



Bucks Service User and Carer Organisation

Update Paper Executive Partnership Board – 17 September 2012

1. Developing Organisation, Board and Constitution

Alison Lewis (Chair) and Ian Cormack (Vice Chair) are stepping down from their roles on the SUCO Board with effect from September 2012. David Bone and Lucy Falconer will be interim co-Chairs whilst we recruit for these positions. Advert for roles prepared. Will be placed with Community Impact Bucks and Reach Recruitment to start process w/b 24 September

We continue work to expand SUCO Board membership and now have 7 members (excluding Alison, Ian, Ann Whitely and the Development Worker), including two new members since May 2012. Discussions on going with Bucks MIND to recruit a further member.

2. Policy Development

Draft process for recruitment of co-Chairs for Partnership Board complete. This work was undertaken at the request of Buckinghamshire County Council. Next stage - quick consultation with members of all PBs, discussions currently with Nadiya Ashraf to enable Democratic Services to facilitate this.

Work continues to formalise relationship between SUCO and existing service user and carer representatives on PBs, hard copy and excel records for all are being developed and implemented.

3. Information Development

Work on comprehensive database of Voluntary Organisations complete. We now hold details of over 150 local, regional and national organisations.

Website is under development. Final testing and due diligence currently being undertaken to ensure accessibility compliance. Due to complete w/b 1 October.

Regular news bulletin in development. Due to be complete and being circulated w/b 17 September

SUCO leaflet on key qualities complete and being distributed at meetings and events.

4. Recruitment to Partnership Boards

Carers Partnership Board – 4 new carer representatives attended Carers Partnership Board on 13 June. Successful meeting. Members have on going support from SUCO Development Worker.

Mental Health Partnership Board – work to recruit for this Board has been deferred at the request of Buckinghamshire County Council. Potential representatives have agreed to be part of SUCO Special Interest Group until this board is ready.

PSD Partnership Board - Presented to PSD on 26 July and have met separately with Christopher Reid. Initial contact made with Crossroads, MKB Care, OWLS, Stoke Mandeville

Spinal Unit and Parkinson's Society seeking help to recruit service users and carers to Board. To date meetings secured with OWLS and Crossroads

Older Peoples Partnership Board – Initial contact made with Chair and co-Chair. SUCO will be meeting them to discuss and develop recruitment process for service user and carer representatives on 6 September.

Information day for potential service user and carer representatives for PSD and Older Peoples Partnership Boards planned for 28 October.

Special Interest Group – This is established. 8 members currently but will expand as we recruit for PSD and Older Peoples Partnership Boards.

5. Training and Support

Induction pack for new and existing members to all Partnership Boards in development, to be completed by 5 October – subject to contributions by Buckinghamshire County Council. Papers for inclusion have been agreed. SUCO have asked Sarah Gammon to help to commission briefing from Buckinghamshire County Council for inclusion. We are discussing with Democratic Services their contributions and in particular costs associated with this. SUCO material for packs ready and complete.

SUCO met with Sarah Gammon on 1 August to discuss the development of a joint training strategy and programme. Elements of this to include Induction Pack, Integrated Induction Day with rolling programme of refresher training, development for Chairs and co-Chairs and on going individual training opportunities. We are due to meet again shortly to discuss progress on the above. Provisional date for completion 26 October.

6. Networking

Since May SUCO has presented to Community Impact Bucks, Buckingham Carers Support Group, PSD Board, Bucks MIND and Crossroads.

A joint SUCO/INDI Information Morning was held on 10 July. 18 organisations from across the county attended including Age Concern, The Stroke Association and The Brain Injuries Trust.

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