

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Thursday 10 May 2012

1 pm – 3.30 pm

Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton

Present: Kevin McGoldrick, Treasurer (Chair for this meeting)
Scott Nicol
Andrew Kousourou
William Mullen

Apologies: Suban McGoldrick
Eleanor Finnan, Chairperson
Andy Simm, South Lanarkshire Council
Helen Clark, Speak Out Advocacy
Laura Folan

In Attendance: Margaret Ann Prentice, SPAEN South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Service
Karen Frame, South Lanarkshire Council

Item:		Action
1	Welcome K McGoldrick welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Minutes of Meeting Minutes of the meeting were read and approved by A Kousourou and seconded by W Mullen.	
3	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes 3.1 Charging Policy – M McHugh to attend June meeting. M McHugh to give a brief talk and answer general questions in relation to Charging Policy. 3.2 Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme – to be carried forward to next meeting. 3.3 Community Care/Child Care Assessment Timescales – K McGoldrick advised that following recent meeting no further feedback had been received in relation to questions posed or correspondence sent. K McGoldrick to follow up and feedback at next meeting.	J Dykes K McGoldrick

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3	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (Cont)</p> <p>3.4 Funding for Disability Organisations – K Frame advised that she had heard back from colleague at the Scottish Government. Most of the funding for this year and the next two years has been allocated. The funds that remain will be used to support strategic development of SDS information and support services which will be informed by the current mapping exercise and evaluation of activities already funded. Scottish Government will advise if further funding becomes available.</p> <p>3.5 SDS Forum East Renfrewshire – E Finnan has advised that she has not heard from the contact person at East Renfrewshire Forum. Links to be encouraged with East Renfrewshire and Glasgow who now have a service user forum. K Frame to follow this up and feedback.</p> <p>East Renfrewshire’s bid application also to be used as an aid to inform the business plan for the network. Members to consider what topics they would like to cover within the business plan for discussion at a future meeting.</p> <p>3.6 OSCR Application – OSCR application has been amended. K McGoldrick to sign off to enable charitable status to be applied for.</p> <p>3.7 Website/Facebook – K McGoldrick to continue to monitor Facebook and Twitter information. Members to agree content prior to upload. E-mail information to be checked by E Finnan and K McGoldrick (in E Finnan’s absence).</p> <p>3.8 Self-Directed Support Bill – copy of response provided to Scottish Government in pack for information.</p>	<p>K Frame</p> <p>Members</p> <p>K McGoldrick</p> <p>K McGoldrick Members E Finnan K McGoldrick</p>
4	<p>SPAEN Services and Costs</p> <p>M A Prentice provided a brief update on the changes to SPAEN services and provided a copy of the membership application form which will be circulated to members detailing costs. Changes and costs discussed are as follows:</p> <p>Employer Documentation Service £ 50.00 Advice and Indemnity Service £ 100.00 Advice and Documentation Combined £ 122.00 this will provide SPAEN membership and Advice and Indemnity Insurance. Additional cost of £ 5.00 added for more than 4/5 employees.</p> <p>Registration to Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme – no longer offered.</p>	<p>K Frame</p>
5	<p>AGM Update and Minute</p> <p>K Frame provided a brief overview of members views in relation to the AGM. AGM Update and Minute provided within pack for information. Meeting approved minutes to be circulated at next years AGM.</p>	

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6	<p>Recruitment</p> <p>Recruitment of additional members discussed by membership. Suggestions included holding an open day, possible interaction with other networks, attendance at events etc. Members to consider possible ideas and feedback.</p>	Members
7	<p>Leaflet</p> <p>OSCR status to be applied to leaflet if successful. Members to consider whom leaflet should be sent to as a source of advertising the work that the network carries out.</p>	Members
8	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>SPAEN members – it was agreed by membership that individuals who are supported by SPAEN who wish to raise concerns through this group who cannot attend do so become members and raise issues via an issues form. S Nicol agreed to share a copy of a care provider form that can be tailored for use by the network. M A Prentice to revise form for the network.</p> <p>Respite – M A Prentice highlighted concerns raised by individuals who were looking to ascertain Direct Payments for respite i.e. traditional respite provides accommodation, travel meals etc whereas in some cases only support costs are being met. K Frame advised that it depends on the different types of respite, this can be community based respite, residential respite etc. M A Prentice asked if the network could look at on behalf SPAEN members.</p> <p>Day Care – M A Prentice also advised that there can also be differences in relation to day care activities where in some cases day care is being provided and in other only support provided and not the activity cost.</p>	S Nicol M A Prentice
9	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the network will be held on Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 1 pm to 3.30 pm in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton.</p>	