

SOMERSET PARTNERSHIP PPI FORUM

Notes From the

PRIVATE MEETING

Held On: 7th March 2006

At: The Locality Office, Friarn Lawn, Bridgwater, TA6 3LL

Members Present: Eilleen Tipper, Cameron Ford, Pamela Storey, Zena Winter, Eileen Moschke, Michael Beaton

HAP: Maria Reeve

Trust: Karen Hawker (PALS Officer)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Eilleen welcomed Karen Hawker, she went on to give a presentation on the work of PALS and her role within the local Trust. Karen is going to carry out an evaluation of the PALS service.

Members asked questions and a discussion followed which included issues around the PALS profile and image. Members stressed the important role of PALS officers when working with patients experiencing mental health problems and the particular feelings of vulnerability they may often have which can make it difficult when they are asking for support.

Karen was thanked for her attendance. Confirmation was made from her and all Forum members to maintain good communications.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were none

3. Members' Declarations of Interest

Cameron Ford is employed by MIND.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Draft Minutes of the Public Meeting held on 14th February 2006

These were agreed.

5. Healthcare Commission

Discussion took place. It was agreed that at this stage the Forum did not have enough members, evidence or time to comment on the core standards.

Although the Forum decided that they did not have the capacity to comment fully they did consider it important to submit a statement to the Trust. It was agreed that this statement should explain the forums capacity limitations for not giving a full response and to acknowledge how The Trust has included the Forum on Trust developments and welcomed the regular attendance and input from Trust staff at Forum meetings.

All agreed that the Chair, Eileen Tipper, would write a statement to the Trust expressing the above.

Eileen will also write a welcome letter to the new Chief Executive.

6. Work Plan

All Agreed to the current work plan but there was concern around time scales and how limited resources deterred from fulfilling tasks as well as members would like to.

Older People Michael will start to collate information

Suicide Project Pam Storey had prepared a background paper for members to read. Eileen Moshke and Zena will follow up from this paper.

Women's Services agreed that Eileen Moshke would begin gathering background information and look at appropriate Trust policies. She will contact Helen Philips and enquire about the Women's' Strategy. Zena also has information to forward to Eileen.

Training Issues Members felt that more training could be offered in the Taunton area. Maria to talk to the commission, Sue Drew to find out about media training for members.

7. Any Other Business

Maria asked to contact a speaker for next public Meeting

Eillean Tipper to make a date with Maria to meet to work on the annual report

Chairs Conference in March Eillean Tipper will attend. Zena will confirm her attendance with Maria

Trust Strategy Workshop 16th March Eillean Tipper will attend

“Bigger Picture Event” 10th April Eillean Tipper will attend. Zena to confirm

8. NEXT Forum meeting to be held in Public in Wells 25th April