



Notes of the Disabled People Forum held on Thursday 20 October 2011 held at the Carlisle Business Centre, 60 Carlisle Road, Bradford, BD8 8BD

Present:

Emmerson Walgrove (Vice Chair)	Gill Bowskill
Jill Grant	Lee Bottomley
Paul Anderson	Susie Farrar
Nusrat Naheed	Alice Brown
Rita Exley	Teyebb
Halyna Dowhan	

In Attendance:

Dr Richard Haddad - GP at Rockwell and Wrose Practice
Lynne Carter - Equality and Diversity Lead - NHS Bradford and Airedale
Sandra Brown - BACC
Catherine Merrick, John Parker - BSL Interpreters

Apologies: Linda Hanson, Sue Crowe, Cath Stevenson, John Copper, Stephen Bailey, Titch Kavanagh, Beth Innes, Paul Deary, John Boyle, Janet Cuff

1) Welcome and Introductions

Emmerson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were given. Apologies noted above.

2) GP Commissioning Presentation - Dr Richard Haddad & Lynne Carter

Dr Haddad introduced himself and started his presentation by allowing Forum members to ask questions.

Question: What sort of patients will be on the Commissioning Board?

Answer: A Shadow Board has now been set up and discussions are still taking place on how people will be recruited. There is still some work to do over the next year.

Disable People do not know what is going on with GP Commissioning, there seems to be a lack of information. Lot of changes but there seems to be no improvement in the appointment system.

Question: What about Preventative Service? It is important that the NHS move more towards Preventative Service. Patient engagement is also critical.

Question: How is the Joint Commissioning between the Primary Care Trust, and the Local Authority work?

Answer: The fact that there is this integration, and Public Health is based with the Local Authority there is a need for both organisations to work together.

Question: With the Local Authority making cuts, is there a possibility that the funding for Public Health will cut if it is moving to the Local Authority?

Answer: Public Health has its own budget, and this will not be cut.

Dr Haddad gave a summary of the current NHS commissioning structure and what the proposed structure will look like.
(Structures attached)

Dr Haddad explained that Bradford and Airedale have been responsible for commissioning (plan and pay for) a wide range of services. The future structure will be 3 Clinical Commissioning Groups for Bradford which will be Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven, Bradford City and Bradford South and West. Discussions are still taking place on how the 3 clinical groups will work together.

Following the presentation by Dr Haddad the Forum members were then asked if they had any questions.

Questions: How will the structure work with the Health and Well-being Board?

Answer: The Board will act as a monitoring structure to ensure that the new Clinical Commissioning Group is working effectively. Dr Haddad went on to explain that patient's voice is vital and is needed within the new structure and will be fitted into the locality groups.

Question: How can disabled people feed into this structure because questionnaires and surveys are not accessible? Emmerson who is Chair of the LINKs Advisory Group explained that LINKs had designed a questionnaire, which was sent out to patients, and he would take this up with LINKs.

Dr Haddad told the group that a lot of work has gone into setting up the structure and over the next year the focus will be on patient engagement.

Jill Grant thanked Dr Haddad for updating and explaining everything to the group and to remember to 'ask patients first'.

Lynne Carter explained to the group about the new equality system that has been set up called the Bradford NHS Equality Group and would like a member from the Disabled People Forum to be part of this group.

Dr Haddad informed the group that the GP minutes are available to the public. A link to the website will be sent along with the power-point presentation to Sandra and Emmerson.

Action: Sandra and Emmerson to circulate power-point presentation and link to GP minutes.

3) Notes of the Meeting of the Forum held on 25th August 2011

Emmerson read out the minutes

4) Matters Arising

Jill Grant and Alice Brown attended the last meeting and their names were omitted from the minutes.

Item 3b - Car parks emergency telephone provision and hearing impaired people - In the minutes it stated that Kath Beer was supposed to make contact with Paul Radcliffe regarding this matter.

Action: Sandra to follow up on this.

Item 5 - Health & Well-being Board and representation of disabled people - Gill Bowskill requested clarity in relation to a Shadow Health & Well-being Board and the Health & Well-being Board as there is reference to two meetings taking place.

Emmerson suggested that the DPF write to Ian Greenwood asking for clarification.

Action: Chair to write a letter to Ian Greenwood for clarification

5) Campaigns

- **Hardest Hit campaign** - Emmerson informed the group about the campaign being organised by the Disabled People Forum in Bradford on Saturday 22 October 2011 at 11.00pm. Emmerson has invited all the MPs to attend and if they are unable to then to send someone who can. Jill Grant encouraged members to try and attend.

6) Events

- **Questions and Answers from MPs (Question Time)** - Gill Bowskill informed the group about the Disabled People having a Question Time event with MPs and Councilors. Gill has spoken to Tony Reeves and he would like all the heads of the council departments to attend, such as transport, adult services and so on. Due to time constraints it would be better to do this event in January and on a Friday. Gill suggested that the group write down the questions they would like to ask. This will be circulated to the wider members.
- **Harassment and Hate Crime Against Disabled People** - Sandra informed the group that Neal Heard had applied for some funding for the Disabled People Forum to hold an event relating to this topic. The group agreed that Neal and Phil should talk to the group about this and what they want the group to do. Halyna Dowhan from Equity Partnership spoke to the group about what they are doing regarding this topic.

7) Any Other Business

There was no other business to report

8) Date of the Next Forum Meeting

Thursday 8 December 2011, 10.00am - 12.00pm, Rowntree 1,
Carlisle Business Centre