

## **BOLTON ADULT AUTISM SUPPORT**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th APRIL 2017**

#### **at Thicketford Care and Community Centre**

#### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to members, especially our guest speaker Hannah Carrington, Engagement Officer for Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group. Apologies were received from Helen Green, Alison Thompson, Eira Heywood, Susan Darlington, Roselle Gorman and Debbie Newell.

#### **2. Minutes of the Meeting held on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2017**

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and agreed to be a correct record.

#### **3. Matters arising from the above minutes**

There were no matters arising that were not to be dealt with as part of the agenda.

#### **4. Presentation by Hannah Carrington**

Hannah introduced herself and explained the purpose of her role with the Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group. She then went on to talk about BCCG's exercise to inform all Bolton People of the Bolton Care Record. This, Hannah explained was a new confidential computer record that will provide health and social care professionals directly involved with a person's care to look at the most up to date medical history about that person. It does this Hannah explained by securely sharing appropriate information from a person's medical and care records between health and social care services in Bolton. Hannah explained that it was acknowledged that many people would have concerns about the sharing of medical records and the degree of security involved. Only the medical professional directly involved in a patient's care would be able to access information to assist in the treatment of a patient at a particular moment in time. Access to the care record will be very tightly controlled and will be overseen by the Board of the BCCG that is accountable to the public.

The project is part of the plan to have a completely paperless record at the point of care and is expected to have been achieved by 2020. Those involved in the project will include GP'S, Bolton Royal infirmary, Social Care organisations, GP's Federation and the Clinical Commissioning Group.

The master computer will be able to 'soak up' information from numerous sources.

Hannah went on to give examples when such access to a person's record could be a life saving opportunity, for example, someone involved in an accident who could be allergic to a variety of substances, type of blood group etc.

Consent for access to a person's record must have been given by that person or, in the case of someone not having capacity then someone who has, for example, power of attorney for that person. The only exception is when there might be a 'break glass' situation thus allowing a medical professional to override the need to obtain consent where that person's life is at risk for want of access to medical records. People will need to make an informed choice about giving permission.

Hannah said there would be a greater amount of security and conditions governing storage of records. As GP's are the gatekeepers of patients' medical information all GP'S will be in contact regarding this initiative by December 2017. Following the completion of her presentation, Hannah answered a number of questions from members who expressed various concerns. She said that only relevant information needed to treat a patient would be available. For example, information about:

- Medications
- Surgery
- Medical assessments
- Alerts
- Diagnostic reports (x rays)

Information that would not be stored might include, for example, AIDS, Abortion, and Miscarriages.

The information systems would have a secure back-up and would need to work efficiently at local level. Records would not be available to other agencies in other regions.

Accessing the records will require staff to have their own personal login password and every time access was gained, there would be a record of that particular login.

Bolton is working in conjunction with Salford and Wigan (known as the Bolton/Salford/Wigan Alliance). Following questions from members the Chairman thanked Hannah for a very detailed and comprehensive presentation at which members showed their appreciation by way of applause.

## **5. Chairman's report**

### **i) IAG meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

The Chairman gave an update on the above meeting which had dealt mostly with procedures for recruiting new members to the group so as to ensure that all sections of the community as far as possible were represented. It had been evident that all the documents relating to recruitment were in need of revision/update. This task was now ongoing. The other main item of discussion was related to the ongoing task of combating terrorism. Posters were made available for distribution as appropriate.

### **ii) Vision Conference 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Update**

The Chairman reported upon the second Vision Conference held in the Town Hall in early April at which the Council committed itself to pursuing an Autism Friendly Town status for Bolton. He briefly gave feedback on the conduct of the conference and how this was linked to the Autism Partnership Board (APB) which would be the vehicle for driving the AFT work. The Chairman also informed members that he had that morning chaired a sub-group of the APB at which a briefing note that suggested a way forward for the APB .

### **iii) APB Sub group 26<sup>th</sup> April**

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### **iv) Hustings – Manchester 20<sup>th</sup> April**

The Chairman reported he had attended a Hustings meeting in Manchester at which all candidates for the position of Mayor of Greater Manchester were available to answer questions on the commitment or otherwise to pursuing AFT status for Greater Manchester. He expressed the view that of all the candidates present or represented, Andy Burnham had seemed to be the most positive and committed.

## **6. Application for Carers Trips Grant**

The Chairman confirmed that a grant application had been submitted to the Bolton CVS and that he was hopeful of a positive outcome. Possible venues so far suggested included Trentham Gardens, Lancashire Canal Boat Trip, Port Sunlight Village and a theatre trip to Manchester.

## **7. Any other Business**

The Chairman confirmed receipt of grant into the charity's bank account from Awards4All.

## **8. Date/s and times/s of next meetings**

Next meeting, 2pm Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Next drop-in session at Commerce House, 2pm Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017