

NCO meeting – 4 June 2009

Present: Fiona, Don, Claire, Florence, Louise, Seb

Apologies: Pat, Jack

1. Carers rights

- **Carer debate** – 6 MSPs debating, led by Sarah Boyack MSP with reply from Shona Robison (who gave no governmental commitment or reply on carers rights).
- Seb also writing **article** under “mouthpiece” section of **Evening News** on the issue of carers rights “Carers follow the Gurkas”. Will be in during Carers Week (Mon, Tues or Wed)

ACTIONS

- **Seb** will send out a copy of the article and also send to all MSPs. Will also send link to the debate. Suggest to centres and carers that they utilise this mechanism as a means of putting pressure on their MSP.
- **Fiona** to contact Moira Oliphant for copy of minutes from last meeting with the Minister.

2. Single Outcome Agreements campaign

- Amendments suggested to remit for activity including adding a presentation to the NCOs from Emma.

ACTIONS

Clare to make amendments to remit and circulate

Louise to send Young Carer mapping information to Emma

Don to contact CCPS to look at how we can tie in with their work in this area

- Consider stage 2 once we have a clear idea of what comes out of Emma’s work. Wait until 4 pilots are completed before considering action to other local authorities particularly so we have a clear idea of who the right people are to contact.
- Consider “reenablement” agenda (Keith Whitefield) and arrange for him to give presentation to NCO
- Possible dissemination event and/or are there opportunities to launch or embed any of these or other issues and carers strategy at any NCO events.
 - PRTC event at end of year for network
 - SCS network of planning offices (Sharing Practice Network) – November 2009.
 - Young Carers policy conference Aug-July 2010.
 - Link in with other organisations’ events
 - Holyrood Conference in September 2009. Opportunity to influence the programme.
- £6,000 remaining in budget
- Don, Florence and Claire leading on this for NCOs and other NCOs should try to keep them up to date with other work we are doing in relation to SOAs.

ACTIONS

Clare to contact Keith Whitefield

Florence to contact Holyrood re: focus on carers strategy, key questions etc. to Holyrood Conference and suggesting amending title to “from recognition to rights”.

Don to contact Glasgow Caledonian University re conference report from January conference.

3. Carers Strategy

- Feedback from Strategy meetings.
 - Young Carers meeting was most positive with input on mapping exercise and GIRFEC. GIRFEC wants to keep young carers more in the mainstream – some young carer projects are beginning to look at being youth services with more casework and family support. Sub Groups established on Policy (SG), Young Carers Services, roles and sustainability and Transitions for Young Carers. Louise is leading on last two groups. “My World” assessment framework will be used for young carers which will be discussed at next meeting. Still thinking about best way to do a form of scrutiny panel. Probably around festival and involving SYCSA.
 - Adult Carers Strategy – ideally “cost neutral” with spending reviewing being put back to 2010. Discussed delaying but this will not happen as it will be launched at European Conference in May 2010. Concerns about how we take this forward in a way that makes the strategy meaningful for carers. Discussed having meeting with Moira under “Chattam House rules” to air concerns, share constraints and have a free exchange of ideas. Next step may be to consider arranging to meet direct with Minister. Sub Groups have been established on short breaks, workforce development (staff and carers) and personalisation. Gordon is planning a round table discussion on personalisation (timescale: August).

ACTIONS

Fiona to contact Moira re: meeting

4. Carers Week/event updates

- Carers Scotland working with Crossreach on conference and involved with a number of events with other organisations including North Lanarkshire Carers Together. Partnership with Lloyds Pharmacy for free healthy heart checks. Carers Scotland have two conferences planned in September on inspection and December on telecare with SWIA and JIT.
- Shared Care Scotland will be launching online short break planning kit and sending an open letter to the Minister.
- PRTC launched young carer mapping exercise. Also involved at events in Renfrewshire, Stirling and Angus Carers Centres. With Crossroads in England hosting parliamentary reception for carers centres. PRTC planning to hold four nations event in the Autumn again. Invited Moira.
- Coalition involved at events in East Renfrewshire and Fife for Carers Week.
- Eurocarers - Attended Eurocarers General Assembly in Athens (Alan and Claire) to raise awareness of European conference. Seb is now on Eurocarers executive. Robert Anderson is now president of Eurocarers and Seb has met him in Edinburgh and will be meeting Secretary in Dublin. Will be emailing all MSPs. Would like Scottish Government to host reception at Edinburgh Castle, City of Edinburgh will have a civic reception. Also hopes to have Princess Anne attending. Conference will take place over 3 days.

ACTIONS

Louise to send copy of young carer mapping exercise and press release to NCOs.

5. Dementia Strategy

- NCO to arrange meeting with Alzheimer Scotland

ACTIONS

Fiona to write to Kate Fearnley and Chief Executive to arrange meeting

Fiona to write to Marie Curie representatives to arrange meeting re: palliative care. (Claire will email Fiona the names)

*** suggested date 17th August @ 2pm (VOCAL)**

6. Research Proposal

- Discussed gaps in research on respite and short breaks. Option 1 focused on dementia. Option 2 to look at issue to be embedded in strategy for local authorities and Option 3 on outcomes of respite.

ACTIONS

Don will rejig proposal and email round.

Claire will follow up with possible researchers and universities.

Next meeting

11am, 7 August 2009 at Carers Scotland's office (The Cottage, 21 Pearce Street, Glasgow, G51 3UT). Apologies from Seb and Louise.