

Our Positive Voice Grampian

Minutes 18th January 2018

Present: CS, CP, SL, BD, Ian, Rik (HIV Scotland), Jacqui Bell (NHS) Penny (NHS) plus one other service user

Note of Previous Meeting

Note of previous meeting was approved - Penny to change 'Key' to 'Chi' energy

Introductions

We welcomed a new member to the group. The rest of the group introduced themselves.

World AIDS Day

Events included:

- Awareness raising and DBS testing in the Trinity Centre
- Radio interviews at the prison- SL went along- interview very well received. Penny's interview was carried out by female prisoners who were keen for more information and interaction. Penn to look into a BBV event on the women's wing.
- Buildings lit up
- Extra Exchange Street Clinic run on the 1st in partnership with WAD event at Cheerz bar.
- Newspaper interview. CS was interviewed by NHS Grampian Coms team member. The resulting article was very unsatisfactory. It was felt that this was a protocol issue with the Communications team which needed to be addressed.

Evening Clinics

- Penny to contact boards about whether they run evening clinics

Mailshot

- It was agreed that a mailshot was needed to GP's. Rik has some U=U posters which he will forward- Jacqui to find number of GP's in Grampian.

Constitution

- CS to make some changes to the wording and re distribute on Basecamp
- SL to provide a version of a membership application form. There was discussion about what this should include
- Management committee – the regular meeting should be a management committee meeting where wider group members can attend
- Offices voted for
CS- Secretary
BD- Chair
SL- Treasurer
Penny- Minute Secretary

Promotion

- Fliers to be reworked, poster to be developed and printed
- Consider other promotional materials eg credit cards
- Penny to go to Infection Unit to deliver fliers and posters
- CS has logos being developed for Twitter and Facebook

National Involvement Network

- BD and CP to go to the February meeting

Budget

- The group has a budget set aside by NHS Grampian- Penny to bring figures to next meeting

Peer Mentor Training

- THT are being slow in offering further training although the initial training was good.
- BD has been offered Waverley Care Training but can't attend on the dates offered
- There might be scope to provide local training for Tayside, Grampian and Highland- Rik to investigate
- NHS need to provide a system of support for peer mentors once they are trained. It was suggested that this might be a role for the Psychologist. Rik to bring this up at the HIV Working Group.

HIV Support Needs Survey

- Jacqui spoke about the survey she is developing
- BD, CP and IR gave some feedback which Jacqui noted. It was agreed to share feedback on Basecamp.
- A paper version to be developed for people without internet access.
- A discussion is needed about how to publicise the survey once it is ready.

Privacy and confidentiality

- The waiting room feels uncomfortable as you can't see some people in there but they might be able to see you.
- It was felt that having to fill in personal information forms at every visit was unnecessary – a form update every time seems a waste of resources.
- This needs to be checked out with someone from the service to find if there is a better way- Penny will speak to Dani.

Date of Next Meeting - 15th February