

Gateshead LINK  
Mental Health Working Group  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 10  
GVOC  
1.00pm – 3.00pm



**Minutes**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

**Present:**

Kay Parker	Resident
Alison McLellan	Resident
Maria Hall	Resident
David Wallace	Resident
Bill Llewellyn	Resident
Roshwin Uddin	Project Coordinator Community Development Workers based in GVOC
Bill Moran	Age Concern
Stephen Gerard Scullion	Gateshead Older People's Assembly

**In attendance:**

Beryl Robinson	Deputy Director GVOC
Kim Newton	LINK Communication and Engagement Officer
Angie Maidment	LINK Administrator
Lisa Long	Visitor (NTW Service Manager, Urgent Care, Newcastle & Gateshead)
Caroline Wild	Visitor (NTW Head of Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust)
Faye Hunter	Visitor (Mental Health Matters)
Louise Bowan	Visitor (Emotional Support and Counselling Sight Services in place of Susan Coulson Sight Services)

**Apologies:**

Anya Simpson	Development Worker, Gateshead Mental Health User Forum
Andrew Moore	Sight Service
Annie Murphy	Project Manager
Gev Pringle	GVOC
Jean Francombe	NTW Pals Tranwell Unit
R Winward	LINK Member
Joe Lewis	Gateshead Crossroads

As the new LINK Coordinator has not yet commenced employment and Annie Murphy is currently on sick leave, Beryl Robinson Chaired the meeting.

## **2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

**The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.**

## **3. Caroline Wild (Head of Partnerships Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust) Information session**

CW attended the meeting along with her colleague Lisa Long to answer queries that have been raised by the group re - Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment Service (queries and answers attached).

LL gave a presentation on the processes that the CRHTS team use (Presentation attached).

3 documents were distributed:

- ❖ **Support your NHS join our NHS Foundation Trust – your guide to becoming a member.**

Anyone can become a member and a membership form was included in this document.

- ❖ **Summary Business Plan 2009 – 2015.**

This sets out how they intend to take Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Trust (NTW) forward over the next five years as a successful NHS Foundation Trust (FT).

- ❖ **Foundation Trust News December 2009.**

This included the news that after months of hard work their application to become an NHS Foundation Trust was approved in December 2009. It also explained that as an FT they are no longer accountable to the Department of Health, but are instead accountable to their membership through a Council of Governors made up of elected and appointed members. Information on this was in the centre of the booklet.

LL included a simpler version of their current operational policy in her presentation. The team uses the FACS criteria (See attached) and work with people who have a substantial to critical level of need. This is a 24hr, 7 day a week service. This is not the same team called 24/7 who delivers a service for Drugs/Alcohol.

The team was established in 1997 and is made up of predominately a nursing team, including Consultant, SHO, Social Worker and occupational Therapist. The team are usually involved with service users for 4 – 6 weeks who are then sign posted to who ever is best to continue their treatment e.g. GP.

The service is for people aged 18 – 65 but, during out of hours, people aged 16 – 17 and aged 65 plus will be treated until their team is available. Anyone can refer including self referral.

The presentation finished and following a group discussion CW and LL left the meeting.

## **6. Faye Hunter (Mental Health Matters) - Review of Mental Health Directory - Update**

An example of the new Mental Health Directory was circulated.

It will be in printed in Arial, Font 14, and will have a loose leaf format. The loose leaf format will make the directory easier to up date and will enable people to re - arrange the directory to suit their needs. There will be 800 paper versions, 1200 on disc which will contain Sunderland's, Tyneside's and Gateshead's directories and it will also be available electronically.

The new directory is due to go to print at the end of April with a launch party scheduled for some time in May. FH is to email the directory to all present prior to it going to print to enable them to give their input. It was noted that a blank lined page at the beginning would be a good idea to allow people to write down anything of importance to them.

FH asked if the LINK could continue to be involved in updating the directory once it has been produced but the LINK does not have enough resources to do this piece of work.

KN said that upon hospital discharge the Fire Service complete home risk assessments for vulnerable people and information on this could be included in the directory. **Action KN to pass FH's contact details to Kevin Burns (Fire Service).**

## **8. AOB**

KN asked if anyone has anything they would like as an agenda item at the next meeting could they please contact a member of the LINK team.

BL circulated an email he received which sets out the summaries of the Key Health Policies and Pledges made by the three main political parties for the next six months.

BR informed the group that a new LINK Coordinator has been appointed. His name is Richard Jenks and he is joining us from a disability project based in Sunderland. He will commence his new role on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010. BR said she was not involved in the interview process but that it had been a unanimous decision.

## **9. Date and time of next meeting**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

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