

Nailsworth Health Partnership. Annual General Meeting 17th January 2013

Report by Chair

Looking back at the report I prepared for the last AGM I can see that a number of things have come to fruition and there have been some new things too

- At the request of the membership, In November 2011 I started discussion with the Chief Executive of the Primary Care Trust (NHS Gloucestershire) about the proposed transfer of nearly 3,000 staff from the PCT to a community interest company. NHP added to the clamour of voices and this, together with the judicial review of the decision, has meant that a new NHS organisation will be established. Kate Kay, the chair of our Patient Participation Group was closely involved with the case for the judicial review
- Our lottery bid was successful. Everything we asked for was granted and by May a cheque for £8,840 was safely in our bank account. The programme was ambitious and all elements, with the exception of the health fair, have been started. A brief summary (more details will come from the sub group reports)
 - The cPAD was installed outside Tesco Express and launched 20th September 2012
 - We started the family fun and games at the Arkell Centre at the end of October last year. The after school session (Mondays at 3.30 pm) is still continuing but very dependent on the grant to subsidise it, whilst the “after work” session n Thursday failed to attract even a minimum of numbers and so has been discontinued
 - The website www.nailsworthhealthpartnership.org is up and running
 - The health directory is about to be published
 - The 3rd walking festival is fixed for 1st to 9th June and plans are well advanced for that
 - The sessions for parents with young children has been slow to get off the ground and so far only one paediatric first aid course with crèche facilities has been run. Barnados have lost the contract to run the local children’s centre from 31st March and it is uncertain whether the new provider can take on the work before the mid May end of grant deadline
 - We’ve had one talk in October on back pain – though 2 others before the lottery money arrived – and more are planned
- As a result of using the Arkell Centre I was invited to join the Arkell Multi Agency Meeting. This led to some excellent networking opportunities and the chance to bid for some health inequalities money from Stroud District Health and Well-being Partnership Board. This in turn led to grants being awarded to extend the family fun and games sessions by 4 weeks and a new gentle exercise class being established on a Monday morning. For someone who has never gone to an exercise class in their life this is great fun and I thoroughly enjoy it. There is a good chance that this will be self financing when the grant ends
- It is a steep learning curve for us all when faced with grants to spend and activities to set up from scratch. We needed to have our 2 instructors (and the volunteers who help) CRB checked and we needed to have public liability insurance in place. Getting our message across is important so we have

designed logos, posters, flyers, banners, prepared materials for 2 window displays at the Town Information Centre etc

- However, our insurance company has insisted that we have a safeguarding policy for children and vulnerable adults and this is being worked on at the moment. The implications of having such a policy is that we need to establish a safeguarding group, which would oversee the implementation of the policy and deal with any allegations that might arise.
- On the plus side, having public liability insurance and now 6 members of NHP trained to be walk leaders (under the SDC walk4health programme) has meant that Rosalind John has established a longer walk4 health on the first Wednesday of the month under the NHP banner. 2 have been held so far and they are proving very popular. SDC will be offering further (free) walk leader training at end of March so if anyone is interested just let me know and I will do the rest
- We have been supported by the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council with developing our safeguarding policy and as a result of this I wish to propose that we seek charitable status. This will give us greater credence with grant making bodies (some only make grants to registered charities) and also with the general public. We will also be able to claim Gift Aid on personal donations to NHP – adding over 20% to the donation
- Therefore I would like agreement from the membership that
 - We seek charitable status
 - We set up a safeguarding group
- As always, I would like to thank those core members who have supported and encouraged me over the last year and to the members who have come to our events and activities. Particular thanks go to Prices Mill surgery and the Natural Health Centre who regularly host our meetings

Marilyn Miles
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