

Lambeth Learning Disabilities Carers' Update

- December 2011 -



Learning Disability Partnership Board

11th January 2012, 10:00am –1:00pm

Lambeth Accord, 336 Brixton Road, London, SW9 7AA

This is a 'Big' meeting—all welcome.

Learning Disability Partnership Board

Profound & Multiple Learning Disabilities Sub-Group meeting



Friday 25th November 2011, 1:30pm—3:30pm

Lambeth Mencap, 43 Knight's Hill, SE27 0HS



Lambeth Learning Disability Carers Forum

Thursday, 19th January, 11:00am-1:00pm

Lambeth Accord, 336 Brixton Road, SW9 7AA



Lambeth Mencap's

Innovative Computer Project



With Funding from Awards For All, Lambeth Mencap are launching an innovative computer project, seeking to help service users and Carers' with access to the internet. From November, Jamie Ralston will begin an outreach service for adults with a learning disability in their own homes and with touch screen technology to enable everyone to take part. To compliment this, a Saturday Morning Surgery's will start for Carers' of adults with learning disabilities. **Please contact Alan or Jamie for more information 0208 655 7714**

Do we have your email address?

By giving us your email address, we can let you know what is going on and keep you up to date. Just let us know by sending a short email to rhill@lambethmencap.org.uk and we will add you .



Best wishes and season's greetings to everyone,



from all at Lambeth Mencap



Carers' Winter Celebration

Monday 12th December 2011

Streatham Friends Meeting House



Redlands Way, Roupell Park Estate, Brixton Hill, SW2 3LU

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Afternoon tea & sing-a-long

Grand raffle draw by Keith Hill at 2.30pm

Donations of cakes would be very welcome — contact Robert or Becky

Contact Robert Hill for further details ; 020 8655 7707



Celebrate the Festive Season & Carers Rights Day

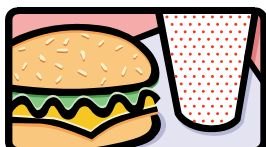
Food, entertainment, music and fun

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, 3rd December

at

Woodlawns Centre,
16 Leigham Court Road,
SW16 2PJ



Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale
on Monday 23 January for Chinese New
Year from 10.30am to 1pm to be held at
Lambeth Accord 336 Brixton Road
SW9 7AA



What's important to Carers?

An opportunity to discuss what's important to
Carers in relation to Lambeth's Plans for next
year's budget

With Councillor Jim Dickson, Cabinet Member for
Health and Wellbeing.

8th December 2011

11:00am - 12:30pm

Woodlawns Centre,
16 Leigham Court Road
LONDON, SW16

HELP? ADVICE? SUPPORT?

Lambeth Mencap Carers' Development Worker

Contact: Robert Hill on 0208 655 7707
or email : rhill@lambethmencap.org.uk



Lambeth LINK is an independent network of local people and organisations in Lambeth. It was created by the Department of Health in England to give everyone the chance to say what they think about their local health and social care services. LINK's membership is FREE.

Monitoring the impact of the budget cuts

The enormity of the budget cuts this year will have impact across communities in Lambeth. This is the first year of a three year cuts programme. Lambeth LINK is collecting evidence and hopes to use it to influence the budget for 2012/2013.

Lambeth LINK will continue to facilitate dialogues between residents, Lambeth Council, NHS Lambeth and the LINK; also to seek collaborative solutions, share expertise in addressing issues and to continue to shape and influence public policies. Please contact us to let us know how cuts and changes are affecting you.

Lambeth LINK, 336 Brixton Road, London SW9 7AA Tel: **020 7274 8522**

www.lambethlink.org.uk

email: **info@lambethlink.org.uk**



LINK Enter & View

LINKs have several powers. One of them is the power to "visit to enter and view" specific premises where health and social care services, funded from the public purse, are being provided.

Visits will be used to gather views and experiences and to observe the quality of services, not simply to identify faults and problem.

The Lambeth LINK wants to exercise this power. But the legislation is clear that only 'authorised representatives' can 'visit to enter and view' services. As a member of the Lambeth LINK or as a Lambeth resident or organisation, you can be invited to apply to become an "authorised representative" of Lambeth LINK to "Visit to enter & view" premises where health and social care services are being provided.

If you want to know more, or are interested in becoming a LINK member and an 'authorised representative' contact Lambeth Link on 020 7274 8522 or by emailing **info@lambethlink.org.uk**



Disability Advice Service Lambeth

Annual General Meeting

Friday 2nd December 2011

11am—1pm (buffet Lunch from 1pm)

(Tea, coffee biscuits from 10.45am)

Lambeth Accord—336 Brixton Road, SW9 7AA

Lambeth Autism Group

Lambeth Autism Group meets to support parents and people with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

Contact **Lydia Hodges**, South East Representative on **020 7704 3806**

or email:

lambethautismgroup@yahoo.co.uk



Carers Rights Day - Friday 2nd December 2011

Direct Payments?

Personal Budgets?

Individual Budgets?

Self Directed Support?

CONFUSED?

Some people are confused by the different terms used for describing funds for care I have put together below what is my understanding of these terms - (Robert Hill)

Direct Payments are cash payments given to service users instead of directly receiving community care services they have been assessed as needing, and are intended to give users greater choice in their care. The payment must be sufficient to allow the service user to purchase services to meet their needs, and must only be spent on services that meet eligible needs.

Personal Budgets are an allocation of funding given to users after an assessment has been carried out. This allocation should be sufficient to meet their assessed needs. Users can either take their personal budget as a direct payment (see above) or – while still deciding on the best way on how their care needs are met and by whom – leave councils with the responsibility to commission (buy) the services. Sometimes they can have some combination of the two.

Individual Budgets is an earlier term for Personal Budgets and is exactly the same (see above) (They are still called Individual Budgets in Scotland)

Self-directed support? Self-Directed Support is when **you** arrange some or all of your support instead of receiving directly provided services from your local authority social work or housing department. (Or you may do this as a carer on behalf of your son or daughter)

Self-Directed Support is for people who would like more **choice, flexibility and control** over their support so that they can live at home more independently. It is not the name of a particular type of service, but a way to tailor-make community care that better suits you.

If you choose to direct your own support, you are in charge of the arrangements. You will get a sum of money to spend on the support you need instead of receiving council services. If you want, you can choose to organise some of your own support and also receive some council services.

What is In-Control?

In-Control is the name of a charitable organisation and not a method of paying for or providing support, although it seemed to become a popular term for all methods of giving more control over budgets. In-Control was founded in 2003 by a small group of people who wanted to make life better for local families with disabled members in Wigan, Lancashire. They pioneered the concept of self-directed support for people with learning disabilities and developed individual budgets (which are now called personal budgets) as a way for people to take charge of their support. www.in-control.org.uk

Do you , or does someone you care for have a Personal Budget ?

Would you like some help making a Support Plan and choosing services?

Lambeth Mencap has a FREE Support Planning & Brokerage Service

For more details contact Laura VanBemmel 020 8655 7742

or email Ivanbemmel@lambethmencap.org.uk

