

Lancashire Forum of UKHCA Members

NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD AT
PRIORY HOMECARE LTD.
FOUR OAKS, GARSTANG ROAD, ST MICHAELS –ON-WYRE, PR3 0TD.

TUESDAY 21 JULY 2009

Notes Of Last Meeting

Everybody agreed that they had received the notes from the last meeting and that they were accurate.

Matters Arising

These were deferred to the agendared items.

Secretary's Report

Carol reported that our local forum was becoming more frequently used and more successful as a vehicle of communication between our members, SCP representatives and LCC. Carol thanked all those who reported back on our enquiry concerning safeguarding adults and personal budgets, which Julie Evans was able to report on at the SCP meeting.

Carol also welcomed new members to the forum who have been attracted by the above-mentioned communication and the UKHCA awareness stand at the recent LCA/LCC workshop.

Report From LWDP Board Member

CS made everybody aware of the LWDP and Lancashire Plan and reminded people that there was funding available for a wide range of training courses. LWDP are going to be holding a celebration event on 6/10/09. Various categories are still to be decided on and you will be asked to nominate people for this event. There will also be a stake-holders event day on 23/9/09. Invites will be circulated soon.

A discussion was held about alternative funding other than LWDP as having to work with Lancashire Plan was proving difficult and time consuming for some people. Carol explained that she would encourage LWDP to restart the Lancashire Plan User Group which people agreed was very useful. She also pointed out the benefits of using Lancashire Plan in connection with the NMDS. Once the information is inputted into Lancashire Plan you do not have to duplicate your work for the NMDS or CQC as the information is electronically shared.

Carol also made people aware that LWDP was setting up a library of e-learning courses. The first available will be Dignity In Care – more news as we get it. Carol asked what other courses people regarded as priority and this would be communicated back.

Feedback from Skills For Care

The reorganisation has now taken place.

People will no longer be able to complete the NMDS on paper – it will now have to be done electronically.

There is a budget available for work placements for social care workers but predominantly in a child care or dementia setting.

Feedback from SCP

- Personalised agenda

The personalisation agenda was discussed at length and it was agreed that there were no clear guidelines of expectation by the local authority of providers therefore it was agreed that CS will

ask a SDS manager from Social Services to attend and our next meeting and provide information.

- Person-centred NTOW

All bar one present at the meeting had sent someone from their organisation to the NTOW training. SS is planning on arranging another series of training events for those organisations that did not attend however there will be a charge.

- Safeguarding

The LCA will be sending a questionnaire to all providers asking for information related to safe guarding adults procedures and issues.

- Contract variation

The new provider contract has been on the web site for consultation and is now almost ready.

- Market Share

SS have been doing some work on the information that can be gathered from e-commissioning and are considering making the results available to PPs

Our members have been asked to complete an analysis questionnaire regarding e-commissioning.

Surgery Time

CQC – no one had been able to attend any information days or had seen the draft copy of Compliance Guidance. Re-registration is due in November 2009.

QCF (Quality Care Framework) – Skills For Care are making some changes to qualifications including NVQs – more news when available.

ISA – JJ will give us an up-to-date report on CRBs/ISA at a future meeting.

The members have agreed to research the cheapest supplier of PPE and CS will then contact these suppliers and negotiate a better cost for bulk buying.

Meeting closed – next meeting Tuesday 8 September 2009.