

Kent Service User and Carer Support Network



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West Kent Service Users Briefing Meeting

Venue: Carers First, Tonbridge – Thursday 16 April 2009

Present: L H Sevenoaks Area Mind
G F Platform
D M Reachout
T G Reachout
L R Reachout
J J NHS West Kent
N B MCCH
T M Invicta Advocacy
L M Heart of the Matter
S F Platform
G F Heart of the Matter

Apologies: R B

	Action
1. Introductions and welcome.	
2. Minutes of previous Meeting. Accuracy – D M was incorrectly spelt. T G, L R and D M are not with Rethink they are from Reachout.	
3. Matters Arising Numbers of agenda items not correct on minutes. Listening Exercise – The response will be circulated to all the stakeholders by the end of May. J J will circulate.	J J
4. Minutes of JCB Meeting Jason spoke of the Service Users request at the JCB for a healthy Living Centre for Tonbridge – L K to liaise with Executive Directors at West Kent and feedback. Service User Rep for the JCB = L R. NSF assessment; Explanation of Red Amber Green traffic	L K

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<p>light system.</p> <p>J spoke of the new services to be invested in primary care to support service users and carers who are currently being managed by their GP.</p> <p>T G voiced her concerns that Suicide Prevention remained on red and should take a higher profile particularly as there is new policy around CPA – there is now no enhanced CPA.</p> <p>K M would join the PCT and will take a lead on the work to ensure a strategy would be in place as a matter of urgency. It was also mentioned that there has been no GP's attending any of the meetings including the Local Planning and Monitoring Groups held locally.</p> <p>4. Maggie's Moving in Fund.</p> <p>S F spoke about the Maggie's Moving in Fund initiative - It was identified that people who are discharged from hospital would need essential items for daily living.</p> <p>This is a service user and carer led proposal. Neil Bunker, R B and S F met with L A from Priority House to look at updating the list.</p> <p>J spoke of the direct payment scheme allowing people to access social care monies. He mentioned that the government has tied this money to the welfare and benefit system.</p> <p>N mentioned the manager from the Priority House is not part of the LPMG. Action Lynn to invite L A to next LPMG meeting.</p> <p>N felt that this was like a test case, a bench mark tool for both commissioners and providers to look realistically if these needs are being met by government proposals– N requested that this should go to the next LPMG and has written to P A and L H.</p> <p>D M spoke of leaflets being distributed in in-patient departments – she asked if people with learning difficulties are catered for. Jason also spoke of the new IMHA's.</p> <p>G asked about Practice managers attending the LPMG meetings – N has sent Lynn a list of managers who have expressed an interest in attending. Action Lynn to send letters to invite.</p> <p>J mentioned that N, L and P will be meeting on the 29th to look at a new proposal to consult with service users and carers.</p> <p>S F mentioned an art exhibition that is taking place in Maidstone in County Hall in July.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p>
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<p>Next Meeting Thursday June 11 2009 12.00 – 1.330 pm at Wharf House Tonbridge</p>	
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