



Health and Social Care (HSC) Network Minutes

11/11/2008 (6-8pm @ T3SC)

Attendees:

Chair: Sheila Beswick (WAG, Endometriosis UK)

Hameed Khan (T3SC Health and Social Care Team Leader), **Anna Hynes** (T3SC Health and Social Care Networker), Mairead Jones for Ruth Bates (TGH Volunteer), **Roy Jones** (Eczema Society), **Eileen Furness** (Davaar Patient's Help Group and St John's Church), **Gaz Stanton** (Brain Injury Group Tameside), **Catherine Hughes** (Support Worker for Gaz), **Bruce Poole** (Health Improvement Manager TMBC), **Moira Hulme** (LIFE and the Tameside Deafblind Association), **Sarah Gardener and Jenny Harkinson** (Royal National Institute for the Deaf -RNID), **Sarwar Ibrahim** (Kushamdid), **Colin Pike** (British Red Cross and Holidays for people with Disabilities), **Susan Patterson** (LINKS).

Apologies:

Marie Clements (Tameside Family Carers), **James Pinder** (Tameside Retired Teachers and TSP), **Hilda Fielding** (MENCAP), **Theo Knight** (St. John's Church), **Ola Inka** (TAFWA), **Anne Barlow** (Friends of Vision First), **Denise Bates** (Age Concern Tameside), **Geoffry Mellor** (Davaar Patient's Help Group), **Roger Walker** (Macular Disease Society), **Amrit Mistry** (Shree Bharatiya Mandal).

Agenda Item		Discussion	Actions
Welcome and Introductions		Welcome to new faces at the Network: Gaz Stanton, Mairead Jones and to Anna Hynes	
Health Partnership Board	Update by Hameed		To be discussed when there is more information available.
Disability Access Forum	Update by Sheila and Anna	The Access Forum has reformed and is looking at setting up independently as Peter Denton who is currently facilitating will be unable to do so long term. The forum is a chance to affect changes to all areas of access issues for disabled people not just physical access challenges. People from statutory agencies and private sector agencies	Anyone interested in attending the Disability Forum or the Disability Conference should contact Peter Denton (Adult Services) on 0161 370 1179 .

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		such as planning are invited to attend. There is a real sense that they are able to answer questions and deal with issues posed by the forum and to show developments long term e.g. “You Said: We Did”. The next Access meeting is going to be held at the Disability Conference.	
Disability Conference 20th September	Update by Anna	This is the second Disability Conference, which last year was extremely well attended and received. The event will be held on the 20th of September 2008 and allows people affected by disability to get together with professionals and discuss what can be done to improve services for people with disabilities in Tameside, and find out what has been done to improve since last year. The theme this year is “Maintaining Independence”.	Places are limited and are filling up fast so if you are interested in attending contact Peter Denton (Adult Services) on 0161 370 1179 to request a pack or book over the phone or peter.denton@tameside.gov.uk Or contact Anna Hynes and she will send the information to you.
Carers Strategy	Update by Hameed	There is a need to recognise the contribution that carers make in terms of qualitative and quantitative measurements. There is also a necessity to address the issues affecting carers themselves, to keep them healthy and well will reduce the long term financial/health impact which could otherwise occur (e.g. if a carer becomes ill as well as the person they care for carers for each must be found).	
Healthy Horizons North West	Update by Hameed (and Bruce Poole)	The North West Strategic Health Authority has used the National document for service delivery in the NHS to produce one relating to the North West, this is called “Healthy Horizons” and contains many potential opportunities for Voluntary and Community organisations.	This report can be found at: www.northwest.nhs.uk/healthierhorizons
Lord Darzi’s Report “High Quality Care for All” and	Briefing by Hameed (and Bruce)	Patient centred high quality care, the introduction and development of personal budgets allowing better choice in health and wellbeing services and moves towards better partnership working with Voluntary	The briefing paper prepared by Hameed was distributed with the invites to the Network.



Healthy Horizons North West		Community Organisations (VCO's), are all set to influence the way VCO's are involved in delivering services and how we will be funded and monitored in the future.	The full report can be found at: www.ournhs.nhs
LGBT/LGBF Health Summit	Update	Previous involvement with the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Forum using information surrounding life chances and involving the Council and NHS has lead to shifts in culture and stereotypes in Tameside. "Against Homophobia Day" on the 16 th of May 2008 highlighted that these are hard to reach groups and that provision is lacking. This may influence funding in the future so it is worth asking yourself if there are gaps for LGBT groups in your service.	For more information contact Hameed Khan 0161 339 4985
LINKS	Guest Speaker – Susan Patterson	LINK (Local Involvement Network) is a 3 year initiative which is happening in Tameside and is being hosted by T3SC. LINK will give local people the chance to have their views heard on how Health and Social Care services should be planned and run in Tameside. It will be a network of local people, organisations and groups to provide a stronger voice for the community. It will not take over from existing groups, and will have certain powers to affect changes.	To find out more contact Susan on 0161 339 4985
AOB	World Class Commissioning- Briefing and invite to consultation event by Anna	World Class Commissioning (WCC) is the way in which the Primary Care Trust (PCT) will buy the best possible health services for local people over the next five years. It is the process of deciding what services are needed, acquiring them and ensuring they meet requirements, and will consequently affect VCO's wanting to plan and deliver services in Health and Social Care in this time period.	A WCC event is being arranged with T3SC on 28 September at Dukinfield Town Hall (see attached invite). If your group operates in any of the following areas the PCT has highlighted (Alcohol, Cardiovascular Disease, Children, Health Inequalities/Life Expectancy, And



			Mental Health). WCC will potentially affect your service, so come and find out more before changes leave you behind!
	Congestion Charge Event - Invite	There is an Information Event regarding the Greater Manchester Congestion Charge being held on Tuesday the 9 th of September from 10.30am – 12.30 in the George Hatton Hall at Dukinfield Town Hall.	If you are interested in attending please contact Hakeel Quershi on 0161 339 4985
	Introduction of BIG Tameside – Gaz Stanton	There is no service available to people with brain injuries in Tameside, the nearest being Stockport. Gaz has been brain injured himself and is setting up BIG Tameside (Brain Injury Group Tameside) to help the recovery and rehabilitation of other brain injured people. He has so far arranged premises and is soon to be getting posters and flyers done to raise awareness.	To find out more ring Anna Hynes on 0161 339 4985 The premises for the group will be: Lomas Court, Newman Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7JN
	Reporter/Chronicle and PCT: “Health in the Community Awards”	A scheme between the PCT and the Reporter where people can vote for their favourite member of the NHS.	Nomination request given to the Network the deadline was the 15th of August.
	NHS Foundation Trust Council Membership Applications	Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is seeking members to have their say on plans and services and vote to elect Council Members, stand for election yourself, and receive an invite to the AGM. This is a good way of keeping up to date as to what is happening in the Hospital.	Applications were sent out with the invite to the Health Network.