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# Representative/Forum Voice Report & Claim Form



Name of Forum Voice	Aideen Henry
Partnership Group Attended	PDSN (Physical Disability and Sensory Needs group)
Date of Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2011
Date of next meeting (where known)	

Please provide a brief report from your meeting using the bullet point format below on issues that will, or could be, of interest to colleagues in the Voluntary & Community Sector. Examples would be information on the implementation of new regulatory/legislative changes or how services are being provided in partnership, what opportunities might come forward for their involvement and issues which the representatives on the LSP need to know.

Point 1	The PDSN are now planning their work programme for 11/12. On July 7 <sup>th</sup> , they are holding their annual conference and this will be based on employment. Many members are concerned about all the impending benefit changes – there may be a separate conference to address these issues when the government have finalised decisions based on all the consultations.
Point 2	The group are building in basic sign language sessions into their meetings as the vice chair is profoundly deaf. There was some limited discussions around whether this would be useful for other disabled groups but I questioned this as it requires a lot of hand co-ordination.
Point 3	The group are also looking at providing support to disabled people to complete their census questionnaire as it's been recognised many people may have difficulties in completing it.