

MINUTES

ESSEX AND SOUTHEND LINK: MID ESSEX LOCALITY GROUP MEETING

Date and Time 22.09.08 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Location CHARMS Therapy Centre, 20, Grafton Place, Montrose Rd.,
Springfield Dukes Industrial Estate, Chelmsford, Essex

Organiser Fahmida Ali

Attendees: Peter Blackman (PB), Brian Mister(BM), Anne Villegas (AV), Maurice Booth (MB), Fahmida Ali (FA), John Saxton (JS), Nancy Freeman (NF), Leonard Wayne (LW), Norman Heath (NH), Lew Schnurr (LS), Margaret Pearce (MP).

Apologies: Judith Wright, Sue Hood and Claire Beattie

	Topic	Discussion	Action by who/when
1	Welcome & Introductions	Participant introductions and apologies for absence; The one new participant was welcomed.	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Not all corrections and amendments had been incorporated in the minutes circulated so JS read through his copy of the final draft submitted.	
3	Matters Arising	<p>LS <u>PCT Consultations</u>, including submissions from County LINK on pre/ante-natal and routine discharge procedures have been closed. South Woodham Ferrers GP Practice reported the pre to ante-natal cycle to be, “Unhelpful”. Action: LS to report PCT conclusions on discharge procedure consultation to next meeting.</p> <p>NF <u>Cross-County border Access</u>. A Halstead resident was very grateful for having been advised by non-NHS body that his rehab care was available in Suffolk, much closer to his home, so he did not have to travel the much greater distance to the nearest Essex establishment, contrary to NHS advice. Action: NF to give summary of “cross-border” situation to next meeting.</p> <p>LS <u>Out of hours “Drop-In.”</u> Private company, “Prime Care” has been appointed by North and Mid-Essex PCT’s to run out-of-hours drop in</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>NF</p>

		<p>service and their winter timetable is pending.</p> <p>JS Recruitment. Sue Hood's draft recruitment poster was read out in her absence. Action: JS to email draft posters to FA.</p> <p>Participants' expectations – how to realise</p> <p>JS Definition of individual vs. generic complaint. As an example of an individual complaint that is clearly also a generic one was given by JS. St Andrews department at Broomfield appears not to be DDA (Disabilities Discrimination Act) compliant as the examination room (s) have no hoist to raise disabled wheelchair users. Action: JS to send letter requesting PCT's explanation to CEMVO.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
4	Major New Influence Economy & Regime	<p>JS Participants were urged to reflect on the likely effects on LINK's of the poorer economy and national political intentions to place more responsibility on people for their own well-being as well as increasingly transferring health and social services to voluntary organisations.</p>	
5	Any Other Business	<p>PB County Report. Leases have been taken on offices in Bond Street, Chelmsford and in the SAVS (Southend Association of Voluntary Services), Southend-on-Sea. On average, on account of holidays and sick leave, only two people are working full time for LINK's at the moment but recruitment is almost complete and fully staffed offices will be established at the beginning of November, 2008. A web-site will be a high priority. Recruitment and action targets must therefore be constrained by resource limitations for the time being.</p> <p>AV Staffing. AV has been confirmed in her project management post and further final interviews are now in hand. JS CHARMS Judith Wright was thanked in her absence for providing the venue. JS explained the main services provided by CHARMS.</p>	
6	Date & Place of Next Meeting	<p>Monday 27th October 2008, 2:00pm – 4:00pm at CHARMS Therapy Centre, to be confirmed with JW</p>	