



**Notes of Consultative Meeting with  
Mental Health Action Group  
(MHAG)**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011  
Held at SIFA Fireside, Birmingham  
12.00 – 2.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Paul Brian-Tovey (Chair) (PBT)  
Enid Said (ES)  
Gerry Moynihan (GM)  
Peter Colledge (PC)

**FACILITATORS PRESENT:**

Katy Bunn (KBunn) – Birmingham LINK Coordinator  
Andrew John (AJ) – Birmingham LINK Deputy Coordinator  
Pam Dixon (PD) - Birmingham LINK Advisor

**APOLOGIES:**

Mike Tye (MT)  
Edwin Martin (EM)  
Jocelyn Tennant (JT)

Item	Notes/Actions	By Whom	Date
1	<b><u>CHAIR FOR THE MEETING</u></b>  PBT agreed to chair the meeting.		
2	<b><u>MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2011 MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></b>  Minutes were agreed as an accurate record with amendments made to comments attributed to GM.  Matters Arising: <u>Mental Health Carers Conference</u> : ES to keep Host informed of any updates regarding the event.	CL  ES	
3	<b><u>BUSINESS DECLARATIONS</u></b>  None were declared		
4	<b><u>SOUNDING OUT GROUP FEEDBACK</u></b>  Clear messages: want to move away from processes; concentrate on “doing”. Knowledge and skills to be utilised through “We Can Do” Groups.		

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	<p>Question from GM: Timelines for reports – are we keeping to these? PD confirmed the deadlines for comments on Way We Work etc were on target.</p> <p>PBT highlighted some concerns regarding Strategy Group proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of knowledge of the Strategy Group e.g. Health and Adults Overview Scrutiny Committee referrals</li> <li>• Training and skill sets</li> <li>• Relationship and correspondence with Action Groups</li> </ul> <p>Agreed: PD to take the following points back for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that there be Health and Adults Overview Scrutiny Committee referrals “We Can Do Group”. This would be a group of individuals that understand the referral process that could offer support to LINK groups that would like to make a referral and to the Strategy group . This could be a virtual reference group.</li> <li>• That the Strategy Group could have the power to call in decisions.</li> <li>• There were concerns that individual members should not have the power to act between meetings with no authorisation and no report back.</li> </ul> <p>PD highlighted that there will be a 3 month review of the “Way We Work” process with all LINK members able to contribute</p>	PD	
5	<p><b><u>Work Plan Priorities – Current Consultations</u></b></p> <p><u>Current active consultations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birmingham City Council Budget Consultation</li> <li>• Adults and Communities Budget Consultation</li> <li>• Supporting People</li> </ul> <p>PBT reported back that a complaint had been sent to Anne-Marie Powell of the Housing Directorate around concerns regarding the availability of information related to consultation about Supporting People services. This had been agreed by the 3 co-chairs. The action between meetings had been taken because of the short deadlines for the consultation. Agreed that Host would follow up with Anne-Marie’s Deputy.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the legal status of the broader Council Budget consultation. GM and ES felt that this was not a statutory consultation. BCC has a legal requirement to fix the budget but no legal requirement to consult with the public about this. PBT felt that it was a statutory consultation and could therefore be open to scrutiny.</p> <p><u>Birmingham Community Assessment and Treatment Service:</u> GM &amp; KB reported that they had attended a meeting with Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust around the proposed development of a new build for a Community Assessment and Treatment Centre for people with Learning Difficulties. The Trust offered to talk to MHAG about this proposal.</p>	HOST	

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	<p>However, although the group was keen that the LINK addressed this they agreed that it would be useful to set up a separate Learning Disabilities group of the LINK.</p> <p>Agreed: : Host to approach a Learning Disabilities Groups to assess interest in working with the LINK on this matter. Host to also keep MHAG members up-to-date on developments so they can give support if needed.</p> <p><b>Due to time constraints, no further items were discussed.</b></p>	HOST	

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