

Note of Meeting of

Health and Social Care Forum

Thursday 03 December 11.00am – 12.00pm

New Volunteer House, 16 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1XT

Present:

Audrey Cunningham

Charles Lister

Tom Bishop

Cara Fraser

David Smith

Maggie Wright

Jim Bett

Marie Boyne

Jo-Anne Valentine

David Ross

Christine Davison

Carole Simpson

Anna Sandland

Elric Honore, Pat Greenhough

Irene Blackburn

CARF

Disabilities Fife

Dunfermline Advocacy

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ENeRGI

Families in Trauma

Fife Alcohol Support Service

Fife Forum

Fife Health and Wellbeing Alliance

Fife Society for the Blind

Fife Voluntary Action

Frontline Fife

Homeshare Scotland

Fife Centre for Equalities

Link Living

Apologies:

Bert Lumsden

Bill Chalmers, Debbie Finlayson

Norma Philpot, David Redpath

Fiona Smith

John Stirling

Jackie Morrison, Claire Chue Hong

Ewan Masson

Alison Leitch

Nicola Glen

Kenny Murphy, Jo Clark

Jeanette Donnelly

Mark McGeachie

Jane Maciver

Marion Murray

Eileen Scott

Linda Cruickshank

Bill Baird

Age Concern Glenrothes

British Red Cross

CARF

Crossroads Fife Central

Disabilities Fife

DPHS

Dunfermline Advocacy

Fife Forum

Fife Society for the Blind

Fife Voluntary Action

H&SC Alliance

Joint Improvement Team

Link Befriending

MS Society

One Stop Shop for Autism Fife

RNIB

Royal Voluntary Service

Poverty and Health

The Forum welcomed Audrey Cunningham, Financial Inclusion Co-ordinator, Citizens Advice and Rights Fife (CARF) to speak about the links between poverty and health.

Audrey gave several real case studies from her time as a case worker with CARF. These case studies showed the very real links between living in poverty and the various impacts this can have on a person's health and wellbeing.

Discussion points:

- It would be beneficial if the HMRC had a service to call back people who are on hold. This would make it easier for people to change their circumstances.
- It is hoped the introduction of Universal Credit will help as it is only one agency people have to contact.

Audrey discussed a sanctions advice leaflet which has been produced for those who have been sanctioned by DWP.

An electronic copy of this guide can be accessed [here](#).

Fairer health for Fife – Fife health inequalities strategy 2015-20

Jo-Anne Valentine, Public Health Manager (Health Improvement), NHS presented on the Fife Health and Wellbeing Alliance's (FHWA) new strategy to reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing across Fife. The strategy is written by FHWA, which is a partnership between Fife Council, NHS Fife, Fife Voluntary Action, and the Health and Social Care Partnership. The FHWA also has a responsibility to link in with other partnerships and organisations.

The strategy outlines 1 aim, 3 themes and 6 outcomes.

Discussion points included guidance on indicators, high level statistics and short term outcomes.

A copy of "[Fairer health for Fife – Fife's health inequalities strategy 2015-2020](#)" can be found here.

Integration Updates

The Integration Care Fund board met last week to get an update and progress reports on projects. There is no further news as to whether the fund will be extended to 2-3 years.

The Transformation Group met for the first time last Friday. The Transformation Group is replacing the Partnership Management Group (PMG). Nine tests of change were discussed at the meeting, however none of these involved the third or independent sectors.

The Integration Joint Board (IJB) met for the second time today.

The Consultation for the Draft Strategic Plan for Health and Social Care Integration is still out for consultation. Jo and Christine are available to provide an overview of the Draft Strategic Plan for third sector organisations. The deadline for the Consultation is 06 January 2016.

Contact [Christine Davison](#) or [Jo Clark](#) or call 0800 389 6046.

AOCB

Christine asked the Forum if the second Thursday of every month would be suitable for Forum meetings in 2016. If this clashes with any significant meetings please contact [Christine](#).

Member Updates

Homeshare Scotland - were on BBC radio. They are looking for referrals, particularly from older people with additional space in their home.

Fife Alcohol Support Service - reported that a [safe zone](#) has been arranged in Dunfermline over the Christmas period. This zone will offer a safe space for party goers.

Dunfermline Advocacy – The latest Fife Advocacy Forum meeting discussed the Forums joint response to the Consultation on the Draft Strategic Plan for Health and Social Care Integration.

Disabilities Fife – Charles Lister introduced himself to the forum as the new chair of Disabilities Fife.

Families in Trauma – held their official launch on 28 October 2015.

Fife Society for the Blind – are looking to apply for funding for a ‘community navigators scheme’. This service would help people with a sensory impairment to navigate the Health and Social Care landscape.

LinkLiving – Are running a befriending service in the Toryburn area, where they already run a successful community café.

LinkLiving also have three self-help coaches and they are looking to apply to the self-management fund.

Fife Centre for Equalities (FCE) – will be submitting a response from the perspective of the equalities act to the Consultation on the Draft Strategic Plan for Health and Social Care Integration.

FCE will host an interactive workshop on Tuesday for people who live in Fife. The event will look at their own health and wellbeing and any barriers they may have.

ENeRGI – have hired a befriending coordinator who will start soon. ENeRGI are keen to hear from people who are needing befriending in the East Neuk area.

CARF – Have moved into their new office in Leven (The Greig Institute, Forth Street, Leven, KY8 4PF). CARF have also launched their new website and are getting more active on Social Media.