

MINUTES

ESSEX AND SOUTHEND LINK: NORTH EAST ESSEX LOCALITY GROUP

Date and Time Tuesday 10th November 2009, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Location Dorson House, 14-16 Orwell Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO15 1PP

Organiser Gabriela Horecka

Attendees: Gabriela Horecka (minutes), Reg McKenna (Vice Chair, Involving Essex), Frank Baker NE Essex Mental Health Forum, Governor Colchester Hospital Trust

Apologies: Keith Biggar (Chair), Shaun Moffat (RNIB, PNF, CAAG, POSCOMM, VDPG), Harry Young, Christine Damant (Alzheimer's Society), Carolann Jackson (Aspbergers/Autism Anglia)

	Topic	Discussion	Action who/when
1	Welcome and introductions	The vice chair introduced people	
2	Declarations of interest	None	
3	Minutes of last meeting (12 October 2009)	As only one person present had attended the last meeting this item was deferred to the next meeting.	
4	Matters arising	The Conference on Social Care and County Wide Public meeting took place on Wednesday 2 December 2009, 10.00am to 4.30pm at The Nightingale Centre, Pastoral Way, Warley, Brentwood CM14 5GB	
5	Conference on Dual Diagnosis – update	This was held on 1 st December 2009 from 12.00pm to 4.30pm at the Trinity Methodist Church, Rainsford Rd, Chelmsford, CM1 2XB.	

6	Agenda	<p>As there were so few attendees there was a general discussion and information session on issues that affect the NE Essex Area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion around hospitals. Reg clarified that NEST had ceased to exist as an organisation and had become 'Involving Essex' on October 2008. Now that Colchester and Tendring PCTs had merged (before they had been separate) people did not feel as involved locally. There is a Renal Unit being built at Clacton. 2. Colchester Hospital is holding a series of health talks for the public. The last one at Coggeshall was on hip replacements and attracted 90 people. Holland on Sea has twice the national average rate of diabetes – the next Public Talk will be on Diabetes on Wednesday 16th December 2009 between 6.30 and 8.30pm at St Helena Hospice, Tendring Centre, Jackson Rd, Clacton CO15 1JP. <i>Phone 0845 873 4610 weekdays 9.30am to 5.00pm to book a place</i> 3. Steve Cook has recently been appointed Associate Director Substance Misuse for the North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust North Essex Drug and Alcohol Service. A protocol does exist for North Essex (which would include West Essex, Mid Essex and North East Essex). The former Director Mike Chapman has now moved. The North Essex Mental Health Trust secretary is Dermot McCarthy. 4. Essex County Council has formed a company 'Essex Cares' to provide services. Any profits are to be fed back to the council. 5. Reg recently attended a meeting on 'Personal Budgets', which had attracted 30-40 people from voluntary sector organisations. There was a view that the council now provides few services and that the private sector will be commissioned instead. Mental Health Direct Payments have been going some time. There is a pilot project running in Mid-Essex. 6. Frank reported on the situation at Greenelms Surgery, Jaywick. Chivers McCray, a private company had got the contract to provide services and a patient survey had been commissioned. The main complaint before the contract had been that there were too many locums. Since then there had been a public meeting and there were now 3 new doctors. 7. Brooklands/Grasslands Ward is the 3rd most deprived ward. Chivers McCray had said that they would provide an outreach clinic but this had not been provided. 8. In Pier ward the Primary Care Trust had historically had an in patient building in Clacton Town Centre for people with mental health issues. This had closed and people were then housed in former hotels in lots of HMOs (house with multiple occupants). People had had to go to Colchester to attend day 	
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		services but then Dorson House was set up and run by Tendring MIND.
	Future Meetings	Wednesday 6th January 2010 , 2.00pm – 4.00pm, NOTE change of venue , Castle Methodist Church, Maidenburgh Street, Colchester CO1 1TT
		Thursday 18th February 2010 , 5.00pm – 7.00pm University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ
		Monday 29th March 2010 , 10.00am – 12.00pm Harwich
		Tuesday 11th May 2010 , 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Colchester

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