

# VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR OLDER PEOPLE'S NETWORK

Notes of meeting held on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Dorset Youth Association, Dorchester

## Present:

Anna Biley	Partnership Development Officer DCA
Fred Wild	DCA
Ann Kirkpatrick	50+ Forum, Shaftesbury
Maria Jacobson	WRVS Home Library Service
Julian English	Dorset POPP
Jacque Bolson	Dorset POPP
Anna Lovell	Bridport Older People's Forum
Hilary Foggo	Age Concern Dorchester
Di Lawrence	Age Concern Dorchester
Karen Iles	Anchor Staying Put
Chris Harker	Dorset Advocacy
Jackie Allen	55 Forum, Dorchester
Gill Penwell	Carers UK Weymouth & Portland
Jonathan Holyhead	Dorset Blind Association
Jane Hutchings	British Red Cross
Noella Green	Anchor Staying Put
Jane Colvin	DCA
Dave Thompson	DOTS Disability
Sue Bridle	Enham

## Apologies:

John Yonwin	Age Concern Dorchester
Maureen Godfrey	Age Concern, Ferndown

<b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b>  AB welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were recorded as above.	
<b>2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</b>  The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record with the following amendments:  6. Wayfinders taking on additional roles (such as befriending) is not be related to the posts but to the personnel involved. 6. The Anchor "Handyman" service should be called the "Small Repairs" scheme.	



<p>successful and sustainable project. DL will keep the group updated.</p> <p>MJ – reported that the WRVS Home Library Service continues to recruit new volunteers. MJ is willing to talk to groups and at meetings to raise the profile of the service. For more information contact MJ.</p> <p>JE – A POPP project team is mapping existing befriending services and would welcome any information.</p> <p>JA – The Dorchester Senior Forum has been involved in meetings about the crisis at Dorset County Hospital, with transport a key concern. The work of the Dorset 50+ forum has a reputation of being very forward thinking and members have been invited to speak at a regional conference in May.</p> <p>KI – ‘Anchor Staying Put’ reported that there are a handful of ‘Crisis Support’ pilot schemes running nationwide and Noella Green is leading one based in Dorset, where extended care for the most vulnerable is being offered.</p> <p>JB – POPP are hosting a ‘planning for retirement’ workshop to be held in Blandford on 20th May. JB informed the group that lunch clubs continue to thrive and a Neighbour Cars Transport scheme has been started in Milton Abbas &amp; the Winterbournes.</p> <p>GP – The 50+ Forum in Weymouth is progressing and the last Portland meeting was well attended. The Carers’ Group in Weymouth has been relaunched and Portland Carers is going well.</p> <p>CH – Dorset Advocacy has now produced some ‘Your Voice’ leaflets with information about the older people’s advocacy service. Leaflets were handed out to the group but more copies can be obtained by contacting Dorset Advocacy. To find out more about the services, information and training on offer, phone: 01305 251033 or email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@dorsetadvocacy.co.uk">enquiries@dorsetadvocacy.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>ACTION ALL</b></p> <p><b>ACTION ALL</b></p>
<p><b>5. Direct Payments Support Service (Sue Bridle, Enham)</b></p> <p>SB explained that Enham has recently been awarded the Dorset County Council contract to supply the direct payment support service. At the moment the contract can only deal with referrals from social work teams and not self-funders. Enham offers support (free of charge) to people in receipt of direct payments. This includes writing job descriptions, contracts of employment, payroll services, advice on HMRC payments and provision of holding accounts. The DCC contract allows for 20 referrals a month in the first year.</p> <p>A direct payments service has been in place since 2005 but as no network members had heard of the service it is clear that disseminating information is a problem. SB will report this back to</p>	

<p>Enham. More information about Enham and the direct payments support scheme can be found at <a href="http://www.enham.org.uk">www.enham.org.uk</a> or telephone 01264 345800.</p>	
<p><b>6. Access to Food &amp; Nutrition – a Directory of Eating Opportunities (Jo Mitchard, POPP)</b></p> <p>JM introduced this directory, listing lunch clubs and meal providers throughout the county. The directory is updated on a regular basis, so if any network members have information about new eating opportunities for older people (lunch clubs, pub offers for seniors etc), please inform Jo.</p> <p>Potential malnourishment in the older population is always a concern and a leaflet entitled “Build Yourself Up” is now available. Work promoting the importance of ‘hydration’ (and preventing dehydration) is underway and will be available soon.</p> <p>The directory is now available via the DCC website <a href="http://www.dorsetforyou.com/eatingopportunities">www.dorsetforyou.com/eatingopportunities</a> and hard copies can be obtained by contacting Jo directly at <a href="mailto:J.Mitchard@dorsetcc.gov.uk">J.Mitchard@dorsetcc.gov.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>7. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>AB – Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and awareness of elder abuse are two issues of concern that have been raised by the voluntary sector via DCA. A Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board has recently been established for Dorset (excluding Bournemouth and Poole). AB met with Chris Kippax, the DCC lead for the Board. There is a need for representatives from the voluntary sector to be part of the Board and more information about this will be available soon. Concerns about awareness raising and appropriate training for the voluntary sector have been raised. Chris Kippax will be attending the next meeting of the West Dorset Age Partnership on 1<sup>st</sup> June. AB and HF will try to keep track of this and keep the group informed.</p> <p>Representatives from the Older People’s Network have been invited to attend a working lunch of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Infrastructure Group on 19<sup>th</sup> May. AL &amp; JA to attend on behalf of the Network and report back.</p> <p>AB informed the group that she is moving to a new post at Age Concern Dorchester and will no longer be coordinating the Older People’s Network. DCA is committed to continuing this work but cannot confirm who will be taking over this role at the moment.</p>	<p><b>ACTION AB/HF</b></p> <p><b>ACTION AL/JA</b></p>
<p><b>8. Date &amp; venues of next meetings</b></p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> July 2010: Dorset Advocacy Dorchester 10.00 – 12.00 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010 Dorset Advocacy Dorchester 10.00 – 12.00</p>	