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**Supporting People** is a new system of planning, monitoring and funding housing related support services from April 2003. It's a **partnership** between local government, service users, health, probation and housing support providers helping vulnerable people live independently in the community by providing them with a range of housing related support.

New arrangements **replace** a range of smaller grants and will fund a range of housing related support services to assist vulnerable people maintain a home in the community. For example:

- assistance with managing money & benefit claims
- assistance with setting up & maintaining a home
- provision of community alarms
- help to develop domestic/life skills
- advice, advocacy and liaison
- help in establishing personal safety and security
- supervision and monitoring of health, well being and if necessary medication
- help in establishing social contacts and activities

The Supporting People Partnership in Nottinghamshire, **comprises** the county's 7 districts and county council, Primary Care Trusts, Probation Service and provider representatives and is driving preparation for the programme. A Core Strategy Development Group **oversees** the work of the Supporting People Team. Ongoing work includes mapping all housing-related support services within Nottinghamshire, development of a Shadow Supporting People Strategy and work is also underway to ensure all stakeholders including users are fully consulted.

For more **information** contact: Supporting People Team **tel: 01623 463471 email [ruth.rigby@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.rigby@nottsc.gov.uk)**

The Department of Transport, Local Government and Regions website **[www.spkweb.org.uk](http://www.spkweb.org.uk)** gives the national picture and provides Local Authorities with individual sections.

For **information** on the **Nottingham City Supporting People Partnership** view the web site above or contact **Lyn Ratcliffe** on **0115 915 7324** or via email **[lyn.ratcliffe@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:lyn.ratcliffe@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)**

Available in Braille, large print, tape & on line  
Contact Laurence on 0115 988 1710 for details

## NOTTINGHAM CITY LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Nottingham City Learning Disability Partnership Board held its second meeting in January.

The draft Joint Investment Plan was discussed. The Government requires this Plan to show what is being done to implement Valuing People. The Partnership Board's discussion was mostly about how to spend new funding from April 2002.

The Government is making available a **Learning Disability Development Fund** to assist in achieving the Valuing People targets. In Nottingham City, the proposal is to use the Fund for the following things:

- Person Centred Planning
- Supported Living for people living with older carers
- A Valuing People implementation manager
- Increased funding for advocacy.

The Board also heard a presentation about the Healthy Living Centre bid which has been short-listed for Lottery funding.

The City Board is having a **special** meeting in March so that Board members can spend more time discussing how they will work together. A further ordinary meeting of the Board takes place on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Mansfield

Policy Officer Nottingham Social Services Dept

General comments to [learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:learningdisability@pdteam.org.uk)

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## COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

"Much of the Community Reference Group's work has been superseded .... therefore it seems timely for the CRG to cease."

At its last public meeting the Community Reference Group decided to use its remaining small budget to fund a **conference** on the changes in health structures and facilitate the sharing of information across the voluntary sector. The conference in September 2001 and the valuable contributions from delegates have been fed back to the respective health agencies and others.

Much of the Community Reference Group's work has been **superseded** by moves made by individual PCTs to create structures for information and involvement, therefore it seems timely for the CRG to cease. As Chairman of the CRG I would like to **thank** the PDT, members of the CRG and colleagues in Nottingham Health for their support, guidance, professionalism and integrity of their contribution to the evolving healthcare debate.

A **new** group, the **Nottinghamshire Health & Social Care Providers' Forum** has been developed to meet the specific needs of specialist provider agencies providing services at the interface of health and social care. The forum - set up in collaboration between Health and Social Services - provides a **focus** for:

- those **specialist** organisations who contract with the statutory health and social service authorities in Nottinghamshire;
- **sharing** and promoting good practice;
- **discussion** and collaboration between organisations providing services;
- cross agency planning and service developments within the wider health community of the County.

For **information** contact **Andrew Fry**, Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Hospice on 0115 9101008

Just as 2001/02 saw **great changes** with the creation of new Trusts, this year will see the replacement of Nottingham Health Authority by a Strategic Health Authority covering Lincolnshire, Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire. County Social Services will begin to directly provide mental health services in Broxtowe & Hucknall, Gedling and Rushcliffe.

Against these changes preparations for 02/03 have continued. We are trying to **determine** how much new investment we will receive and use the priorities identified in our Stage 3 Action Plan as a guide to the mental health targets in the HIMP (Health Improvement and Modernisation Plan).

We received detailed analysis of the financial mapping and the 'traffic lights' assessment we undertook as part of Stage 3 that **demonstrate** Nottingham has performed well compared with similar communities. It also shows us **priority areas** for development such as the national target around Crisis Resolution services.

Just as we breathed a sigh of relief having completed the Service and Financial Framework (SaFF) we received guidance on requirements for Stage 4 of the NSF implementation!

The Local Implementation Team (LIT) is rising to the challenge and is **organising** its approach to the needs of the new year – key changes are to reduce the number of full meetings with the emphasis on smaller groups delivering particular pieces of work in agreed timescales. The LIT will **continue** to make positive use of its strong user and carer voice, to ensure developments are planned around real needs as expressed in the Stakeholder Conference and elsewhere.

Finally we are all aware of the tragic and untimely death of Kate Smyth. In her short time she gained much respect and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts remain with her family, friends and colleagues.

**David Levell – Local Implementation Manager Mental Health**  
General comments to [mentalhealth@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:mentalhealth@pdteam.org.uk)

“... ‘traffic lights’ demonstrate that Nottingham has performed well compared with similar communities”

### IN BRIEF

#### HIV & AIDS

The HIV & AIDS JCG will hold its last meeting in April where they will discuss possible mechanisms to ensure a local focus on HIV in the wider sexual health agenda. The directory of services for people with HIV is in the final stages of production. Anyone who would like a copy should contact Ruth Cutler via the details in this newsletter

[hivaidsp@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:hivaidsp@pdteam.org.uk)

#### Friends in the North

##### Do you work across Nottinghamshire? Have you made contact with our friends in the North?

You may like to learn that they have a great newsletter “Staying In Touch” and a website for information relating to health and social care planning at

[www.healthpartnership.fslife.co.uk](http://www.healthpartnership.fslife.co.uk)

For further information contact Kevin Skingsley at Bassetlaw CVS on 01909 476118 or [partnerships@bcvs.org.uk](mailto:partnerships@bcvs.org.uk)

## PHYSICAL & SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

“the JCG is looking for people interested in the development of Integrated Community Equipment Services.”

Since the previous newsletter the Joint Commissioning Group has been continuing to disseminate users' views to our key partners. In December a **presentation** was made to the Patient Partnership Champions Network – this also included findings from the “Speak Out – Make a Difference” conferences to report the views of black disabled people and carers. In February the JCG met with GP practice managers in Broxtowe and Hucknall Primary Care Trust to **advise** them of users' views and needs in relation to primary care services. The JCG is also **regularly** meeting with representatives from QMC and City Hospitals to discuss ways of meeting disabled people's needs in secondary care.

**Consultations** with users and carers continue. A meeting was held with Deaf Users in February to report back on the progress made – this included such issues as County and City Social Services having agreed to fund a BSL (British Sign Language) video to signpost relevant services for deaf people.

A **meeting with carers** of people with physical and sensory impairment is currently being arranged. Please **contact** the Partnership Development Team if you are a carer and interested in getting involved or see page 6.

The JCG is still **looking** for users and carers who are interested in the development of the Integrated Community Equipment Service – we need people to join the Steering Group or the Equipment Advisory Group to have a direct say in influencing the future of the service. Contact **Jane Godden** at Nottingham City Primary Care Trust for more **information** on 0115 942 6000, extension 38504.

General comments to [physicalsensory@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:physicalsensory@pdteam.org.uk)

## HEALTH POLICY NEWS

**SWEEPING changes** to NHS structures will mean future health services are planned on a more local basis, meaning potentially more opportunities for local people to have a say about services. Much of the **responsibility** for local health services rests with Broxtowe and Hucknall, Gedling, Nottingham City, and Rushcliffe Primary Care Trusts.

This will change the way the local Health Improvement and Modernisation Plan (HIMP) is developed. The HIMP, is a strategy which assesses local health needs and sets out aims, objectives and targets for improving people's health, has to date covered the whole Nottingham health district. However from April 2003, **each PCT will develop its own HIMP**, focussing on the needs of people in its area.

The current HIMP looks at 17 “**health action areas**” with work being taken forward by a “health action area key group”, eg Joint Commissioning Groups and National Service Framework Local Implementation Teams.

Future HIMPs are likely to cover **similar** issues, but because they will be developed for each PCT area, they should also tie in closely with other local plans such as **community strategies** developed by the new “Local Strategic Partnerships” where they exist.

PCTs have a remit to **involve** local people in planning and developing health services and will need to ensure they consult groups e.g. voluntary and patients' groups, as well as individuals, in their own local areas, when developing their HIMPs.

Karen Cross Rushcliffe CVS [health@rushcliffecvs.org.uk](mailto:health@rushcliffecvs.org.uk)

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## OLDER PEOPLE

The final **guidance** has come through clarifying the thrust of the **Single Assessment Process for Older People** and the recommended assessment approaches. The practicalities of **implementing** a city and county wide shared assessment process across both health and social care communities are being pulled together by sub groups of the Single Assessment Steering Group. Work has commenced on **reviewing** the recommended methods of assessment and identifying locally preferred specialist and multi disciplinary approaches to assessment. Approaches to the different levels of assessments will be decided upon over the next few months with Development sites using the new paperwork and software from June 2002.

- Work has started on **mapping** care pathways.
- **Funding** for the Development Programme to meet the training and development needs of staff about to use the single assessment process is being sought.
- Information technology **implications** are being addressed by a working group of representatives from I.T. & systems areas across the city & county.

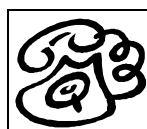
If you are interested in contributing and helping to shape the assessment approaches, the work around care pathways mapping or any other aspects of the single assessment process, please contact **Sarah Greaves (Project Manager)** on **0115 942600 ext. 48751** or [sarah.greaves@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:sarah.greaves@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk).

General comments to [olderpeople@pdteam.org.uk](mailto:olderpeople@pdteam.org.uk)

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If **you** have any ideas, issues or concerns about any of the subjects in this newsletter please contact the Chairs direct or write to the **partnership development** team (PDT) ,



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**Rushcliffe**  
**CVS**  
Promoting Voluntary Action

If you would like further information on health and social care developments, try the Rushcliffe CVS web site.

[www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk/healthaction.htm](http://www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk/healthaction.htm)

	<b>voluntary</b> sector forums
	These local forums provide opportunities to exchange information & share views. All discuss health & social care, some have a wider remit exploring other local initiatives and opportunities. Further information available below:
Ashfield	Ashfield Links Forum; David Gilding on 01623 555 551 or LINKS@netcomuk.co.uk
Gedling	Gedling Voluntary Action Network, Pam Wisher on 0115 926 6750 gedlingvb@care4free.net
ARCH	Action for Rural Care & Health – a multi-agency forum looking at health & social care issues in the context of Rural Nottinghamshire. For Information contact Marilyn Tippet at Notts Rural Community Council on 01623 727 600
Housing & Homelessness	A multi-agency forum examining issues of housing and homelessness in the County & City. For further information contact Fiona Bennett on 0115 967 4424
<b>new</b> Learning Disability	A county-wide forum for voluntary organisations working with adults with learning disabilities. The group meets quarterly to support the voluntary sector representatives on the County Learning Disability Partnership Board. The <b>next</b> meeting is <b>Wednesday 29th May</b> , venue to be confirmed. Contact Maggy Topley on 0115 988 1710 or Val Gardiner 01636 613693 for further information.

## CARERS MEETINGS

<b>Learning Disability</b>	The Carers' Forum (parent/carers of adults with a learning disability) is having an open meeting to celebrate carers week on <b>June 10th</b> starting at <b>10.30 am</b> at the Red Cross . If you are carer of someone with a learning disability or know someone who is contact Maggy on 0115 988 1710 or email pdteamrx@proweb.co.uk for more information.
<b>Physical or Sensory Impairment</b>	Do you <b>look after</b> someone with a physical or sensory impairment? <b>Yes</b> , then the Nottingham Joint Commissioning Group for Physical & Sensory Impairment would like to hear from you. This group of senior managers in Health and Social Services plan services for people with a physical or sensory impairment aged between <b>16 – 65 years</b> living in Nottingham City, the Boroughs of Broxtowe, Gelding and Rushcliffe and the area of Hucknall. They also plan services for those people who look after or assist that person on a daily basis. Often this person is a close family member and they are referred to as a <b>carer</b> by the Government. To get a better understanding of the needs of carers who have a relative aged between 16 – 65 years with a physical or sensory impairment a meeting is planned for <b>Thursday 23rd May</b> Tine and venue to be decided. You can claim expenses for coming to talk to us. For more <b>information</b> contact Laurence on 0115 988 1710 or email pdteamrx@proweb.co.uk

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Harjinder Nerwal	Black & Ethnic Minorities Advisory Group	
Jane Godden	Physical & Sensory Impairment	
Karen Cross	Policy & Information Officer (Health)	<b>Rushcliffe CVS</b> Park Lodge Bridgford Rd West Bridgford Nott'm NG2 6AT Tel: 0115 981 6988

other **primary care trusts**

Broxtowe & Hucknall	Priory Court, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2TA Tel 0115 875 4900
Rushcliffe	6 Bridgford Rd, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6AB Tel 0115 914 3225

# diary

date meeting start time

## april

Monday 8th	Carers Forum - contact the PDT for details (parent/carers of adults with learning disabilities)	10.30 am
Tuesday 9th	Learning Disability Development Group	1.30 pm
Thursday 11th	Older Persons Strategic Modernisation Team	2 pm
Friday 12th	Physical & Sensory Impairment JCG	10 am
Tuesday 16th	HIV & AIDS JCG	2 pm

## may

Monday 13th	Carers Forum - contact the PDT for details (parent/carers of adults with learning disabilities)	10.30 am
Tuesday 14th	Learning Disability Development Group	1.30 pm
Wednesday 15th	HIV & AIDS user carer task group	10.30 am
Thursday 23rd	Meeting for carers of people with Physical & sensory Impairments – contact the PDT for information	To be confirmed
Wednesday 29th	Learning Disability Voluntary Sector Forum	11 am

## june

10th – 16th	Carers Week	
Monday 10th	Carers Forum - contact the PDT for details (parent/carers of adults with learning disabilities)	10.30 am
Tuesday 11th	Learning Disability Development Group	1.30 pm

**NOTE: Details of meetings in faint type are for information only. If you wish to discuss any matters please do so via the appropriate contact details overleaf or the Partnership Development Team**

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