



Health and Social Care (HSC) Network Minutes

11/11/2008 (6-8.00pm @ T3SC)

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Chair: Sheila Beswick (Endometriosis UK)</p> <p>Anna Hynes (T3SC Health and Social Care Networker), Roy Jones (Eczema Society and Voice), Eileen Furness (Davaar Patient's Help Group) Theo Knight (St John's Church), Zanib Rasul (NEAB), Ann Barlow (Friends of Vision First), Glenis Lee (Tameside Blind Association) John Newton (Healthy Living Project Mental Health Worker TMBC), Amrit Mistry (Shree Bharatiya Mandal Indian Association and T3SC Board Member), Maggie Stansfield (Patients Information Centre TGHFT), James Pinder (TSP and Retired Teachers Association), Anne and Colin Pike (British Red Cross and Holidays for people with Disabilities), Lesley Conner (Hyde Community Action).</p>	<p>Ruth Bates (TGHFT), Denise Bates (Tameside Home Services, TGHFT and HPB), Justin Colon (Broadoak Community Centre), Harry Lee (Urstonomy Association), Emma Roberts (The Stroke Association), Ingrid Galbreth (T&G Mind and Topaz Cafe), Ali Gelder and Liz Wright (People First Tameside), Viv Whitaker (Glossop Volunteer Centre).</p>

Agenda Item		Discussion	Actions
Welcome and Introductions		Special welcome to some new faces at the Network, Zanib Rasul, Lesley Connor, Maggie Stansfield and John Newton.	
Zanib Rasul	Guest Speaker	Informative presentation on the work of the North of England Bone Marrow and Thalassaemia Association (NEBATA). Thalassaemia is a genetic blood disorder which is prevalent in black minority ethnic groups (BME) particularly those of South East Asian decent. It is believed that 50% of this group could be carriers of the gene responsible for this debilitating disease similar to sickle cell anaemia.	For more information contact Zanib on 2737 200 or by email zanib.rasul@cmmc.nhs.uk
Matters Arising		N/A	
T3SC Restructure	Anna updated/discussion	T3SC has undergone a restructure which has regrettably resulted in the redundancy of the HSC team leader. The idea behind the changes is to	For more information on the changes contact Anna 339 4985



		make give the networks a more clearly defined roll in Tameside and to ensure that we remain the voice of the voluntary and community sector (VCS) within the strategic parameters of the borough.	
HSC extra meetings for smaller groups	Anna updated/discussion	As a result of the changes and my appointment we discussed the diversity of the HSC network and the relevance of what we cover in meetings to larger groups and smaller groups respectively. It was proposed that smaller groups may benefit from more support from the network in terms of training, consultation exercises and briefings which are better targeted towards their needs and how wider changes affect their group specifically, where as larger groups may be more concerned with policy and strategy in Tameside.	This is an ongoing piece of work, Anna is to set extra meetings (and compile terms of reference for these), and circulate a list of current and potential training we could offer through T3SC. If there is specific training you wish to undergo please contact Anna on 339 4985 or via email. Suggestions included IT skills and writing funding applications.
Briefing Paper	Discussion	The paper compiled for discussion was well received by all. Those from smaller groups found the topics interesting and highlights as to how it relates to the VCS useful, while those representing larger groups found it to be a good overview of policies which may affect their group and a good way of assessing if reading the original paper is the best use of their limited time. We discussed the title of the paper, it was felt that it did not say who the network represents and was too long.	The dates for the next policy briefing paper have been set by Anna and will be sent out with the Papers for the next HSC meeting. If anyone has any suggestions on a 'brand' name or pictorial representation for the front cover please contact Anna, a prize will be given for the best suggestion!



World Class Commissioning (WCC) Update	Anna updated/discussion	World Class Commissioning (the Primary Care Trusts 5 year strategy for buying health care services including VCO services) was discussed at the last HSC Network. Since then many consultations have taken place regarding the first 5 priority areas: Cardiovascular Disease, Mental Health, Children (healthy start), Alcohol (local priorities) and Health Inequalities/Life Expectancy (National Priorities). Which were largely attended by professionals, in the next round of consultation there are 9 further areas which will be examined these are: Disabilities (Physical largely), Urgent Care, Obesity, Long Term Conditions, Sexual Health, Older People, Planned Care, and End of Life Care/Cancer.	World class commissioning is a 5 year strategy which will impact on any HSC VCS delivering health and social care services in Tameside. To have an input in the early stages of its development the PCT are holding consultation groups across Tameside. Anna to give information on dates of consultations to those who are interested and to invite a PCT rep to consult the HSC network.
VOICE	Anna updated/discussion	Voice (the voluntary and community sector network which feeds directly into Tameside's Strategic Partnership) is also undergoing a revamp. A briefing about the changes was delivered, essentially any member of the VCS can represent their group at Voice, and from this they can join any of T3SC's networks. Representatives from voice are to be voted to attend TSP. Exact membership details are still being discussed.	When the next voice meeting date has been set Anna will inform the HSC network. It was suggested that attendance could be improved by setting meeting dates for the same time e.g. "first Thursday of the month at 6pm".
LGBT Update	Anna updated	Anna is now the main contact for the Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) work at T3SC. As a result of the work done by the policy (stakeholder group), we have now set up a community group which met for the first time in October. As the group is new we are currently discussing terms of reference, and how to meet the recommendations in the report produced.	For any further information please contact Anna. Copies of the report and future dates will be sent out for information as soon as they are received by T3SC.



Health Partnership Board	Anna updated	In the absence of the HPB rep for the group Anna updated as to the issues covered by the board. One area which will potentially affect us all is the proposal to fluoridate Tameside's water (see policy briefing paper), it was agreed at HPB that the PCT could begin to look into this method of improving oral health in Tameside the pros and cons of which were briefly discussed. Nothing will be decided without extensive evaluation and public consultation.	Anna to keep the group up to date regarding this and to inform of any consultations that are arranged.
John Newton	Presentation	John gave a brief overview of the work he has been involved in Tameside for the Healthy living Project regarding the mental Health of the BME community. Work in this area is continuing to address previous failings in addressing the needs of BME community members with poor mental health. Since 1999 vast Improvements have been made, but there is still much to do.	For more information contact John at John.newton@tameside.gov.uk
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St John's Church, Dukinfield • National Diabetes Day 	Range of activities including: " Drug proof your kids" A Nationally recognised family centred program of training on sensible approaches to alcohol (and drug misuse) are being delivered at St John's Church in conjunction with St Peters Partnership Gentle exercise classes, Friends and neighbours meeting group and much more Information day	For more information contact Theo Knight 344 0269 Ashton Town Hall Friday 14th of November 10am-4pm