

# York Learning Disability Partnership Board

## Getting the FACs Right- session

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### What's it all about?

These are the notes from a session run by the Learning Disability Partnership Board in York. Ruth Hicks and Fiona Walker who are chairs of the board called this meeting.

The aim of the meeting was to give board members and other people a chance to have their say about who should be able to get money to pay for social care in the future in York.

The council have been asking lots of people to share their ideas about this.

There is a presentation that comes with these notes that explains the background to this.

Scott Cunningham from Inclusion North helped run the session.



## Getting started



Fiona Walker welcomed everybody and explained what we would be doing through the day. She then asked Kathy Clark to do a presentation about what might be happening about FACs in York.

FACs is how the government says we should check to see if people should be getting social care support. It also helps us work out how much people should be getting and who should be paying for this.

## The York Picture- Kathy Clark



Kathy Clark is the interim Assistant Director Assessment and Safeguarding.

Kathy did a presentation about what is happening in York and then answered questions.

Lots of what was talked about is covered later in these notes.

## Group work- Things we are worried about



1. Family members and family carers receive very little respite at the moment. We worry that some families will have even more strain placed on them. This may result in crisis and goes against the message of supporting carers to live a life 'beyond caring'.

2. The council needs to make sure that when people with learning disabilities have an assessment it is done together with any carer's assessment.



3. We need to also think about when people with learning disabilities are in a caring role and whether they get carers assessment for this.

4. Some people need a 'little bit' of support to keep them healthy safe and well. This might include budget planning or help with living alone. If this support is taken away will some people become unsafe or unwell or get into crisis?

5. We need to make sure people get the right support in the right place at the right time to stop this happening.



6. There is a worry that York will start to 'lump people together' into services (or service land). This goes against the personalisation agenda including people having real choice and control.

## **Good things that could happen**

This is a chance to get back to the real values of inclusion and 'really' do it.

Part of the £150,000 should be spent on projects such as Small Sparks or 'Seed' money projects. These should be about people using their gifts, skills and connections to make good things happen where they live.



We think that future work and services should support people to get jobs.

Community Connectors- More work should be done on this and we should support providers to have a role in this.

We should 'work together' more. A way to do this is sometimes called co-production. Time banks are a really good way of doing this. We could also set up community kitchens and other people led projects.

There is a presentation about co-production that comes with these notes.

People who plan and buy services should start to think in this way when talking about services and how people are designing their support plans.

We need to tap into services which might not be 'learning disabilities' and make them universal. This might include the job centre, transport or our local Change for Life Programme.

This is a chance to make personalisation really happen. Not just the bit about choice and control but:

1. Early intervention and prevention
2. Social capital (the people and places we have connections to)
3. Universal Services (making sure places like leisure centres, the police or transport are accessible to disabled people)



## Our key messages:



1. We need to get better in York at how we talk to people about services and what should be happening. We need to get better at asking people what they think and work out how we move beyond this to everybody working together to make good things happen.



2. We need to remember that this is part of a bigger agenda such as localism. For example, we need to know who needs what kind of support in York so that we can make sure this information is in the JSNA. (there is an easy read explanation of what the JSNA is that comes with these notes).



3. We need to work with people who plan and buy services (commissioners) so that inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. There is a good example of how they did this in Lambeth and Inclusion North have a tool which areas can use to tell whether they are doing co-production. This comes with these notes.