

# VOLUNTARY ACTION MERTHYR TYDFIL CHRONIC CONDITIONS FOCUS GROUP

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2009

### Present:

Jason Tynan (JT)	British Red Cross
Geraint Price (GP)	Diabetes UK
Eric Leslie (EL)	Osteoporosis Support / Heartbeat '95
Tracey Burke (TB)	Cancer Aid
Paul Turner (PT)	Gofal Cymru
Debra Roberts (DR)	Merthyr & the Valleys MIND
Sharon Richards (SR)	Health & Social Care Facilitator / VAMT

### 1. Welcome/Introductions

SR opened the meeting with a welcome to those present. A round of introductions followed.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Gemma Thomas; Sian Davies; Paul Beckerton; Alison Johnson; Wendy Gane and Ann Lewis.

### 3. Draft Terms of Reference

The Group discussed the draft Terms of Reference and agreed amendments. A revised copy of the Terms of Reference is attached as Appendix A.

### 4. Election of Officers

Following discussion the Group agreed to a revolving Chair for the remainder of the 2009 meetings as follows:

15 <sup>th</sup> July 2009	-	JT
17 <sup>th</sup> September 2009	-	EL
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	-	PT

### 5. Building Healthy Communities Workstream

SR gave an update on the Chronic Conditions workstream of Building Healthy Communities (BHC) and those present were asked to input to a mapping of services, utilizing the 4 tier triangle approach to managing chronic conditions, which will be used to inform BHC developments.

The Group felt it would be relevant to have a presentation on Building Healthy Communities at a future meeting.

**Action: SR**

## **6. Patient Credits Project**

SR gave an outline of the pilot Patient Credits Project which has commenced in Merthyr. The Project is OCN accredited, conditions-specific, and is working with patients of the Hollies Health Centre.

Those present expressed interest in knowing more about the Project and how it would relate to the work of the Group.

**Action: SR**

## **7. Information Share / Any Other Business**

It was agreed that each future meeting should include presentations from relevant partners in support of the chronic conditions agenda, and also presentations from members of the group. To this end the following presentations are agreed for the remainder of 2009 meetings:

15.07.09	: Merthyr & the Valleys MIND	- DR
17.09.09	: Merthyr & District Osteoporosis Support Group	- EL
12.11.09	: Gofal Cymru	- PT

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009. 10:00am -12:00 Noon  
Voluntary Action Centre, Merthyr Tydfil