

## **Darlington Local Involvement Network (LINK)**

### **GP Task Group Meeting**

Minutes of Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Present:** - Terry Taylor, Jean Thurkettle, Paul Bell, Michelle Thompson, Peter Freitag, Norma Town, Doug Cowley and Mark Cran

**In attendance:** Diane Lax (Team Leader Carers Federation) Michaela Hopps (NHS TEWV Team Leader Health Facilitator)

#### **Apologies**

**Audrey Lax, Betty Hoy and Jackie Vincent (UBU)**

#### **Welcome Matters arising from previous meeting.**

Diane welcomed the group, and introduced new members to the group also advised of apologies. Diane advised the group that a presentation was due to take place from Accura although they were unable to attend, Michaela Hopps from Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS was in attendance and would be answering questions and giving information. Diane gave an overview of last meeting and for those who had just joined the group, Diane gave out the reports that had been put together by Louise which were also discussed in the last meeting. Group confirmed minutes from last meeting were accurate.

#### **Assura:**

Michaela Hopps gave information and answered question to the group about the training Assura were providing to GP practices, that the training was commissioned by Darlington and County Durham PCT. Darlington has two health facilitators for people with learning disabilities, She advised that the acute trust would be adopting the traffic light system which enables staff to see at a glance peoples requirements. Some questions were raised about information been lost when support workers,

GP's and health workers move on or change job. Individuals now have health checks and it is hoped that this will now help to alleviate this.

## **Next Steps**

Diane advised that from the last meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September the below points were outstanding issues that were placed on the white board in the office.

- **Access to GP re visit old PPI?**
- **Disability Group Questionnaire?**
- **Meeting with Practice Managers?**

Diane asked the group how they now wanted to move forward with the information they had received and from the reports that Louise had completed. The group requested that Diane arrange a meeting with the practice managers.

Diane asked the group what type of things would they ask the managers and that it would be better to have some outcomes planned in order to move forward. Michelle agreed and it was agreed that a meeting would be planned before the practice managers meeting to plan outcomes.

Action – Diane to organise meeting for task group before PM meeting.

Action - Diane to talk to Amanda Dexter to arrange meeting with Practice Managers.

Diane asked the group what they would like to do about the questionnaire that they talked about at the last meeting, group decided against doing anything else until after the meeting with the PM(practice managers)

## **Event Practice Based Commissioning 11<sup>th</sup> November 6 - 8pm**

Diane advised the group about the upcoming meeting starting at 6pm with a buffet available from 5.30.

Tackling tough choices in health ... What should our priorities be?

The event will take place at Darlington football club, platinum suite.

## **Any Other Business**

Diane advised that she will circulate the reports collated by Louise and the minutes of the last meeting again.

No other business

### **Future Dates and Times**

Task group meeting to be arranged before meeting with Practice Managers

Minutes taken by Carers Federation, host organisation for Darlington LINK

