

# Communication Group Minutes

1 May 2007

(This group meets to try and ensure that the information given out is in an accessible format.)

## Who was here?

Margaret Hurcombe, Senga Menzies, Fiona Wallace, Jimmy McIntosh, David Barraclough, Rob Kay, Denis Rowley.

Supporters: Emmanuelle Le Coz, Rhona Neill.



## Who could not come?

Neil McCarthy, Michael White, Anne Edmonstone, Simon Willoughby-Booth, Maggie Macleod

Fiona welcomed everyone and asked if anyone had any comments on the last minutes. The minutes were approved. Denis said the pictures were very good.



## 1. The report

Denis sent the report to everyone on 25 April but Emmanuelle did not get it through her email. Fiona said this means we cannot comment on it for the Review Board meeting tomorrow.

Denis said he will need to know before 9 May if we want to make changes. That is the day of the NHS executive meeting.

Denis wants to propose to extend the consultation period to 4 months (instead of 3).

Denis went through the main points of the report. Fiona and Jimmy made the point that we should not wait another 10 years for another Review.

Jimmy said it should be on-going. Denis agreed. The partnership Board should keep the Review going and see where we're at every 3 years.

Denis said all Community Health Partnerships are required under Learning Disability and Autistic Spectrum



Disorder and Aspergers Guidance to set a Partnership Board.

The conclusion section has not been written yet. Denis was waiting to have the Board meeting first.



Lothian NHS want a 30 page summary, which would be the most circulated document. An assistant clinical psychologist will do it.

Denis has put the recommendations into new sections. After the Board he will circulate these to everyone.

Margaret asked if we could start shaping the consultation along the main themes of the report.

The providers' reference group has offered staff resources to facilitate consultation groups.



## 2. Consultation

Fiona and David are going to sign separate letters inviting the Senior Managers in NHS and the Councils to take part in the consultation process.



Fiona, Jimmy and Senga want the communication group letter to have the Strategy Review logo on it.

Denis proposed that the consultation sub-group spend  $\frac{1}{2}$  day together to decide on the format of the consultation.



There was a discussion about how the elections will affect the Review. Margaret said that at the hustings organised for people with learning difficulties it was obvious that the

politicians did not know anything about learning difficulties.

There will be a big job to educate them



Denis said we can look at the Valuing People website for good examples of consultations.

The consultation sub-group will meet on 8 May at 1pm, at 95 Causeway Side.

### 3. The newsletter

The feedback from last years' events is nearly ready. Rob said it is a shame it took so long because people would have liked to see it on the website straight away.

Rob needs dates for the consultation events. Denis said we need to check that the speakers will be available first.

Rob made the point that it is very late already to advertise events happening in June.



Margaret said FAIR can send the Review newsletter out with their own at the beginning of June.

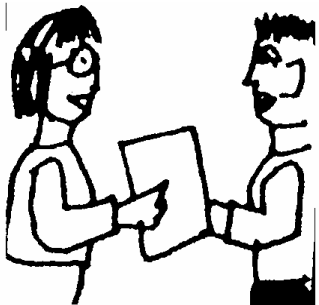


We also need to

- Write to local papers
- Put the information on the council website
- Phone the local radios



Margaret and Rob offered to get together and work on the newsletter to make sure it's ready on time.



The newsletter will probably be delivered at the People First office when they are ready. Then people can take them out to relevant organisations.

The NHS press department needs to help us too.

The website needs new content!!

Date for next meeting: 5 June 2007, at 3pm.



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