

Older Person's Network Meeting

Tuesday 18th November 2008

PAVS Offices, 36 High Street, Haverfordwest

Present:

Michelle Copeman	PAVS
Anne Isaac	PAVS
Ann Edmunds	PCC - OP Strategy Co-ordinator
Tina Mills	Pembrokeshire Care & Repair 2000 Ltd
Jane Slade	Age Concern

1.	Welcome
	MC welcomed everyone and introduced AI who would be taking up post as the Social Care & Housing Planning Facilitator in December.
2.	Minutes and Matters arising
	No minutes had been recorded at the previous meeting.
3.	Older Person's Strategy and NSF update - Ann Edmunds
	<p>AE provided an update on her work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 12 months of galvanising networks AE is now concentrating corporately on internal structures to mainstream OP strategy work - there is currently no participation strategy for OP in the county to mirror the framework which exists for younger people. AE will be recommending, at Director level, the recognition of the OP Forum, • Engaging health particularly GP surgeries has been challenging, • Events held including the Keep Well Keep Warm event in Monkton, • OP Strategy Co-ordinators meetings organised by David Warren of WLGA to support dissemination of good practice across Wales. At the last co-ordinators' meeting there was a presentation by the Human Rights Commission. There is no Equalities Officer in PCC at present although there are plans for one, in the interim AE is promoting the equalities agenda within PCC, • The Good Neighbour Scheme is working against a 4 stage plan incorporating awareness raising and process development <p>Discussion around the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting's proposal that KWTW co-ordination groups are retained, • The NSF lead for the County and the audit in 2009/10, <p>The Continuing Care bid including the KWTW partnership and coffee mornings to which groups can present their work</p>
4.	Older Person's Strategy Group
	The next OPSG is 9 th December at County Hall. The 50 plus conference "One Society for All" has been scheduled for 13 th March 2009, details are on the PCC website.
5.	Older People's Advocacy
	The AE is working with PAVS on an Advocacy Event and is contacting Professor Andrew Dunning at the University of Swansea to speak. The Event will take place in January 09.
6	A.O.B.
6.1	TM raised the question of what happens to lone older people who can't have lifeline because they don't have any family or contacts who are able to respond. These people are amongst the most vulnerable and yet they are the ones who are not able to take advantage of the assurance afforded by a lifeline installation.

6.2	Re Digital Switchover, TM agreed to forward contact details for Amy ? who would be able to give information on this subject and assist with co-ordination of information to OP and OP groups.
6.3	JS reported on the Help the Aged/Age Concern merger and that there is no change expected at a local level but there would be an option for affiliated local groups to align with the new organisation via branding by April 2010.
6.4	TM reported on the expansion of the Handyperson/Falls Prevention element of Pembs C&R service.
7.	Date of next meeting
	To be notified