



PROVIDERS' FORUM MINUTES

HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 10 AM
LORDSWOOD COMMUNITY HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

1. **Present:**

Vince Brown (Chair)	MCCH
Nikki Jagger (Minute taker)	The "VMP" Partnership Board Administrator
Christine Edwards Daem	KAT
Blossom Lee	Doson Ltd
Teresa O'Brien	Carers Relief Service
Jenny Goldstone	Regard Partnership
Anton Smith	Shout Out Chair
Kim Scott-Telford	Bridge Reach
Peter Clark	The Regard Partnership
Gary Aldridge	The Regard Partnership
John Sharkey	The Regard Partnership
Sophia Cheung	SC Support & Care Services Limited

2. **Apologies:**

Dan Gower	The Avenues Trust
Paula Gill	Sunlight Development Trust
Richard Dinkeldein	The Mortimer Society
Carol Davis	The Avenues Trust

3. **Burning Issues:**

Is there a strategy for the direct payments? Robin to be invited again to the November or December Providers Forum to keep providers regularly updated. (Action: **Nikki**)

4. **Accuracy of previous minutes and matters arising:**

The previous minutes were discussed and agreed as correct.

Vince Brown is to be added to the apologies on the 15th August 2007.
(Action: **Nikki**)

Nikki to re-circulate the handouts for the individualised budgets discussed at previous meeting. (Action: **Nikki**)

With regard to individualised budgets, entitlement to ILF is only if an individual receives higher rate DLA and the local authority are paying more than £200, any health funding would not be included in this. This can only be received if an individual is living in a tenancy.

Providers are concerned that people receiving Direct Payments may have difficulty managing them as they can be spent how the individual wants, and that may leave providers with problems and outstanding bills.

Beth to be invited to next meeting. (Action: **Nikki**)

Daniel attended the meeting to up-date us on health facilitation.

Nikki to recirculate HAP Flyer. Anton said the training was a good day, lots of work. The training is free for all, carers, providers and adults with a learning disability. The three surgeries are set up for health checks, these include two surgeries in Gun Lane, Strood and one in Hoo St Werburgh. Daniel would like providers to go back to their services and find out if they would like to do the training and if any support may be required. The training will be on a rolling process with the Royal College of Social Care. There will be an in-house trainer for this. The expert trainer is a person with a learning disability. It was agreed at the Partnership Board in January 2007 that 200 people would pass through the training this year. There are six dates; providers only need to attend one. Nikki to check if the HAP flyer is on the website. (Action: **Nikki**)

Nikki to recirculate the membership list for up-dating so the contact list can be up-dated.

IMCA was mentioned on the agenda. Bridget Bygrave-Relf is to nominate someone for the November or December Providers Forum.

5. **Any Other Business:**

Providers Forum Terms of Reference to be re-circulated to Providers Forum with a view to people nominating themselves to become Chair or Deputy Chair. Please let us know at the next meeting.

Terms of Reference to be reviewed at next meeting.

Meeting 9.45 for coffee, 10am start.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 19th December 2007

Venue: Group Room, Lordswood

Time: 9.45am-12.30pm