

Minutes from the Disability Equality sub-group meeting 24 July 2006 at the Media Resource Centre, Llandrindod Wells

Present

Vin West (Gogledd Gwynedd), Rif Winfield (Ceredigion CHC), Ann Winfield (Disability Rights Services), Doreen Gunning (Bridgend CHC), Sheryll Holley (Communication Support), Val Evans (Conwy CHC), Jenny Hambridge (Disability Powys), Chris Birch (Disability Powys) and Ann Younis (Board of Community Health Councils in Wales).

1 Apologies

Ruth Eaton (Brecknock & Radnor CHC), Bud Mort (Ceredigion CHC), David Hurst (Ceredigion CHC), Jon Mackeen (Disability Powys), Caroline Jackson (Meirionnydd CHC).

2 Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted as an accurate record with some minor spelling amendments made on Pages 1 and 2.

Page 3 – Disability Powys had facilitated the day not Disability Powys, amendment made.

3 Matters arising

- (b) Contact made with The Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments (OCPA) as a starting point. Publications being sent through, not yet received. No documentation received from WAG to date, to follow up for next meeting. (AP: AY)
- (c) AY made contact with Shaw Trust and spoke to Andrea Gordon, no further action taken re: Disability Equality Training at this stage with this organisation.
- (d) The Disability Equality Coalition have so far met twice and have drawn up their terms of reference. CB will circulate paperwork to the group by e-mail. They firmly advocate the use of disabled trainers for all Disability Equality Training, and that the training should be accredited. Need to secure the final version of the Welsh Association of Disability Equality Trainers (WADET). The Coalition next meets in August. (AP: CB)

- (k) The issue of Welsh translation costs to be pursued with Graham Findlay for the Disability Equality Scheme that is finally drawn up. (AP: RW)

4 **Feedback from Board meeting 4 July**

RW & AW conveyed to the group that the audience had appreciated what was being relayed but were uncomfortable with some of the language used such as “mandatory”. The Board accepts that it has a duty and distinguished between the “specific” and “general” nature of their duty. There did not appear to be a problem with the adoption of a formally constituted group and it was explained why the sub-group should not be a task and finish one. The Board were invited to make comment on the statement that had been furnished in hard copy format to them.

Amendments made to the statement shown in red to reflect Board feedback and further discussion in group today.

Subsequent to the Board meeting correspondence had been received by the Director of the Board and copied to AY from the Vale of Glamorgan CHC. This had been circulated to the group prior to the meeting today. Discussion as to the contents of the correspondence ensued. It was agreed that VW and JH would respond directly to the CHC on behalf of the group in respect of the issues raised within the correspondence. (AP: VW&JH)

5 **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Vin West was elected today during the course of the meeting as Chair of the Disability Equality Sub-group and Rif Winfield elected as the Vice Chair.

6 **Terms of Reference**

TOR were agreed by the group, please see draft copy attached.

7 **Development of Disability Equality Scheme**

No work was done on developing the scheme today, the agenda for the next meeting will reflect taking this forward.

8 **AOB**

Briefing for attendance of VW at Visiting Monitoring Group on 25 July 2006. Group agreed the information to relay to the VMG – enhancing the visiting/inspection role, assistance with improving the guidance and potential development of a separate audit tool for disability issues on NHS premises, request for a representative from the Disability Equality sub-group to be a member of the VMG and feed through salient issues to augment the visiting/inspection role.

Group members to have a look at the London Development Agency Draft Disability Equality Scheme before next meeting. VW to provide link for doc. (AP: VW)

Next meeting 21 August 2006 at Cartrefi Cymru Llandrindod Wells, location map will be circulated with agenda. Usual start time 11am

A further meeting on 26 September has been scheduled and the MRC booked. Please make a diary note.

Ann Younis