



NHS Education South Central

Open letter to parents
and carers of people
with learning
disabilities,
Milton Keynes.

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Dear Parent or Carer,

Reference Group Representative for the Valued People Project [VPP]

South Central Strategic Health Authority has commissioned a project to undertake a review of the educational commissioning process, alongside an exploration of work force planning issues in learning disability.

The out come of this work will result in changes to educational commissioning for the future, along with the possibility of developing a new award for a learning disability practitioner for health and social care, should this be supported.

Also the project will describe a career framework for people working in learning disability services. Finally it will identify key competencies for all future educational programmes commissioned by the Health Authority concerning the support of people with learning disabilities in mainstream health services.

Clearly the scope and remit of this project will impact on a range of sectors, agencies and others such as people with learning disabilities and parents and carers of this group, That is why I am writing to you to join one of the reference groups of this project; providing expert advice from a parent or carer perspective. I attach an electronic copy of the projects details for your information. This reference group will meet once for about one and a half hours during the early evening [19.00 – 20.30 hrs.] the venue for this meeting is;

The Redway School.
Farnborough,
Netherfield.
Milton Keynes.
MK6 4HG.
01908 200000

The meeting will take place in Milton Keynes and I intend to hold a series of these across the geographical area of the health authority so further meeting will take place in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and the Isle of White. An agenda for our discussions will be tabled on the evening of our meeting on the 25 March 2009. I do hope that you are able to accept this invitation, and I look forward to confirmation from you if you able to come and meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,



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