



Note of Meeting of

Health and Social Care Forum

Thursday 04 June, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Craig Mitchell House, Flemington Road, Glenrothes, KY7 5QF

Present:

Jo Clark, Christine Davison
George Cuthill
Jeanette Donnelly
John Jones
Carole Simpson
Tom Bishop
Norma Clark
Tam Cassidy

*Fife Voluntary Action
Radio West Fife
Health and Social Care Alliance
Express Group Fife
Frontline Fife
Dunfermline Advocacy
CARF
Circles Network*

Apologies:

Bill Baird
Alison Brown
Linda Cruickshank
Ewan Masson
Kenny Macrea
Fiona Smith
Francis Howie
Jane Maciver
Senga Smith
Eileen Mcrossan
John Oates
Caryn Nicolson
Alison Harrow
John McKendrick
Bert Lumsden

*Royal Voluntary Service
Furniture Plus
RNIB
Dunfermline Advocacy
Barony Housing Association
Crossroads Fife Central
Kingdom Housing Association
Link Befriending
Link Befriending
Scottish Autism
BRAG
Frontline Fife
Maggie's Fife
Fife Elderly Forum
Age Concern Glenrothes*

Feedback on 'Making Local Choice a Reality' SDS Conference

Fife Voluntary Action, in partnership with Real Life Options, hosted 'Making Local Choice a Reality' on Wednesday 27 May at the Rothes Halls. The conference aimed to stimulate providers across Fife around Self-Directed Support (SDS). Over 90 people attended across the day to hear from Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health and Councillor Gavin Yates executive spokesperson for Community Health and Wellbeing. Attendees attended four out of six workshops.

The Forum discussed SDS today and how it might progress into the future in Fife and the challenges/opportunities in achieving this. Themes included:

- Culture change
- Pace of change
- Risk aversion/risk management

Integration Updates

The New Divisional Regional Managers (DRM) for Fife have been announced as

- David Henie for East Fife
- Mary Porter (6 month secondment) for West Fife
- Julie Patterson for Fife wide (this includes SDS)

The services and steering structures underneath the new DRM, and how they will link to the seven localities are currently being devised.

The Scottish Government has also restructured their H&SC team to accommodate integration with separate areas:

- Partnerships
- Policy delivery

The Scottish Parliament are still to sign off the Integration Scheme for Fife. It is expected this will be signed off in the autumn of 2015. Due to this the strategic plan has been delayed.

The Partnership Management Group (PMG) has officially been replaced in Fife by the Transformation Group (TG). Key stakeholders involved with the PMG have been invited to attend the new TG. The TG will next meet in early July 2015.

IT and data sharing has been a big issue in H&SC. A one-off exercise merging health and social care data has recently been completed relatively successfully.

The group discussed public engagement around integration.

Discussion – Carers and how to define ‘frailty’ going forward

H&SC Integration aims to focus on re-distributing resources to areas and groups with the greatest need. Need, is difficult to pin down, but can be defined using population demographics and data obtained through the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). Our aging population brings the challenge of people living longer but with more complex conditions.

For Social Work an ‘older person’ is anyone over the age of 65 years. However this means those who are under 65 with multiple conditions and requiring social care do not qualify for care the same way as someone who is over 65.

NHS Fife on the other hand do not have a precise definition of what an ‘older person’ is. Integration has sparked a debate around what defines ‘old age’ and the term frailty is being used to describe an individual whose condition(s) make them potentially more vulnerable and in need.

The role carer’s play in our society is increasingly recognised as vital, accordingly providing support to friends and family in their caring role contributes to society significantly each year.

Carers are potentially eligible for SDS, however there is no known case in Fife of a carer receiving SDS.

Action Christine – to circulate welfare reform documents along with a summary of the key points

Member Updates

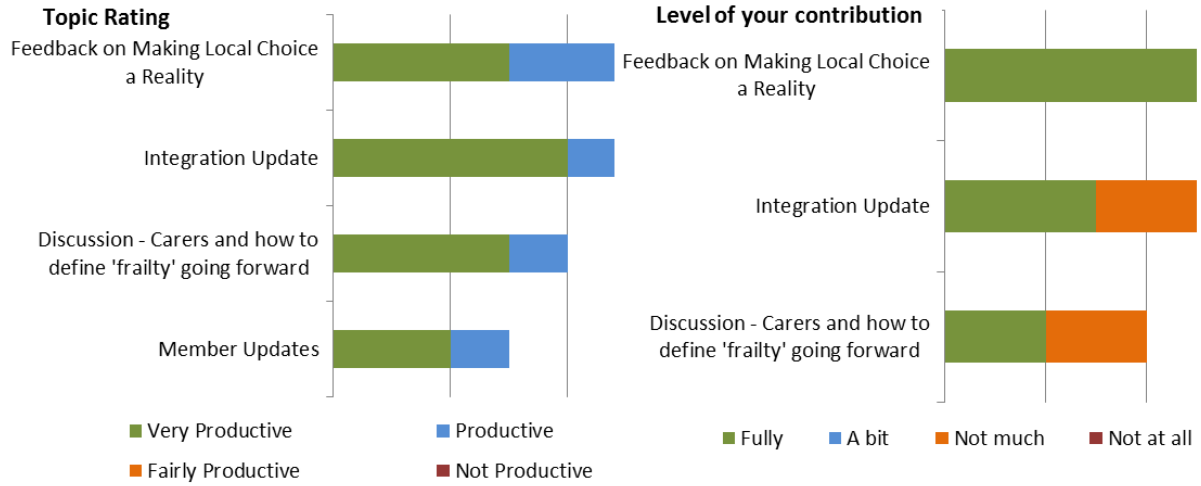
Jeanette Donnelly, Health and Social Care Alliance – the Alliance are gathering information on Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs) as a Scotland wide support body for the third sector. The Alliance is an excellent source of contacts. They host a monthly third sector Forum on H&SC which is open to Scotland’s third sector. They also host a quarterly forum for the TSIs such as FVA.

George Cuthill, Radio West Fife – Radio west Fife are working towards becoming a community radio station and are looking for new premises.

Carole Simpson, Frontline Fife – Frontline Fife’s recovery project is back to full capacity. The project supports those with drug or alcohol issues link with relevant services. It’s a Fife wide service.

Tom Bishop, Dunfermline Advocacy – Dunfermline Advocacy have been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services 2015.

Feedback



Future Attendance

