

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Tuesday 17 April 2012

1 pm – 3.30 pm

Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton

Present: Kevin McGoldrick
Suban McGoldrick
Scott Nicol
Andrew Kousourou
William Mullen
Eleanor Finnan, Chairperson

Apologies: Andy Simm, South Lanarkshire Council
Helen Clark, Speak Out Advocacy
Linda Braidwood
Margaret Ann Prentice, SPAEN South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Service
Doris Renshall
John Dykes

In Attendance: Joanna Swan, SPAEN South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Service
Karen Frame, South Lanarkshire Council

Item:		Action
1	Welcome K McGoldrick welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made by members.	
2	Minutes of Meeting Minutes of the meeting were read and approved by K McGoldrick and seconded by W Mullen.	
3	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes 3.1 Charging Policy – confirmation from M McHugh regarding attendance at June meeting. K Frame to pursue. 3.2 Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme – to be carried forward to next meeting. 3.3 Community Care/Child Care Assessment Timescales – E Finnan and K McGoldrick feedback from recent meeting with N Ait-Hocine and B Hutchinson. Both agreed that it had been a good meeting and that members had agreed to meet on a regular basis.	K Frame J Dykes

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3	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (Cont)</p> <p>3.3 Community Care/Child Care Assessment Timescales (cont)</p> <p>Issues discussed included assessment and support planning timescales, personal assistant payment rates, agency rates, charging policy, user-led support and remodelling of services.</p> <p>A number of the issues raised were in the process of being looked at by the local authority including payment rates to personal assistant employers and user-led support.</p> <p>In respect to assessments N Ait-Hocine and B Hutchinson had informed that assessments should be completed within 20 working days with response being sent 5 days thereafter.</p> <p>In relation to the agency framework E Finnan advised that this had been extended to March 2013. Discussion took place on what the agency framework is and how Direct Payments are provided as part of this. A Kousourou advised that he had taken the local authority to court over a dispute with payment rates. As a result the payment rates were increased. When discussing the rate paid members agreed that a precedent had been set as the rate was higher than the framework rates in operation although this had been an individual case. A Kousourou informed that if members were unhappy with rate paid then they should contact the local authority.</p> <p>3.4 Funding for Disability Organisations – K Frame advised she had e-mailed a colleague at the Scottish Government regarding whether further funding was available. Reply awaited. K Frame to feedback.</p> <p>3.5 SDS Forum East Renfrewshire – K Frame advised that the forum had agreed to provide the network with a copy of their bid application. K Frame informed that she had received the bid application from her colleague at East Renfrewshire and would share with the network when looking at setting up their business plan.</p> <p>3.6 OSCR Application – Amended constitution was signed by E Finnan to enable application to be made. A Simm to send to OSCR on behalf of the network.</p> <p>3.7 Leaflet – E Finnan advised how the logo had been devised for the leaflet. Further information to be included prior to circulation being agreed.</p> <p>3.8 Website/Facebook – K McGoldrick advised that Facebook and Twitter accounts had now been set up for the network. Network members to agree content with K McGoldrick monitoring Facebook and Twitter information. E Finnan to check e-mail information.</p>	<p>K Frame</p> <p>A Simm</p> <p>K McGoldrick E Finnan</p>

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4	<p>Self-Directed Support Bill</p> <p>Network members discussed the Self-Directed Support Bill and the 4 options that will be available. The Bill is in the first stage of going through parliament and will be available from late 2013/early 2014. The Bill is looking for comments on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the 4 options • power to extend to carers • finance – for example, charging on a gross and net basis • giving children the opportunity to have a degree of control • extending to residential care • support available to those who can't make an informed decision i.e. guardianship or local authority making the appointment <p>Concern was raised that there did not seem to be any change from what was in place at the moment. Also, it was felt by A Kousourou that the preferred option would be for charging to be on a net basis.</p> <p>Copies of the bill provided within the information pack. K Frame advised that comments were required by 24 April 2012. K Frame asked if she could have comments by Friday 20 April 2012 and she would look at formulating a response on behalf of the network.</p>	<p>Members</p>
5	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the network will be held on Thursday 10 May 2012 at 1 pm to 3.30 pm in the Training Room of the Newberry Rooney Centre.</p>	