

Minutes of LARG Meeting Tue 3rd June 2014

Present: Patricia, Michael, Peter, Seamus, Sharon, Victor, Brian, Graham, Catherine

Apologies: Ann, Tom & Seamus

Minutes of previous minutes read

Matters Arising

Marina will be invited to the next meeting to meet the group before we break up for summer

Hate Crime Awareness Event

- Peter, Brian & Catherine fed back on the Hate Crime event which took place in Ramada, Belfast on 16th May. Big learning is that PSNI are now recording Hate Incidents as well as Hate Crime and if anyone perceives the incident or crime to be related to the victim's disability this will be recorded as a Hate Crime/Incident. The reporting of incidents are vitally important to allow PSNI to build picture of when these are happening and perhaps put in additional visible officers around these times to "nip it in bud" thus hopefully preventing a crime from happening.

SWC Input

- Catherine & Peter will be delivering Advocacy training to students in SWC on Mon 16th June, Peter has said group members are welcome to come down to observe
- The LARG presentation to 1st Year Students from South West College on Wed 18th June 1.30pm – 3pm in Willowbank is unlikely to proceed at this stage due to college commitments. It was agreed Patricia will follow this up with Morgan and if the session is re booked she will ask that the students identify what they want from the session using questions as per Queens prep for visits. We will also use the DVD scenario of Brown envelop for this session.

Correspondence

Advocacy Training

- There is an 8 week OCN Level 2 Advocacy course due to start with Beacon Centre and an information session will take place in Seagoe Conference Centre on Wednesday 2nd July. Peter has expressed an interest and we will pass this information on to Marina Sloan. Anyone else interested should contact us.

Digital Champions

- Anyone interested in taking part in the "Supporting Communities N.I. Level 1 OCN in becoming a Digital Champion should speak to Catherine to complete the expression of interest form. No one expressed an interest at this stage but it was agreed it should be put on the website.

Domiciliary Care Questionnaire

- The SHSCT have asked us to share the above questionnaire for feedback from anyone who received Domiciliary Care into their own homes. This is part of their service development and is being sent to Trust staff who help put together care packages, GP's, Service Users and Carers and aims to get a range of views to help the Trust to meet their aim of providing an efficient and effective domiciliary care service that meets assessed need. Questionnaire link to be sent to Sharon, Peter & Seamus.

- **Confidence Building Training**

It was identified that there is a need for Confidence Building training and Victor and Sharon expressed an interest in this if it were to become available. Catherine to follow this up with DA and to advertise it out to see if we have enough people to run a course. Wednesdays were identified as a good day.

- **New Building**

A discussion took place around the idea of having an event to reminisce / make the years of Willowbank – Garden party type event next summer to bring people back who were here or had family members here to mark our time here before moving.

Date of next meeting

Provisional Meeting Tuesday 17th June from 1-2pm – prep for SWC Students