteers to attend E mail M.Bairstow@vision2020uk.org.uk</p> <p>Rnib.org.uk/goodpractice</p> <p>AFBP Cathie gave overview of events in London</p>	
5	Identifying Actions and Workstreams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Model – what is the actual Eye Care Pathway for patients? • Is there a designated route in health and social care for referral to other agencies e.g. Vol sector, 	Group Discussions	

		<p>counselling, Education. Can we improve on it?, Can we reduce waiting times and streamline referral routes e.g GP to Ophthalmology , Do people have an opportunity to see an ECLO (eye clinic liaison officer) Do all people get to see a Low vision therapist, those who do not, why not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Mapping & Audit – what services are available, an outline of services, how many people do you see and what for? • Information – clear information (no mixed messages) information packs which cross over from health services and social care sectors. • Need for the Eye Clinic Liaison Officer – what have we got now? do we need more and where? 	<p>Group decided this was a definite project!</p> <p>Group decided this was a definite project!</p> <p>Group discussion to be included in service mapping project</p>	
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	DATE OF NEXT MEETING			
	GROUP 1	MEETING 7 th NOV 9.30am – 12.30pm COMMITTEE ROOM 2 SPENNYMOOR COUNCIL OFFICES	ROOMS BOOKED	
	GROUP 2	MEETING 7 th NOV 1:00 – 3:00 pm COMMITTEE ROOM 2 SPENNYMOOR COUNCIL OFFICES	Refreshments to be arranged Tea/Coffee with Catering	
	Contact with Committee	Leigh to circulate to interested members for volunteers to join in the two groups	Please e mail Leigh	
	AOB	NONE Leigh thanked group for a very informative and relaxed meeting. Looking forward to the progress of the group projects, meeting closed.	Leigh	

