

## **Learning Disabilities Partnership Board**

### **Open Forum options**

Discussion at the Partnership Board in December 2016 focussed on the Open Forum part of the current Locality Group structure. Previously the Open Forum element had taken place at the Partnership Board and there was a discussion about this reverting back to the Partnership Board. There was a view that the Locality Group structure was not effective in gaining views and resolving the issues raised. However there was a counter view that the Partnership Board did not function well when the Open Forum took place at this meeting and created a negative environment and context in which to hold the meeting.

The Open Forum's remit is to have the opportunity to have a discussion about generic issues, which the aim to search for clarity and possible resolution.

The options that appear available for discussion and consensus, regarding the future of the Open Forum are as follows;

- For the function to cease
- For the function to remain with the Locality Groups
- For the function to transfer to the Partnership Board, if so timescale needs agreement (what time and how long)
- For the Adult Social Care complaints procedure to be used for individual issues and for any commercial provider issues to be directed to Commissioning within Adult Social Care

### **Recommendation**

For the function to remain with the Locality Groups because of the previous negative experience of this function taking place at the Partnership Board

For the proposed Support Officer post to be focussed on supporting the Locality Groups, part of the role being to enable the functioning of the Open Forum to take place and work with Team Managers and Commissioning Lead to manage and resolve issues.