

Panel of Reference
17th August 2011
Florence Barbour Room 2

Present

Helen Clark
Donna Clark
Ailsa MacRorie
Morag Ramage
Stephen Hamilton
Martin Meechan
Raymond Chan

Apologies

Dr Flowerdew
Dr Alistair Gibb

Two guest speakers were invited to the panel meeting but unfortunately neither could make it today. Paul Buchart will be attending the next meeting.

Dr Hatton will be retiring at the end of the year. Jim Chrichton will be sending the answers to the questions from the last meeting as soon as possible.

New mental health facility – what will happen to empty wards in the building (Ailsa). Young people should be allowed to have a ward in Ailsa as the new hospital won't have children's services. Staff won't work here so children are sent miles away from home, including wales. Children are being sent to adult hospitals or English hospitals as no one will stay in Ayrshire to work with the children or staff.

Crisis care team – very difficult to get hold of even though a dedicated line should be available for people to call. People have to go through NHS 24 for any crisis help which could take a long time as there are many options.

Panel Website – changes will be made to the panel website, the website has pictures of members which will stay on and be updated. The crisis information will be kept on the site but updated when required. The page itself may have the colours changed and a revamp for the entire site. Members will be able to decide what should be on the site itself.

2nd September Ayr college – service users and carers tell their stories which may be used during the play. The information will be used by the students and they will decide what to put into the play. They can stand and talk to all of the students or talk to them in small groups. They could write down stories for the students to read over and decide what to put in. It will be a drop in session so people can come and go as they please.

It will be from 9.30am to 12.30. Helen, Morag and Martin will be there for 11am and Ailsa and Raymond will be there for 10am for the event. It will be difficult for members to talk to the students but they are willing to go and talk to them. Real names will not be used but the stories will be based on true experiences.

Members could go along to the rehearsals to see how things are going and what will be in the play and decide if any changes may need to be done. The members will discuss with the college if this is acceptable.

Thursday 13th October the actual play will be held in Ayr College at 7pm. The school events will be for pupils only and no members of the public will be allowed. A concern for the audience is a trigger from the event which may cause some distress. People will be able to leave and be offered support as well as being given information if they want to discuss the issues with someone. Copeline and the Panel's information will be given out as well as other support or help groups.

Ayrshire Recovery Network meeting – Dean Park event, more of a meet and greet than a meeting. A ranger took people around the park before soup and a sandwich. Morag and Martin attended.

Thursday 1st September will be the launch of the Mental Health Arts and Film Festival in Edinburgh 2pm – 4pm. Scottish storytelling centre in the high street. Stephen and Ailsa will be going to the launch to bring back some programmes for the event.

The September meeting will be attended by Vaun Jones to talk to the members about dementia. A member of staff from Kyle ward will be attending the October meeting.

WRAP training is available on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th of October at Ayr hospital 9.30 till 1pm.

The next meeting will be on 14th September in Florence Barbour room 2 Ailsa Hospital.