

Minutes of LARG Meeting Wed 17th Sept 2014

Present: Patricia, Peter, Brian, Graham, Marina & Catherine

Apologies: Victor, Sharon & Seamus

Minutes of previous minutes read

Matters Arising

Patricia welcomed Marina, on behalf of the group, to her 1st LARG meeting

Minutes Proposed by Brian, Seconded by Peter

Hate Crime Awareness Event

It was agreed that Catherine would follow this up with Disability Action regarding a local Hate Crime event.

Correspondence

QUB Students

David Hayes 1st year students will be coming to Willowbank on 12th November 1.30 – 3pm

Upcoming courses

Confidence to Change 1 thing

This course will be run by Clare Quigley and Peter, Marina & Brian have expressed an interest in attending.

Out & About in your local community – due to start on 7th October

Inclusive Games – 1 day event in Dungannon Leisure Centre on 29th October

Anyone interested should contact Patricia or Catherine

Advocacy Training

Peter, Marina & Catherine have completed the Advocacy course with NIAMH and are due to graduate in Queens before the end of the year. The group who trained with Suzanne (inc Brian & Seamus) will be working to put a proposal to the Willowbank Management Board re the set-up of an Advocacy group within Willowbank.

Public Appointments

There is a joint workshop by the Equality leads of the health Trusts taking place in Stormont on 30th September to look at encouraging more disabled people into Public Appointments. Peter, Barbara and Catherine will attend this and bring the info back to the group.

Disability Remove the Label

This is a Disability Action Initiative seeking the views of local disabled people in the Derry and Strabane council areas with a simple question - if you could change one thing what would you change?

Whilst we are not in the Derry/Strabane area the group responded with their concerns at the lack of joined up transport infrastructure which means that people fall between the gaps when it comes to travelling between Dungannon & Armagh with Community Transport. Group members completed their views on the information provided by Catherine so these can be forwarded.

KESS Seminars

There are a number of KESS (Knowledge Exchange Seminar Series) coming up in Stormont and the group felt the following may be of interest.

5th November Social Inclusion & Educational Attainment, 26th November Learning & Behavioural Disabilities: Supporting Needs to Improve Lives and 29th April 2015 Social Isolation & Inclusion. The sessions start at 1.30 in Stormont and finish at 3pm anyone interested should contact Catherine to book their place.

How Safe is My Care

Peter noted that this event is taking place in Belfast on 1st October and he will attend and feed this back to the group at the next meeting

Public Meeting re Future of Loane House

It was agreed that we would check this out to see what the plans are for this. There are a number of proposal via the TYC Consultation due to close on 31st Oct and it was agreed that LARG would respond with concerns around closure/relocation of Loane House services.

Human Rights Enquiry

Peter, Marina, Sharon, Brian & Catherine will attend the Enquiry at Strule Arts Centre on 7th October. Peter, Marina & Catherine will give evidence at the event. Catherine to work with Peter & Marina in preparation of evidence for this.

PPI Meeting

Seamus is due to attend his first PPI meeting on Friday 19th September

Access to GP Services

PCC report on Access to GP Services is available on their website. To view this www.patientclientcouncil.hscni.net

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 22nd October 1 – 3pm