

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR OLDER PEOPLE'S NETWORK

Notes of meeting held on
Tuesday 19th January 2010

Dorset Advocacy, Dorchester

Present:

Anna Biley	Partnership Development Officer DCA
Fred Wild	DCA
Ann Kirkpatrick	50+ Forum, Shaftesbury
Maria Jacobson	WRVS Home Library Service
Carole Pavely	Tax Help for Older People
Julian English	Dorset POPP
Mo Andrews	Dorset POPP
Janet Warburton	Bridport Older People's Forum
Hilary Foggo	Age Concern Dorchester
Di Lawrence	Age Concern Dorchester
Karen Iles	Anchor Staying Put
Chris Harker	Dorset Advocacy
Annie Dimmick	Dorset LINK
Gill Penwell	Carers UK Weymouth & Portland
Alison Waller	DCC
Jane Hutchings	British Red Cross
John Derben	Brendon Care
Sandie Derben	Brendon Care

Apologies:

John Yonwin	Age Concern Dorchester
Anna Lovell	Bridport Older People's Forum
Pam Sangster	Bridport Older People's Forum
Maureen Godfrey	Age Concern, Ferndown

<p>1. Welcome and Introduction AB welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions made.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies Apologies were recorded as above.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record.</p> <p>3:1 Matters arising Item 5 Care & Support Green Paper – MP Listening Event. HF reported that there had been positive feedback from the event and she could email a summary if required.</p>	

<p>Item 7 Information Exchange</p> <p>MJ reported that her article had been published in various newsletters with a positive outcome. A number of new volunteers have been recruited to the Home Library Service.</p> <p>CP reported that her Tax article was in hand and would be circulated for publication in newsletters etc soon.</p> <p>AB reported that the group's suggestions regarding the flu pandemic had been forwarded to NHS Dorset.</p>	<p>ACTION CP</p>
<p>4. Transforming Social Care (Alison Waller, DCC)</p> <p>AW explained how the TSC agenda is proceeding at DCC. Self directed support is now being rolled out across the county and is on target for May 2010. 30% of people involved are taking up personal budgets – this includes an increasing number of older people. AW will forward the full report from the pilot, for circulation with the notes from the meeting.</p> <p>AW is leading on an initiative to stimulate and work with communities and would welcome any discussions on this. Jackie Walters (DCC Service Manager) is currently consulting with Day Care users in Dorchester and Christchurch. HF agreed to make contact with Dave Thompson, DCC's user led network coordinator and invite to the next meeting.</p> <p>JE expressed concern that personalised budgets still only affect 8% of the older population, leaving 92% outside the system but who may need other services. AW informed the group that TSC also includes a theme of 'universal approaches' – that is, a whole population approach to healthy ageing. AB is on this working group and will keep the group informed of progress. GP enquired about how fair charging for services is decided as means testing is still a major concern for carers. CP commented that personalisation has tax implications for older people if they are employing carers and presented a case study to explain this. AW suggested that someone from DCC's finance team should attend a future meeting to explain this and CP will meet with DCC if required to discuss this further. A 3rd Sector organisation is commissioned by DCC to deal with tax and other issues in relation to personal budgets. AB to make enquires and invite to the next meeting.</p> <p>HF circulated copies of the DVD "Changing Lives". This explains transforming social care in Dorset. More copies are available from HF or can be found on the Dorset LINK website.</p>	<p>ACTION AW</p> <p>ACTION HF</p> <p>ACTION AB</p> <p>ACTION AW</p> <p>ACTION AB</p>
<p>5. Are You Ready for the 2012 Challenge? (Alison Harpin, DCC)</p> <p>AH, the Dorset 2012 Challenge Officer, was introduced and gave an</p>	

<p>entertaining talk on this project which is jointly funded by DCC and NHS and is linked to the National Indicator targets</p> <p>Team Dorset Challenge is a 2012 linked personal challenge with five elements (five Olympic rings) covering physical activity, lifestyle, culture, community and environment. To refine and further develop the Challenge, extensive research involving 300 street interviews and focus groups across Dorset was completed in September 2009. The Challenge will run in pilots from January 2010 and aims to roll out to engage a target of 30,000 Dorset citizens by 2012. Any individual or group can register for the challenge. AH explained that 2010 presents a number of volunteering opportunities for all ages and this is being coordinated through the Dorset Volunteer Centre. MA commented that the 2012 Challenges offers opportunities for intergenerational work and fun and this should be embraced. Full details of the Team Dorset Challenge can be found on their website http://www.teamdorset.org.uk/ AH encouraged everyone to join up and will keep the group up to date.</p>	
<p>6. Dementia Review</p> <p>Annie Dimmick, Dorset LINK, gave an update on the Dementia Review. This is a national initiative and LINK is coordinating the work in Dorset. 200 interested parties are now registered to participate in the review but as many as possible are needed. A short questionnaire has gone out and replies are due by the end of March. The results will be collated and will inform DCC's Scrutiny Committee by the summer. The questionnaire can be downloaded from the website http://www.makesachange.org.uk/area/area-group.aspx?AreaID=3 or hard copies (freepost) can be obtained directly from Annie anne.dimmick@helpandcare.org.uk, Tel: 07717 702131</p> <p>LINK has set up the "Have a Say" fund. Small grants (£100 – 500) are available to groups to find out what local people have to say about the health and social care services provided in Dorset. AD and DCA will forward the details of this to everyone as soon as possible. LINK will hold an Autumn event that will feed back information to the statutory sector. Finally AD informed the group that future plans by LINK include a Cardio Vascular Review. Details will be forwarded to the voluntary sector in the near future.</p>	<p>ACTION AD / AB</p>
<p>5. Transforming Social Care (Voluntary Sector)</p> <p>DL suggested that there is a gap between the strategic agenda and the voluntary sector around Transforming Social Care and matching people to appropriate 3rd sector services continues to be a problem. Age Concern Dorchester wants to offer support to other voluntary sector organisations, to collectively work better together, to deliver a patchwork of services across the county.</p> <p>JD commented that Brendon Care is keen to develop a number of</p>	

<p>new services in East Dorset – including a memory café – but asked how is it possible to get enough people with sufficient direct payments together to develop and sustain a service? Seed funding is needed. DL signposted to the Alzheimer’s Association and also to the DCC Team Manager in East Dorset (Morag Tyler).</p> <p>DL is talking to DCC team managers in Dorchester and North Dorset to find out what people want to purchase. DL and AB are meeting with Alan Chambers (Team Manager, Dorchester), 22nd January to discuss these issues. .AB will email everyone with a summary of the meeting and decisions can then be made about how members of the voluntary sector and the Older People’s Network can get together to make some progress.</p>	ACTION DL/AB
<p>6. Information Exchange</p> <p>JH - the Red Cross provides community equipment and health & social care services and is based at the Independent Living Centre, Dorchester.</p> <p>GP - Carers’ Network – Weymouth Senior Forum will meet on 26 January at the Angling Club. Caring Matters magazine will be distributed at the end of the month.</p> <p>CP - Tax Help for Older People – There is currently concern about tax liabilities arising from personal budgets, especially employment tax & NI. CP will keep the network advised. Free booklets were distributed.</p> <p>WRVS – 5 new volunteers have been recruited in Sherborne and 3 in Wareham. Volunteers are still needed for Blandford and Corfe Castle.</p> <p>DL / HF - the amalgamation of Age Concern and Help the Aged is proceeding and the new organisation is Age UK. In addition, Age Concern Dorchester is to merge with Age Concern Weymouth. Commissioners have agreed to Wayfinders taking on extra roles (such as befriending). There are vacancies for the Tuesday & Friday lunch clubs in Dorchester. A volunteer is required for admin support for Fit as a Fiddle. The Senior Forums are in the process of being reorganised. Dignity Action Day is scheduled for 25 February.</p> <p>CH - Dorset Advocacy has won a 2 year contract to provide an advocacy service to support older people and people with disabilities. Currently this only equates to 10 hours a week for the older people’s element. This is a new contract and publicity is still being developed. This will be circulated to network members as soon as it is available.</p> <p>JW – Bridport Older People’s Forum has celebrated its 10th Year! Congratulations from everyone!</p> <p>JD & SD - Brendon Care is a charity that operates across the South</p>	ACTION CH

of England, providing care centres and clubs which support local communities. A range of activities are offered but all focus on independence, prevention and well being. At present there are 17 clubs, with more than 400 members and 70 volunteers. Brendon Care works mostly in East Dorset (including Christchurch), is keen to develop services and to network with other groups across Dorset. The organisation has recently commissioned research from Bournemouth University on the 'cost' of isolation. For more details visit the Brendon Care website.

<http://www.brendoncare.org.uk/pages/home.aspx>

KI - Anchor Staying Put has successfully retendered for their existing areas: Christchurch, Purbeck, East & North Dorset, Weymouth and Portland. The Handyman service is continuing.

AK - Shaftesbury 50+ Forum reported that the local community is not getting support from local NHS commissioners for the development of a much needed Hospital from Home service. AB suggested that locality commissioning and local health networks are the topic for the next 3rd Sector Health and Well Being Forum and AK should come to that meeting to talk to NHS commissioners directly

AB – a number of Fundraising Skills Workshops are being held across the county during February. Further information is on the DCA website <http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/>

JE said it should be noted that NHS Dorset is looking to decommission 'Friends of the Practice' groups and are holding a series of meetings to look at how this service can evolve - possibly in to community transport and befriending schemes.

7. Any other business

None

8. Date & venues of next meetings

28th April 2010: Dorset Youth Association Dorchester 10.00 – 12.00

7th July 2010: Dorset Advocacy Dorchester 10.00 – 12.00

4th October 2010 Dorset Advocacy Dorchester 10.00 – 12.00