

Barnet Supporting People - Provider Forum

Minutes May 2006

Proposal to develop a Supporting People Practitioner Group

1.0 The proposal

The proposal to develop a Supporting People Practitioner Group was presented to the Provider Forum held on 16th May 2006.

Providers were asked to consider:

1. How the establishment of a Practitioner Group could enable providers to engage with the Administering Authority in the development of the local Supporting People programme.
2. What the priorities for the Group might be.

Delegates (40?) representing (20?) providers were divided in to the following three groups to discuss these issues:

Providers of services for people:

- In receipt of care and support
- Living independently with support
- Experiencing, or at risk of, social exclusion

Each group nominated a scribe and feedback was provided from each group to the Forum.

2.0 Feedback

2.1 Establishment of a Practitioner Group

In answer to the first consideration, feedback from the Forum was mixed.

Whilst a number of positive comments were made concerning what the Group could achieve, there were a number of concerns expressed that the Group would have no real voice and could be a “tick box” exercise.

There was much discussion regarding membership, reporting structures etc. (informed by LB Haringey’s Practitioner Group Terms of Reference).

In conclusion, the consensus of the Forum was that the Group would be established subject to the agreement of the Administering Authority to:

- 1. Terms of Reference to be drafted by providers**
- 2. Consider provider feedback to the proposed new PIs**

Providers were keen to ensure that the Group is established (subject to the above) and that this is done speedily in order to address pressing priorities – see 2.2.

2.1.2 Terms of reference

An initial discussion of what the ToR might set out included:

- Provider membership of the Core Strategy Group would be facilitated through the Practitioner Group who would select representation from the Group
- The Group would also have access / report to the Commissioning Body
- The Supporting People Team would provide the Group with updates through the Provider Forum and advise urgent matters to the Chair of the Group
- The Supporting People Team would not be members of the Group but may be invited to attend
- Consideration should be given to membership of smaller providers and BME / community group providers
- Establishment of themed groups (this was a particular consideration for floating support providers)
- Involvement of / input from service users / carers / advocates
- The Group would set the agenda for the Providers Forum which would be facilitated by the Supporting People Team (invites, venue, minutes etc)

2.2 Practitioner Group priorities

Feedback from providers demonstrated a commitment to consider the following priorities:

1. Quality – including QAF Performance Level targets, monitoring arrangements and fair access to services
2. Performance – new PIs and outcome monitoring
3. Service user consultation and participation – Including service user consultation regarding any proposals to decommission

3.0 Actions

3.1 Supporting People Team to:

1. Arrange a venue, refreshments and a facilitator for a provider meeting in order to agree Terms of Reference to take place from 10am to 1pm on Wednesday 21st June.
2. Circulate invitations and copies of this document together with the draft terms of reference.

3.2 Providers to:

1. Confirm attendance with the Supporting People Team.
2. Review all documents in advance of the meeting.
3. Providers to agree a provisional date in July 2006 for the first meeting of the Practitioner Group – subject to the agreement of the Group's Terms of Reference.

3.3 Further, in order to facilitate this process it is suggested that providers nominate a lead to liaise with the Supporting People Team regarding:

1. Timescales for agreement of the Terms of Reference.
2. Confirmation that the Supporting People Team will consider the Group's response to the proposed new PIs.
3. Resources for the Group – venues for meetings etc.

Provider	Name	Title
Abbeyfield UK	Sue Stainer	Local Service Manager
Barnet Homes	Dorothy Tucker	Sheltered Housing Project Co-ordinator
Barnet Homes	Nduka Agada	Sheltered Housing Manager
Barnet Homes	Bridget Mullins	Housing Support Manager
Barnet Homes	Jenny Calcagni	Performance Officer
Barnet Mencap	Pat Jones	Manager
Barnet Mencap Equality Housing	Grace Crilly Yorici	Deputy Manager
Barnet Voice for Mental Health	Jane Jackson	Project Manager
Barnet Voice for Mental Health	Carol Sealy	House Manager
Baytree Care	C Mistry	Service Manager
Birnbeck / Westlon HA	Bernice Graham	Special Needs Manager
Birnbeck / Westlon HA	John Silverman	Chief Executive
Carr-Gomm	Colin Mills	Area Business Manager
Cherry Tree HA	Geoff Bliss	Chief Executive
Cherry Tree HA	David Press	Deputy Manager
Chinese Mental Health Association	Polly Lim	Floating Support Co-ordinator
Christian Action HA	Ian Martin	Director of Housing & Community Services
Christian Action HA	Sarah Thompson	Supported Housing Manager
Eleanor Palmer Trust	John Carbonell	Clerk to the Trustees
Homeless Action in Barnet	Joe Lee	Director
Hornsey Housing Trust	Susan Faridi	Team Leader
Hornsey Housing Trust	Kevin Bryant	Care & Support Services Manager
Notting Hill Housing Group	John Dicomites	Community Support Manager
Notting Hill Housing Group	Gill Sheehan	Support Services Manager
PentaHact	Alex Nunn	Team Leader
Richmond Fellowship	Juliana Manjoro	Service Manager
Richmond Fellowship	Yanwen Li	Acting Deputy Manager
Richmond Fellowship	Nnenna Aguocha	Deputy Service Manager
Safe Start Foundation	Victoria Sharp	Foyer Manager
Scotscare	Alison MacRury	Housing Manager
Scotscare	Gloria Collins	Warden
St Pancras & Humanist HA	Ben Tovey	Housing Support Team Leader
St Pancras & Humanist HA	Annette Davey	Housing Support Manager
Stepforward / Metropolitan Housing Trust	Iain Carruth	Operations Manager
Tamarisk Trust	Alan Weinstock	Services Development Manager
Tamarisk Trust	Margie Gilding	Service Manager
Thomas Watson Cottage	Robin Marson	Clerk to the Trustees

Homes		
Turning Point	Zoe Ashton	Floating Support
Umbrella	Chris Harris	Service Director