

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Thursday 12 January 2012

1 pm – 3.30 pm

Training Room, Newberry Rooney Centre

Present: John Dykes
Suban McGoldrick
Kevin McGoldrick
Eleanor Finnan, Chairperson
William Mullen

Apologies: Karen McWilliams
William Thompson

In Attendance Helen Clark, Speak Out Advocacy
Margaret Ann Prentice, SDS Co-ordinator, Self-Directed Support Service
Andy Simm, Resource Worker, South Lanarkshire Council
Karen Frame, Direct Payments Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Council

Item:		Action
1	Minutes of Meeting Minutes of the meeting were read and approved by K McGoldrick and seconded by E Finnan.	
2	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes 2.1 Community Grant – E Finnan advised that application had been approved and confirmation letter and remittance advice for the £ 250 grant had been received. 2.2 Charging Policy – M McHugh unable to attend December meeting due to work commitments. A Simm to check if M McHugh can attend June meeting. 2.3 Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme - J Dykes to complete draft letter for next month's meeting. 2.4 Community Care/Child Care Assessment Timescales – K Frame to e-mail original letter to E Finnan. E Finnan to draft a further letter as initial reply only answered part of the question and a fuller explanation is required. 2.5 Individual Learning Accounts – M A Prentice informed that M O'Donnell had advised that placements on PRCT training could be sought if available however a charge would require to be paid. 2.6 Self-Directed Support Bill and Strategy - A Simm advised that C Pearson had been appointed to the post of Self-Directed Support and Telecare worker. The role will concentrate on social work practice.	 A Simm J Dykes K Frame E Finnan

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2	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (cont)</p> <p>2.6 Self-Directed Support Bill and Strategy (cont)</p> <p>C Pearson has expressed an interest in attending a future meeting. Invite to be extended for February meeting.</p> <p>2.7 Newsletter Article – Items have been e-mailed to C Pearson for inclusion within the next edition of the Carers Network newsletter. Generic e-mail address for the network has been set up. The e-mail address is slsdsnetwork@hotmail.co.uk. E Finnan is having problems accessing, M Prentice and E Finnan to look at.</p> <p>2.8 Changes to Service Delivery – Children and Justice Services</p> <p>Copies of ICAN Booklet to be distributed to members with children. ICAN booklet can also be downloaded from: http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/1361/childcare_and_family_care/505/carers</p>	<p>K Frame</p> <p>M Prentice E Finnan</p> <p>K Frame</p>
4	<p>SDSS Membership</p> <p>E-mail has been sent to office bearers advising that application for membership had been approved.</p>	
5	<p>Self-Directed Support Scotland (SDSS) Grant Application Bid</p> <p>E-mail has been sent to office bearers advising that the bid had been unsuccessful. SDSS will still receive £ 100,000 of funding however as this wasn't as much as had been anticipated the organisation will not be able to provide a worker in the South Lanarkshire or Aberdeen areas.</p> <p>Discussion took place in respect to the Self-Directed Support Scotland (SDSS) bid. Members looked at the list of successful bids on the Scottish Government website. Members noted with interest that the successful organisations were of charitable status although not all were support organisations. The bid from Self-Directed Support Scotland (SDSS) highlighted that partnership working would take place in 5 local authority areas including East Renfrewshire. SDS Forum East Renfrewshire were successful in gaining funding in their own right. Members felt that M Cameron should be invited back to future meeting to discuss the failed bid. K Frame to arrange.</p> <p>Discussion also to take place with SDS Forum East Renfrewshire regarding possible meeting to discuss their application, to find out what their aims and objectives are and how these measure against the bid from Self-Directed Support Scotland (SDSS). K Frame to e-mail colleague in East Renfrewshire regarding contact details for the chair of the forum.</p> <p>Members agreed to apply to OSCR for charitable status. A Simm to complete application for discussion at next meeting and to contact a funding officer from the local authority regarding putting together an application to secure financial assistance for the development of a business plan to meet the network's objectives.</p>	<p>K Frame</p> <p>K Frame</p> <p>A Simm</p>

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6	<p>Work plan for 2012</p> <p>Members agreed the work plan. K Frame to arrange speakers for relevant dates.</p>	K Frame
7	<p>Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p> <p>Members agreed the outline for the AGM. Letter to be drafted to be sent out to individuals in receipt of Self-Directed Support. A Simm and K Frame to pull together information for next meeting. Leaflet to be drafted and members to think of content and possible logos for next meeting.</p> <p>M A Prentice to supply sample layouts of leaflets for possible use.</p>	<p>A Simm K Frame Members</p> <p>M A Prentice</p>
8	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>Invite to Public Servants</p> <p>Following discussion members agreed that no invites be extended to public servants to future meetings until after the May elections.</p> <p>Motability Car Insurance</p> <p>J Dykes raised concerns regarding changes to policy in respect to Motability Car Insurance which will take place from this month. J Dykes advised that any P.A./Carer who is added to the Motability car insurance will have to live within 5 miles of the Disabled person who is leasing the car from Motability.</p> <p>Following discussion members agreed to draft letter to Motability regarding the change in policy.</p>	J Dykes
9	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the network will be held on Tuesday 7 February 2012 from 1 pm to 3.30 pm in the Round Room, Newberry Rooney Centre.</p>	