

Our Positive Voice Grampian

Minutes 16th November 2017

Present: CS, CP, SL, BD, Rik (HIV Scotland), Penny (NHS), Dani

Note of Previous Meeting

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Constitution Finalisation

- Everyone in the group is asked to read through the constitution. Those not able to come to the next meeting are asked to submit approval by email.
- Nominations for offices will be needed. CS has been nominated as Chair. The group will need a treasurer once registered, a secretary and possibly a Vice Chair.

Christmas event.

- The breakout rooms are booked for 6.30 on December 7th
- Everyone attending to meet at 6.00 pm outside WH Smiths at the station. The party needs to arrive at the Breakout Rooms at 6.15 to be briefed before the challenge.
- NHS Grampian has paid for the rooms. It was suggested that Tayside could perhaps host and fund another meet up next year as a reciprocal arrangement.
- If the plan is to go for a meal after the Breakout Games a table will need to be booked.

National Involvement Standards

- A working group will be set up to work through the standards. A toolkit has been developed to assess progress. The WG will look at standard 1 at the January meeting

Guest Speakers

- CP will facilitate a qi energy workshop
- Penny will ask colleagues about a mindfulness session

Promotion of group

- Pharmacy have said they have issues with capacity and are unable to sustain adding the fliers for the group to prescription bags. Dani will pursue this and find out what the issues are. The group feels this is not acceptable.
- The group discussed focussing promotion to different groups-eg African clients. A breakdown of current people with HIV in Grampian is needed in order to focus efforts.
- There is good information on display at the Health Village- need to check same on display at the Infection Unit. Dani will bring in the diagnosis pack that is given to patients and check that same is available at ARI.
- There may be other opportunities to promote the group- eg clinic rooms and GP's . More awareness needs to be raised among staff and Penny will look into possibility of a mail out to GP's- this should also include U=U, and GP's could be given information about the mail out at the GP sub group meeting.
- Rik will devise a survey asking simple questions about people's experience of using local service, what they like, what they don't like.
- CS will check how many people have visited the OPVG website.

Epidemiology

- Rik will send a link to the Epidemiology tables to the group
- It was agreed that it would be good to have an understanding of local data before deciding to target specific groups. Dani has said she will drw up some figures.

Appointment times

- Evening appointments are not available.
- A request to be submitted that evening appointments to be considered- this would be a sexual health rather than specific HIV clinic to protect privacy.
- Penny to ask about evening clinics in other boards.
- Appointment reminder texts- question was asked whether this available for ARI patients
- Patient portal if developed for Grampian should allow online booking of appointments

World AIDS Day

- HIV Scotland is collecting videos of people saying their messages for WAD- Rik to send Penny the link.
- French School request- Penny to follow up
- Prison radio show- SL would be available to speak
- Press release- CS happy to be interviewed about advances in HIV treatment
- Press Guidelines are available from NAM

Other Items for future meetings

- Privacy and confidentiality for agenda in January
- Promoting other support services for agenda in February

Date of next meeting

18th January 2018