



## Valuing People Now North East North East Learning Disability Partnership



### Terms of reference – how we will work Agreed 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011



#### Why we are meeting

To make sure that people with learning disabilities and the Valuing People Now targets are included in all the changes happening in health and social care in local areas and across the North East.

#### Our aims – What we are here to do



- To come together to make our voice as strong as possible as things change and to influence people who are involved in making the changes happen
- To make sure people with learning disabilities and their families get good information about what is changing in how health and social care services work
- To share good ideas and ways of working on making Valuing People Now happen
- To offer help and ideas to people setting up new ways of working on what is important to people with learning disabilities and good ways to include people
- To help people from Partnership Boards work out how Partnership Boards can work in the new structure
- To offer ideas and advice to regional groups like the learning disabilities health network and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services
- To help people and groups develop peer support and peer review. This means working together to help solve problems, share ideas and check on how things are going for each other.



## Membership – who will be part of the group

The North East Learning Disability Partnership will include:

- 3 people from each Learning Disability Partnership Board
  - A Self Advocate rep
  - A family member rep
  - The Lead Officer , commissioner or Valuing People Coordinator
- The Deputy Regional Director for Social Care
- A provider rep from NetsWork
- The Strategic Health Authority Programme Manager
- A rep from the north east health group for people with learning disabilities
- The Association of Directors Social Services (ADASS) lead
- **Reps from groups who buy health services – the PCTs or other groups if that changes**

The group will make sure there are people representing different communities and people with high support needs

The group could invite other people to join in all the meetings or just some meetings

## Roles and responsibilities

Everybody who comes to the meetings has a responsibility to stick to the ground rules which the group has agreed.

The chair will talk to people who break any rules. People could be asked to leave if they do not stick to the rules.

Some people who are part of the North East Learning Disability Partnership have special jobs. These are:

**Supporters-** Anybody who is supporting somebody to take part in the meetings must stick to the rules and remember their role is to support somebody to join in. Not to take over.

**Chair of the meeting-** The meeting will be co - chaired by a person from the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS) and a self advocate. The group will agree who these people are at its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Representatives-** People who are representatives at other meetings should tell people about the work they have been



**Organisers** – Inclusion North have the job of making sure the meetings happen and everyone gets good information before and after the meetings.

### **How the group will work**

The North East Learning Disability Partnership Group will meet 6 times before April 2012.

The meetings will happen every 2 months usually.

The North East Learning Disability Partnership Group will have a plan for the work it will do until 2012.

The draft plan for this work is at the end of these rules.

### **Access**

The meeting will run in a way that tries to make sure everybody can join in who wants to.

This will include:

- People to plan and run the meeting
- Presentations and small group work (all speakers will need to stick to rules about accessible information)
- Making sure the building is accessible (such as ramps and held in a place people can get to)
- Making sure there is anything needed such as hearing loops or BSL interpreter.

### **About the money**

Self Advocates and Family Members can claim expenses for their time to come to the meeting.

They can also be paid for any travel expenses they have to get to the meeting.

The rules on claiming expenses will be based on Inclusion North's policy.

The group can also pay for self advocates to get some support at the meeting or to get ready for it.

There is not a lot of money to pay for this so we are asking that people look for good ways of supporting each other as well as using formal support.







## What the group will work on – The Plan

Topic	When we will do this	Ideas for what the meeting will achieve
Making health services better	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make sure North East Learning Disability Partnership understands what the self assessment returns say about health services</li> <li>- Make sure people know about the work that is happening across the region to make health services better</li> <li>- Help Partnership members think about who else in the North East they can work with to make health services better</li> <li>- Share ideas with the Clinical Innovation Team on how they can help local areas</li> <li>- Decide on the plan for how the Partnership will work</li> </ul>
Keeping safe and Safeguarding	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- North East Learning Disability Partnership knows what work is going on across the region to help people keep safe or get help if they are unsafe</li> <li>- Help Partnership members share good ideas and ways of working</li> <li>- Partnership Board members have good ideas for what their Partnership Board should do in their area</li> </ul>

Health & Well Being Boards	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- North East Learning Disability Partnership understands how Health and Well Being Boards might work</li> <li>- Learning from early adopter sites shared</li> <li>- Partnership Board members have good ideas for working with health and well being boards in their area</li> </ul>
Increasing housing options and jobs	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- North East Learning Disability Partnership understand what the housing self assessment told us</li> <li>- The group agrees ways to work together or who to influence on joint issues</li> <li>- North East Learning Disability Partnership knows the issues &amp; good practice on increasing employment for people</li> <li>- Learning &amp; resources from PSA 16 funded projects shared</li> </ul>
GP commissioning consortia	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learning from Accelerated Solutions Event shared</li> <li>- North East Learning Disability Partnership understands the plans &amp; how consortia are being set up</li> <li>- The group agrees ways to influence &amp; link with consortia</li> </ul>
Health Watch role	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- North East Learning Disability Partnership understands how LINKs are changing to Health Watch and their role</li> <li>- Partnership Board members have good ideas for influencing and working with their local Health Watch</li> </ul>