

Consultation sub-group of the communication group

22.3.07

Present: Denis Rowley, Margaret Hurcombe, Maggie Macleod, Jimmy MacIntosh, Emmanuelle Le Coz.

Apologies: Anne Edmonstone.

Denis gave a presentation about the new format of the report. He thinks the consultation questions should follow the format of the report to keep things clearer and easier for people.

The new format is as follows:

1. Purpose

2. Introduction

- The Same as You
- History – why do this now?
- Scope and limitations
- How we went about it
 - Barriers to participation (People First, carers, providers)
 - Learning from previous consultations
 - Strategy Board
 - Working groups

3. Pressure for change

- Policy
- Needs and numbers
- Users and carers' expectations
- Resource pressure

4. Services in Lothian

- Map
- What do these cost?

5. Common themes

- Person centred planning
- Transitions
- Health needs and inequalities

6. Specific groups

- Older adults
- People with mental health issues and challenging behaviour
- People who are offenders
- People who are homeless or who abuse substances
- People with profound and multiple learning disabilities
- People with autism spectrum disorders and Aspergers Syndrome.

7. Funding supporting and implementing change

- Resources required
- Releasing money through redesign
- Who pays for what?
- Piloting “In Control”
- Setting up a partnership Board
- Training

8. Conclusions

Here are some of the thoughts from the sub-group:

- We could try and get questions to people through organisations/providers?
- People might need some context/summary to help them and support workers understand why we are asking the questions.
- How do we make sure the responses are “independent”?
- Should we ask advocacy organisations to help?
- Get resources to get independent people to talk to service users.
- Send out questionnaires.
- We could also do the consultation in the form of life stories. At the last consultation people liked to give specific examples about their lives. For example:
 - Where do you live?
 - What do you do?
 - What would you like to change?
- Should we ask people for a wish list? Is that dangerous if there isn't the funding afterwards to make things happen?
- What are the objectives of the consultation? We need to decide on this before we start asking questions. What do we want to find out?
- Does the Health Board has questions they want answered?

- What was the feedback from the last time??

- Should we do more of the same? (because the numbers were very low) or should we do something different?

The sub-group will meet again on Wednesday 11 April at 2pm at the People First Office.