

BOLTON ADULT ASPERGER SUPPORT

Minutes of meeting held 25th May 2016 at Thicketford Community Care Centre

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Barbara Brooks, Helen Green, Eira Heywood, Tony and Steph Shaw, Alison Thompson, David Scowcroft and David Ramsbottom.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on April 27th 2016

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th April were accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

Befriending service. The Befriending service, now having been agreed unanimously by Trustees at a Special General meeting on 11th May, was at the point where grant monies were now actively being pursued. As previously agreed by members, the Chairman would report future progress as appropriate.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman reported on meetings he and/or the Vice Chair had attended since the last meeting.

These included an IAG meeting at which the greater part was devoted to the subjects of Hate Crime and Stop and Search procedures. The Chairman had raised the question of vulnerability of people with Mental illness and those on the Autism Spectrum and asked what measures were in force to deal with such vulnerable people in relation to Stop and Search. He was assured that training of officers continued in respect of ASC's and mental awareness and such people who might be subject of Stop and Search were, as far as was possible, treated with the utmost sensitivity.

The Chairman and Vice Chair attended a Health and Wellbeing Forum meeting on 18th May at The Hub during which a local authority representative had given a presentation on how the local authority services were to be delivered over the next few years to accommodate reductions in budgets. Other subjects covered included an update on the vision for Bolton partnership and a presentation from a Bolton CVS representative on the restructuring of CVS services.

Finally, the Chairman reported on the ongoing involvement of BAAS members, namely, the Chairman and Vice Chair Roselle Gorman in the Autism Awareness training sessions held on 26th January, 23rd February and 22nd March 2016 at Royal Bolton Hospital and 24th May 2016 in Salford, organised by Helen Bucke and her team as part of the TES (Trafford Extended Service). The Chairman and Vice Chair continue to assist in these presentations, the input of which is well regarded.

5. Vice Chair's report

The Vice Chair attended the Health, Care & Wellbeing Forum meeting at The Hub on 12th April 2016. Several presentations took place. Subjects of particular interest to BAAS members are reported below:

Acute Care Pathway Redesign, One Year On. This service is centred on home-based treatment, help & access and is geared to all adults 16+ years. Bolton, Salford & Trafford areas are covered by Pathway and feedback was given on the last few years. The redesign is ongoing without losing staff and working hours have increased to offer their service to 8pm and open weekends.

Bolton CVS are going through a re-structure due to funding cuts & details to be announced 1st May 2016.

Hannah Carrington of Bolton CCG gave a brief talk. She advised there is a new website: www.boltonccg.nhs and asked that everyone take a look.

Barry Glasspell of Bolton Council advised of the social interaction group for people with learning difficulties e.g. autism. The group meet at the Leisure Centre in Brazley, Horwich on Tues & Thurs evenings each week. There is a charge of £5 per person. At present it is called 'First Direction' but is soon to change its name.

Bimpe Kuti Lecturer in Health at the University of Bolton advised that they are looking for people/groups to make contact with a view to becoming involved in their new teaching programme 'Patient and Carer Involvement Initiative'. To share experiences, to advise on the work they or their organisations do, to support their teaching, to be involved in the interview of new candidates as care givers and to give coaching to healthcare professionals. Bimpe was very enthusiastic that BAAS have involvement in their initiative.

6. Task and Finish group –planning meetings

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

7. Carers trips

The Chairman reported he would shortly be submitting an application for Carers respite trips and would include those suggestions agreed at the December 2015 meeting. The next application deadline is 4th July.

8. Committee membership.

This item was deferred to the June meeting.

9. AOB

Discussion took place on the design of our new leaflet. The Chairman and Vice Chair are to visit Bolton Print Unit on 26th May.

A Carers Information Event is to take place at the Britannia Hotel, Bolton on 7th June 2016 from 11am – 2.30pm. The Chairman and Vice Chair will represent BAAS at this event.

10. Date/s of next meetings

Wednesday 29th June at 2.00pm at Thicketford Community Care Centre.

Drop –in Saturday 25th June at 2.00pm at Commerce House.