

AIMHS Mental Health Forum Group
Thursday 4th July 2013
Koco Building, Spon End, 10.30am

Present: 10 Attendees

Welcome

Sheila Marston welcomed everyone to the AIMHS forum.

Apologies

Kim Timerick, Karen Keates, Andy Collis.

Age UK – Jackie Moor.

JM gave information to the group about possible disruption to Freeview channels because of the arrival of 4G on the 800 MHz frequency in the UK.

JM said if you have been sent a postcard regarding problems with TV channels on Freeview, keep it because you may be affected and need to be sent a filter. The filter needs to be attached to your television between your television and aerial input.

If you have received the filter and have difficulty fitting it and you need help or more information please ring: 0333 31 31 800 or visit www.at800.tv . Cable or satellite TV programmes should not be affected.

Stonham Floating Support – Danny Carey-Bertram and Walden Grant

Stonham Floating Support Coventry is part of a large organisation throughout in England. It supports people with a wide a range of needs, from substance abuse to homelessness.

Danny and Walden explained about the Stonham Floating Support (SFS) service based in Coventry. At the moment SFS is are going through a transitional period in their service. SFS are now only supporting the statutory homeless - which means a person has to present themselves to Coventry City Council (CCC) as homeless first.

CCC will carry out a small assessment of needs, putting you in temporary accommodation, and then you will be referred to Stonham Floating Support. SFS will carry out an assessment of your needs and what support you will need as you are going from temporary to permanent residency. This support will last for 6 – 8 weeks and SFS hopes to have you in control of your situation within this time frame. Danny said he hopes to have updated leaflets about SFS ready for distribution soon.

Survey

SM asked everyone if they could fill in the form which was asking if you had used local health services in the past 12months, particularly mental health services they used. SM said it is important for Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group to hear our responses so services can make improvements.

AIMHS Update

Cook and Eat Well at Willow View funding is coming to an end on 29th August. AIMHS has received positive feedback throughout these sessions. AIMHS is looking for continuation funding from various sources.

The Heart of England funding for the First Steps Confidence and Assertiveness Training, delivered in partnership with Rethink, is ending very soon. Tricia Wood has now been employed as Training Facilitator for AIMHS for a further 12 months.

We are pleased to welcome Karen Keates as a new staff member. Karen will take up her post as AIMHS Deputy Manager on 9th July.

AIMHS AGM will take place at the Koco Building on 22nd August.

There is a **change of date** to AIMHS Forum in December. **It will now be held on 19th December.**

Open Forum

A member asked if we had heard if the funding for the Mental Health Open Forum was to continue.

Action: SM to update at next forum.

It was asked if Sue Eato, of Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust could update the group on the 'Equal Partners Strategy'.

Action: SM to invite Sue Eato or her colleague John Rooney to a future forum.

Members gave positive feedback on how AIMHS invited guest speakers to their Forums saying it was both educational and informative. It was suggested that members, if they were willing, could talk about their own experiences regarding mental health to give others an insight in to different mental health conditions.

It was suggested that any positive experiences with organisations or a member of their staff should be brought to the AIMHS Forum and then fed back to the service through AIMHS or on AIMHS website. SM said she does feed positive comments back to the services she attends.

Positive feedback was given about Willow View acute day treatment unit, based at Swanswell Point, Stoney Stanton Road and also the Single Point of Entry service.

A member was describing how he volunteers at the distribution point at Coventry Foodbank. They would be very grateful for members to donate carrier bags at Trinity Church, Priory Row. For more information regarding the Foodbank please visit: <http://coventrycentral.foodbank.org.uk>.

Coventry City Council on 12th July are having a workshop in Broadgate and will be distributing a booklet about Welfare changes. SM said she would try to get some booklets to hand out at the next meeting.

Date of next Mental Health Forum (AGM): Thursday 22nd August 10.30am to 12.30pm.
Venue: Koco Building, Spon End, Coventry CV1 3JQ.