

BIRMINGHAM LINK – HOB Working Group Meeting
Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 29th June 2010 (6.30 – 8.30pm)
At The Nishkam Civic Association, Soho Road, Handsworth, Birmingham

PRESENT:

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| ▪ Barry Abell (BA) | ▪ Norman Howell MBE (NH) | ▪ Manjit Singh (MS (Chair) |
| ▪ Charles Alldrick (CA) | ▪ Gerry Moynihan (GM) | ▪ Michael Tye (MT) |
| ▪ DS Dhesy (DD) | ▪ Raj Rattu (RR) | ▪ Roger Williams (RW) |
| ▪ Shazad Zaman (SZ) | ▪ John Barnabas (JB) | ▪ Chris Vaughan (CV) |
| ▪ Asha Ohri (AO) | ▪ Sushila Patel (SP) | ▪ I Akhtar (IA) |

HOST FACILITATORS PRESENT:

- Andrew John – Birmingham LINK Host
- Poonam Sambhi – Birmingham LINK Host

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED:

None Received

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Fair record overall.

3. MATTERS & ACTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Health Centre under Darzi Report: CV asked if letter of response, AJ informed the Group that a letter of response was received and given to MS and copies handed to those present at meeting.

Freedom of Information Letters: AJ informed group that responses had been received by some commissioners, but responses are coming back late. Chart of FOI's sent out and responses received were given by AJ to group.

4. FEEDBACK / UPDATE

- a) **Baring Report:** JT was concerned about the Baring report and the implications and impact that it will have on 3rd sector organisations and volunteering organisations. Group agreed to form a set of questions to be sent HOB AGM. All questions are going to be sent to LINK. Group agreed to bring up the concerns at the annual meeting on 8th July 2010.
- b) **Out of hour's consultation:** GM discussed about the meeting that was held to discuss the introduction of the new service of a joint commission for an additional out of hour's consultation, which will operate for all 3 PCTs. A new strategy was being discussed regarding removing the responsibility directly from all 3 PCTs and making the out of hour's services GP controlled.

- c) **Events:** Host attended the following events: Aston Pride event on Sunday 27th June 2010; event was poorly attended by public. South Aston Church on Saturday 12th June 2010; was well attended by the public and PCT members also attended. The Birchfield Health Day at St Claire's School was well attended. Host informed group that two of the events were attended by Terry Paget on a voluntary basis.
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5. F.O.I UPDATE / REQUESTS

MS discussed the issue regarding authorities responding to FOI's late. Group agreed to get a legal letter written up of complaint to be sent to the PCT commissioner, ICO and HAOSC. Chart of all FOI requests that have been sent out and responses received back have been handed to MS and group.

Group agreed that in future all FOI requests can be sent on an individual basis direct to the Host rather than bringing them to the next group meeting in order to speed up the process.

6. LETTER UPDATES / REQUESTS

MS requested another FOI letter to be sent out to Birmingham and Solihull Mental health Trust as no responses have been received from first request of information. MS to draft letter and forward to the Host.

7. HOB AGM – 8TH JULY 2010, THE DRUM

AJ had forwarded details of how to submit questions to the HOB PCT AGM via web link and also by post.

Group agreed to send in all questions and complaints to Host to be forwarded to the PCT before the meeting enabling them to be discussed at the annual general meeting.

8. CORE GROUP FEEDBACK

RR informed group that the Core Group will be electing a new chair on 30th July 2010 as the previous chair had resigned. RR added that there will be opportunity to join the Core Group on the future.

9. DEVELOPING WORKPLAN PROGRESS

DNA Database - still outstanding.

Donald & Ruth at the Handsworth Project: regarding information on accessing GP appointments and standards still waiting on information.

AJ informed group that GP surveys are now available online and that the members could analyse the results by individual surgery.

10. DEVELOPING HOB ACTION GROUP AWARENESS / EVENTS

AJ informed group of Balsall heath Carnival event being held on 3rd July 2010. Group was also encouraged to circulate meeting dates to their own networks and contacts.

AJ informed group that all city councillors had received 50 postcards for use at their surgeries as a mechanism to gather information from constituents who had concerns regarding health and social care.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RW complained about the marketing of the B Active Scheme DVD.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- **Tuesday 27th July 2010 (6.30 - 8.30pm) at The Nishkam Centre**
- **Tuesday 31st August 2010 (6.30 - 8.30pm) at The Nishkam Centre**