DORSET AGE PARTNERSHIP LOCALITY MEETING

NORTH DORSET

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 October 2013
at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton

Present:

Anne Laugharne – DAP Chair Deb McCarthy – Dorset County Council Lucy Johns – Dorset County Council Diana West – POPP Joan Cleall – DAP Locality Vice Chair Nikki Hislop – Dorset CCG Derek Hardy – Dorset County Council Jackie Bolson – POPP Melanie Froggatt – Dorset County Council	Miles Newbury – Mears Lin Venters – Gillingham Seniors Forum Michael Bennett –Smith – Beaminster Forum Keith Harrison – NHS Dorset Alison Walker – Dorset County Council Chris Wakefield – Healthwatch Dorset Carolyn Ward – Healthwatch Dorset

Apologies:

Chris Scriven – Blue Bird Care Sue Warr – POPP Victor Fox – Councillor	Jackie Allen – 50+ Forum Dorchester and District

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1.	**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2013 were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.	
2.	**MATTERS ARISING**	
	• Fit Gillingham – The event went well with high attendance. .	
3.	**GREENWOOD CENTRE**	
	This item was tabled and presented by Alison Walker, Occupational Therapist at the Greenwood Unit. She gave the following information: • The Centre, which is in Maiden Castle Road, Dorchester, is funded by Dorset County Council and run by Alison and staff. • Main aim is to provide free impartial advice and assessment for anyone who should visit the Unit. • Services are for people over 18 with any sort of disability. No-one is turned away. • No referral is needed but due to high number of people visiting the Centre, **appointments now need to be made**. • Day services are available for people with physical disabilities on three days a week. • The role of the Centre is to work in partnership with visitors on all the problems they may be encountering. It is a very customer led service. • Equipment is available for visitors to try out to see if it meets their needs.	

	• The Centre signpost people to other services. • The highest number of users of the service are from Dorchester and Weymouth, although some do come from North Dorset. People rarely come from the Ferndown area. • The Centre has a considerable stock of equipment which they have obtained from national and local retailers, which people can test out. • The Centre has small rooms which therefore make the sessions more personal as well as an adapted kitchen. • Telecare equipment is also available. • The Centre do not hire out equipment but do let people borrow it for a few days to see whether it is the equipment that will assist them before they go and purchase it. Should anyone wish to know more about The Greenwood Centre, please contact Alison Walker on tel: 01305 257164 or email: greenwoodcentre@dorsetcc.gov.uk. Their leaflet is on http://www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=167830&filetype=pdf	
4.	**SPECIALIST HOUSING**	
	Derek Hardy of Dorset County Council attended for this item and gave the following presentation: • Dorset County Council's aim is to bring together the different types of assistance available to people to enable them to stay in their own homes so people only have to go to one place. • The plan is to have one main centre, with mobile centres of independent living, which will have equipment to make life at home easier for people. • In the East of the County a plan might be to replicate the Greenwood Centre along with pop up services which would go to sheltered housing or extra care housing. • The new service will not run until April 2015 and will go out to tender for a provider. • Specialist housing is an alternative to residential care • People can either take a tenancy or purchase the property and benefit from the 24 hour support. • There is a proposal to develop two contracts, one that would bring together 'physical support' (Integrated Community Equipment Service, Home Improvement Agency etc) and one which would provide 'personal support' (emergency local assistance, floating support, supported accommodation). • Whilst exploring this, a set of questions are being presented at each DAP: - How and where should people be able to find out about services? - What might put people off contacting a service? - Are there any gaps in the current services? - How would you access a DCC service? - Are there things we could stop doing? - How can we improve the current service? - How can we tell if a service is working? - Is a single point of access a good idea? - Where should the service be based? Should anyone wish to comment or respond further on the questions above please contact Derek Hardy on email: derek.hardy@dorsetcc.gov.uk or Tel:	

	01305 225901	
5.	**HEALTHWATCH**	
	Chris Wakefield of Healthwatch Dorset outlined its purpose: • Healthwatch is a new independent consumer champion for health and social care, created to gather and represent views of the public on health and social care services. • Healthwatch Dorset has been in existence since 1 April 2013 with the aim to work to help local people get the best out of their local health and social care services. • People need to share any concerns they have about health and social care with Healthwatch, good or bad. Healthwatch then analyses information to ascertain whether there is a particular issue in a particular area. If necessary, a report is then presented to the appropriate body i.e. a care home, NHS, Care Quality Commission. • Healthwatch are recruiting volunteers in order to create a network of Champions right across Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth. Champions will work to promote Healthwatch in their local communities and gather information on people's experiences. For further information on becoming a Champion for Healthwatch contact Chris Wakefield on tel: 0300 111 0102 or email: enquiries@healthwatchdorset.co.uk	
6.	**UPDATE ON DORSET CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**	
	Nikki Hislop of the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group gave the following update: • On 1 April 2013 the whole of Dorset had come under one umbrella, namely the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) . • It is the second largest CCG in the United Kingdom in terms of patient numbers and budget. • Dorset split into thirteen localities, approximately based around district council boundaries. • An engagement team was formed who have undertaken two sessions this year which have been successful. • The engagement team are also looking at a patient story database where positive and negative stories are stored that can be used at meetings. She invited members to let her know should they have any such stories. • NH introduced Keith Harrison who works for the CCG and can be contacted on email: keith.harrison@dorset-pct.nhs.uk. • The CCG are looking at what can be done for the localities and see if they can prioritise some areas where a difference can be made. She circulated the NHS CCG Strategy 2013-18 and took the group through the different sections. It was agreed to regularly put CCG updates on the agenda, every other meeting.	**Action: DMc**

7.	**CHAIRMANSHIP AND 2014 MEETINGS SCHEDULE**	
	Chairmanship LJ informed the meeting that Anne Laugharne's term of office as Chairman comes to an end in March 2014 and that the three people have stepped forward to take on this role: Jackie Allen; Michael Bennett-Smith; and Lin Venters, details of whom had been circulated with the agenda. All three candidates were attending each locality either now or the next round of meetings to introduce themselves and answer any questions. An election will take place in February 2013. Anyone on the DAP circulation list as at 31.01.14 will be given a vote. Lin Venters and Michael Bennett-Smith were present and took questions from those present. 2014 Meetings Schedule LJ briefed the meeting that Dorset Adult and Community Services was facing huge financial pressure and that bearing this in mind, as DAP is supported by the Dorset County Council, the decision had been made by Andrew Archibald, Head of Adult Services, that DCC were unable to sustain the current level of support. Therefore meetings would be reduced to three a year in each locality. The annual joint conference would still continue. She encouraged people to keep forwarding agenda items to DMc.	
8.	**ANY OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION EXCHANGE**	
	• POPP Recruitment (DW) - Help and Care had recently recruited more Champions and Wayfinders. For more information contact: Diana West on: diana.west@helpandcare.org.uk • Health Network Group (KH) - North Dorset CCG have a Locality Health Network Group which is supported by the CCG quarterly. A range of professionals and patients attend to look at and be informed on issues relevant to health and well being. He suggested the DAP chair either regularly attend these meetings or exchange minutes to keep everyone informed. LJ suggested perhaps the Vice-Chair could attend. • Oakley Friends Carers Course (LJ) – 10 week course for carers in conjunction with Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. It is free and aimed at people who are informal carers of people with dementia. Next Carers Course starts on 9/10 October from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm at Canford Magna Centre, Canford Magna. For more information email: oakleyfriends@yahoo.co.uk • The joint conference report (LJ) – The report from the POPP, DAP and Dorset Fiftyplus joint conference held in June entitled "A Good Ending" is now available. Many comments had been received commenting on how successful and positive it had been. • Administrative Chair – LJ informed the meeting that she would be changing jobs soon and this would be her last DAP meeting. As an interim measure Sue Warr would undertake the role of co-ordinating the DAP. The meeting expressed their thanks for her hard work and commitment during the time she was with DAP.	**AL/SW**

9.	**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**	
	Tuesday, 4 February 2014 at 10.30 am (venue to be arranged).	**ALL**

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