

Panel of Reference
17th March 2011
Florence Barbour Room 2

Present

Helen Clark
Donna Clark
Martin Meechan
Steven Hamilton
Ailsa MacRory
Morag Ramage

Apologies

Dr Flowerdew
Alastair Gibb

Helen was not at the last meeting (feb) so a discussion on the last meeting was started:

A discussion was started about the anti-stigma DVD. Problems collecting and setting up the equipment were discussed. The viewing went well with a discussion afterwards.

Comic relief funding – £2,500 a year for three years for the Panel. Some of the funding was used to buy a laptop for the minutes.

Stagecoach buses have agreed to sponsor the Panel by putting leaflets on all 400 of the buses.

A discussion about mental health issues was started discussing problems, effects and health issues in hospitals and the way people are treated.

The group discussed putting on a play at the arts and film festival about mental health issues. The group discussed whether or not to do a DVD or a live show. A DVD may be better as members may not want to do a show in front of people. The cost may cause a problem unless a group could be found to help.

An evening could be sponsored by the group and college students could be used after a discussion with the group about mental health issues and what should be in the drama. Steven could talk to a lecturer at the college and see if some students would come along and how much they may charge or if they would do it as training. Steven will ask the lecturer to the May meeting if possible to discuss this further.

A letter has been received from a service user to have a meeting with the panel to discuss coming along. The person's consultant and gp referred him to the group. Other people have asked to join the group but have failed to come along to the meetings. Other people have asked for professional advice on symptoms of conditions from the group and also to ask cpns or gp's to change their medication.

Panel website: The panel website has not been updated in the past year and is still to be sorted properly. Helen has been looking into getting the site changed. It will be cheaper and may look better than the current site. It will be updated regularly if all members agree to go ahead. Ayrshire network solutions are currently looking after the site but have not been maintaining the site.

Eglington Park event – to advertise is free but to sell items will cost £25. The group will be going along to promote the panel at the event. Helen will also be arranging a stall for Ardrossan Highland games where we will be selling items.

Employing person – a member of staff from council for voluntary organizations will be coming to a meeting to discuss how they can help with employing a person to do work for the panel and cvo also. Awards for all have said they will fund the person and cvo will give them a work space to use.

Wai Yin Hatton will be attending the June meeting; the members have a lot to discuss with her including: travel expenses, treatment of service users and carers, health service support for voluntary groups.

The next Panel meeting will be on 20th April, Florence Barbour room 2 Ailsa Hospital 2-4pm.