



Note of Meeting of

Health and Social Care Forum

Thursday 05 March, 9.30am – 12.00pm

Craig Mitchell House, Flemington Road, Glenrothes, KY7 5QF

Present:

Kenny Murphy (Chair)

Jo Clark

Christine Davison

Sandy MacKenzie

George Cuthill

Bill Baird

Bert Lumsden

Nicky Paton

David Chisholm

Norma Philpott

Tam Cassidy

Elaine Fox

John Jones

Charlie Kirsten

Fife Voluntary Action

Scottish Health Council

Royal Voluntary Service

Age Concern Glenrothes

LinkLiving

Steelend Community Development Trust

CARF

Circles Network

ENERGI

Express Group Fife

The Richmond Fellowship Scotland

Apologies:

Ewan Masson

Eileen McCrossan

David Paton

John McKendrick

Duncan Mitchell

Sarah Smith

Fiona Smith

Carol Reddington

Anne Buchanan

John Stirling

Dunfermline Advocacy Initiative

Scottish Autism

Homelands Trust Fife

Fife Elderly Forum

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LinkLiving

Crossroads Fife Central

Fife Day Care Services

Alzheimer Scotland

Disabilities Fife

1. Welcome and Introduction

As the Forum had several new members all members introduced themselves.

2. Public Reference Group – Presentation, George Cuthill, Scottish Health Council

George Cuthill gave a presentation on his role within the Public Reference Group (PRG). The purpose of the Forum is to involve the public in health and social care services.

- Highlights the importance of “not doing to but doing with”
- Support boards to include service users
- Supports codes of conduct
- Encourages focus on minority and vulnerable groups and deprived areas
- Signposts people to other patient feedback services

Scottish Government has asked the Scottish Health Council (SHC) to help with consultation in general on how patients would like to feedback to the NHS. NHS board meetings now regularly hear a patient story before meetings. The role of the PRG is affected by the dissolution of the Community Health Partnerships (CHPs) and the picture is currently unclear. The Forum noted significant benefit from avoiding overextended feedback processes, complex high-level systems, and keeping feedback in local circles. George highlighted that it is difficult to involve young mothers and working people.

The Forum noted two projects enabling patient feedback called Patient Opinion (NHS) and a new pilot Care Opinion (for all potential providers of Health and Social Care in Fife).

Action: Christine Davison - to distribute George’s slides to the Forum

3. Integration Update – Kenny Murphy, Fife Voluntary Action

Community Planning

The third sector has a seat on community planning partnerships (CPPs), this widens perspectives at the table and encourages partners to provide joined up solutions. It was recognised that there will be a whole culture change (both within public services and within the public) towards self-management of health.

Community Empowerment Bill

Kenny informed the Forum that the Community Empowerment Bill strengthens and increases the requirements of CPPs.

Community Right to Buy and asset transfer

FVA are involved with a variety of working groups supporting community right to buy, asset transfer requests and the impact of non-domestic rates in the voluntary sector.

Integration Care Fund

Kenny informed the Forum Fife’s proposal was submitted in December and we are awaiting Scottish Government approval. An oversight group is to be set up which will monitor the fund, representation within the group is still to be defined. He expressed disappointment that several of the successful third sector projects will not receive funding after 01 April.

Community Health Partnerships

CHPs will be dissolved but the new structure is still to be defined.

Strategic Plan Update

Fife's Strategic Plan is currently being developed by a core group with input from a wider strategy group, including FVA. Kenny observed that work has been done to analyse need, however without a clear picture of what is currently available planning becomes awkward.

The third sector is well adapted to management of risk, which could be of benefit to the public sector.

4. Your information requirements

Joanna Clark tabled a draft version of FVA's Health and Social Care Policy Framework, which itemises a broad range of documentation pertaining to health and social care integration for comment. Once the current edit is complete, it will be circulated and put onto the FVA website and will be updated as new information arises. Comments/suggestions on its future development are welcome.

Action Christine Davison - To circulate document to H&SC Forum membership

5. Member Updates

Norma Philpott informed the Forum that CARF offer a Patient Advice and Support Service. This offers independent support through a health/care complaints procedure. This offers a platform to share both good and bad experiences.

CARF will be launching a new service in April around the changes to pensions.

Action Norma Philpot – To send information on this new service to FVA when ready

The Forum welcomed David Chisholm, Secretary of Saline and Steelend Community Development Trust to the meeting. David described transport and primary care access problems in Saline and Steelend arising from a long term dramatic increase in the number older residents. Kenny Murphy was supportive, noting that funding and economic concerns can prevent appropriate levels of primary care development.

ENERGI have been picked to participate in the Scottish Destinations Census to contribute on the impacts of welfare reform. Elaine Fox also updated that the mental health strategic implementation Forum are waiting to learn their new role within integration.

George Cuthill updated the Forum that Fife Alcohol Support Service (FASS) are integrating with Fife Community Drug Service.

Kenny updated on the progress of the voluntary sector hubs. FVA have taken over responsibility for the Wemyssfield building in Kirkcaldy and the Greig Institute in Leven. There is work to be done for both buildings which will delay entry. Wemyssfield will be done in two stages to allow for renovations, it is anticipated that tenants can move in from the end of March.

Tam Cassidy informed the Forum of a networking session taking place on Thursday 09 April 2015. The purpose of this session will be to learn more about the service Circles Network provides.

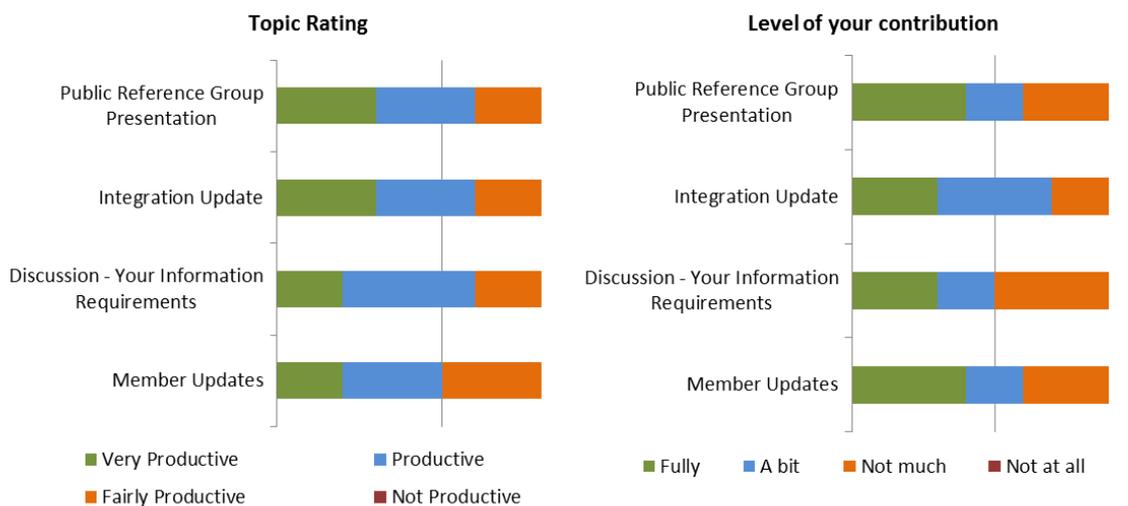
John Jones requested information on premises as Express Group Fife have been given a three month notice to move from their current premises.

6. AOCB (extended discussions)

Community Ambassadors

Allan Burns the current chair of NHS Fife has appointed Alistair Robertson (formerly Chairman of Kirkcaldy and Levenmouth Community Health Partnership and recently retired board member for Fife Health Board) to the newly established position of Community Ambassador for NHS Fife for a one year pilot. Alistair will enable cultural change to facilitate more effective community engagement.

Feedback



Future Attendance

