

Wandsworth Older People's Network

Notes of Steering Committee of 26 May 2011 at Anchor Centre, 273 Garratt Lane, SW18

Present:-

Wandsworth Older People's Forum
Wandsworth Hard of Hearing Group
LINK
U3A
Wands Vol Service Dev Agency
Lay member of Prof Exec Comm of PCT
Facilitator, WPF

Tony Tuck(in the chair)
Jim South
Jenny Weinstein
Fred Roberts
Jo Lofgren
Andrew Craig
Lilias Gillies

Apologies Lionel Davis, Mo Smith, Doreen Brading, Judith Crompton, Su Elliott, Mac Downes

1. Minutes of Steering Group of 10 March 2011 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

(1) **Day Services Review** A deadline of 6 June for agreement between all day centres about working together and planning for the allocations given. In the South it has not been possible to agree to work together with the allocation £80,000 less than the current year and a letter is being prepared setting out the arguments against the Council's proposal. It is less difficult in the other localities as there are fewer groups and less reduction of allocation. Mo Smith, working in Putney and Roehampton has written to the Steering Group expressing concern about the process although there are less constraints in that area. It was agreed that the Network would support the South's letter. The Groups in the South locality have different constituency, ward, church or ethnic group base and it would be difficult to put them together without losing the support each group gets from its base. Furzedown calculate volunteer hours are worth £110,000 and all that would be lost if the project lost its Furzedown identity. There would be a similar loss with Balham Baptist Church, Age Activity Centre and Tooting Neighbourhood Centre run by New Testament Assembly.

(2) **Quarterly Meeting with Director of Adult Social Services** No meeting since November but one planned for 20 June. The one planned for 15 April was cancelled as it was the day before the Network conference and WBC reps felt it would be better to have it after the conference.

3. Older People's Network Conference 14 April 2011 A report was circulated to those present. There was still a report from one of the table hosts awaited but this should be taken as final. It had been seen by the members of the Wandsworth Strategy Group for Older People and Wendy Moreton had said that each dimension lead would provide answers to the questions in the report. The evaluation of the conference had been good. The conference was hard work and it was as well to cut out the last two sessions. Each dimension had been discussed by six tables. There was one comment in the evaluation about the small number of older people present. The arrangements could have catered for up to 80 and there were 66 present with about 46 of these older people. It was intended to be a representative group rather than open to all older people.

4. SW Cancer Network Focus Group Gayle Wallace, as part of the Cancer Network's work on early diagnosis of bowel cancer and the reasons for only 40% undertaking screening following a postal offer, conducted one of the focus groups she is commissioned to do.

5. Local Strategic Partnership

(1) **Last meeting 29 March** A report had been circulated.

(2) **Next meeting** 30 June

(3) **LSP Older People's Sub-Group** This meeting chaired by Cllr Vanessa Graham, Champion for Older People, discussed the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which is submitted to the Commissioners and to the Health & Well-being Board for their consideration of what services will be purchased. Copies were available and can be sent to anyone who has not seen one already.

6. Health & Well-being Partnership The theme of the meeting on 25 May was prevention and the role of the voluntary bodies. A study done by the University of Kent on Partnerships for Older People was presented along with profiles of 4 groups working in Wandsworth, only one of which, WCT, was working with Older People. It was recommended that the role of the voluntary bodies in preventive work should be part of the Borough's new Health & Well-being Strategy.

7. LINK Jenny Weinstein reported on current work of the Link, research on Personalisation and difficulties and benefits for people receiving personal budgets, on dignity and respect in the provision of health and social care and on following the development of the Pilot GP Consortium and its development of public and patient involvement.

8. Outreach Mac Downes was very much involved in the Calendar Project in Roehampton, in which people would be encouraged to submit photos of Roehampton, for which help was available in the form of 3 photo workshops, which would be judged by a panel of older people and a calendar prepared for sale, proceeds to be used to run events for older people in Roehampton. A questionnaire had been distributed to 5000 households in Roehampton asking what facilities and events older people there would like. Good news for Putney Vale residents in that the clubroom had been made available after being closed for some time. It was to be refurbished by the Council.

9. Date of Next Network Steering Group Thursday 21 July at 2pm in Anchor Centre.

10. Any Other Business Wandsworth Independent Living Centre It was noted that the group attempting to create an Independent Living Centre in Wandsworth would hold its first AGM on 8 June. Jim South said he was part of this group.

It was also noted that Andrew Craig's work as lay representative to Professional Executive Committee of the PCT has ended although he will continue to September reporting from the pilot GP consortium. The Network should press for some continued paid lay involvement in the NHS. Jenny said the LINK was struggling to cover all the representation required with a very small number of members and limited paid help which will be cut in the coming year.