



News from the Dimensions Board meeting May 2016

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The Dimensions **Board** are a group of people who make important decisions about Dimensions.



The **Board** check that Dimensions are doing the things they should.



These are the **minutes** from the meeting. **Minutes** are the notes of what people say in a meeting.



They can help you find out what is going on and what people have promised to do.



News from Steve Scown



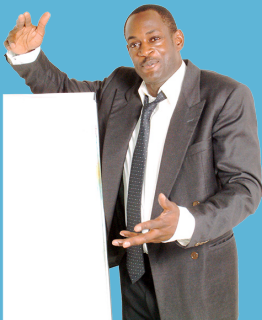
Steve Scown told the **Board** the most important things that had happened since the last meeting.



The Board members talked about **Never Events**. **Never Events** is the name for very serious things that happen when we are working with people we support.



They are so serious that staff need to tell the **Board** about them. The **Board** checks that Dimensions has done the right things to sort out any problems and to learn from what happened.



The **Board** found out about the **Never Events** that had happened recently.



They found out that staff had done a good job of checking what happened. The **Board** found out what staff did to help stop those serious things happening again.



Information about the deaths of people supported by Dimensions



The **Board** looked at the number of deaths of people we support in Dimensions.



Some deaths are expected when people get older, and some people have health problems.



The **Board** wanted to know whether the amount of people who die that are supported by Dimensions were the same as the people in the rest of the country.



The **Board** talked about other health problems of people we support.



The **Board** agreed to find an expert to help us think about the number of people who die that are supported by Dimensions.



This expert will write a report with what they find out every year.



The **Board** looked at last year's **Delivery Plan**. The **Delivery Plan** is a plan that says how Dimensions will do the things it has promised to do.



Last year's **Delivery Plan** showed that Dimensions did all the work it promised to do.



The **Board** were really happy that Dimensions had done this work. They said thank you to everyone for all their hard work.



The rules Dimensions must follow



Dimensions has to follow lots of rules when it supports people.



The government decide what these rules are.



The **Board** looked at reports to see how well it was following these rules.



The **Board** was happy that Dimensions was meeting all of these rules.



The **Board** talked about the things that are difficult in running an organisation like Dimensions.



They talked about money, technology and getting good information.



They talked about what is difficult for Support Workers and bosses.



Sometimes different smaller organisations become part of Dimensions because this is best for their organisation, Dimensions and the people they support.



These changes mean that there are some staff who did not choose to come and work for Dimensions. They chose to work for the smaller organisation.



The **Board** talked about whether this was a problem.



The **Board** agreed that it is really important that as Dimensions gets bigger, it carries on putting the things it believes at the centre of everything it does.



We want everyone to understand and to feel part of what Dimensions is trying to do.



The **Board** and the bosses of Dimensions will be doing a lot of work on this in the next few months.



Money



The **Board** looked at how well Dimensions looked after its money from March 2015 to March 2016.



The **Board** talked about a report that would help Dimensions make sure it spends its money on the right things. This information would help Dimensions make plans for the next five years.



Good Information



The **Board** asked how good is the information that Dimensions uses. Dimensions needs a lot of different kinds of information to work and make decisions.



The bosses of Dimensions told the **Board** what they are doing to make the information that Dimensions uses better.



A few people from the **Board** are in the **Group Audit Committee**.



The **Group Audit Committee** check to see how good the information is the Dimensions uses.



They will let the **Board** know what they find out.



New business



The Board talked about two new organisations that Dimensions can work with in the future.



They checked to see that we have all the information we need to make decisions about this.



The **Board** agreed that it would go for an opportunity to get some new business supporting people.



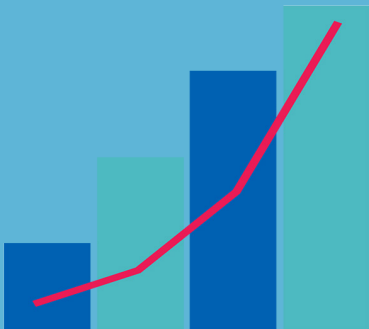
The **Board** said it would wait until it made a decision about some other new business.



They will get more information about it before they make a decision.



This **Board** meeting was Paul Jobson's last one before leaving Dimensions.



Paul was the boss of business in Dimensions.



The **Board** thanked Paul for all his hard work, and they all said he had done a good job. They said they wish him well in his new job.



The **Board's** next meeting is on 27 July 2016.



How to contact the Dimensions Board



If you want to know more about what happened in the meeting.



If you have anything you want to say about what the **Board** has been doing. If you want to share any ideas or stories.



You can email the **Board** at:
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