



PDUG Minutes of 25/07/06

In Attendance

Hilary Peckett
Norma Naylor
Steve Patis
Zoë Crutchley
Brian Morgan. Ryder Cheshire Volunteers
Ian Topp

Apologies

Roger Hall (Standing apologies)
Bill Broadribb
Lesley James
Dianne Hallam
Louise Shaw
Julia Pearson
Peter Rayner
Jim O'Rourke

1. Meeting Started Approx 1400.

Apologies
A.O.B Web Site

2. Introductions.

3. Acceptance of Minutes from 30/06/06

Minutes were accepted as a true record. On reflection of the minutes concern and interest on who had been offered to tender for User consultation was raised.

ACTION To request a copy of tender.

Ian

4. Feedback on public consultation with NCC eligibility criteria and charging policy.

Ian stated that he had attended the public "consultation" at Wellingborough but due to the frustrations, anger and fear present it was not the ideal environment in which to conduct a proper consultation. The PDUG concerns had since been stated formally in a letter to try and enter into a meaningful debate. No reply had yet been received. The members present agreed that the PDUG stance would still be that of obtaining a transparent breakdown of costs against revenue, the monitoring of the eligibility criteria and the apparent unfairness of the charging criteria. Ian would attend a scrutiny committee meeting to again voice these concerns. The final decision had still not been made where the cuts would take place.

ACTION Ian to feed back to group.

Ian

5. Favell House Review/ remembering PDUG operations manual.

The press release, which related to the Favell House review, was read out. The document was thought to be very positive. Correctly designed services based around Users needs using management standards.

The reasons for having a PDUG operating procedure were highlighted.



6. AOB Web site.

Zoë and Steve presented the new PDUG website to the Group. Steve explained various aspects and the workings of the website, Zoë collected a list of observations and views about the site from members present to take away. Steve and Zoë were thanked and congratulated on the new website.

ACTION Ian to update operating procedure before site goes live
ACTION Steve/Zoë to incorporate observations.

Ian
Steve/Zoe

PDRT

Brian informed the Group that at the Disability Network South meeting they had been told that Northampton PCT intended to cease providing the Physical Disability Resource Team. This was due to

- The PDRT current clients can access similar support, advice and information from other sources.
- The PCT needs to reduce expenditure.
- Recent developments in community health services are improving integration and joint working.

**Next PDUG meeting at the Doddridge Centre.
Fri. 25th August**

**13.30 tea/coffee 14.00 start
Finish 16.30 latest**