

21 July, 2015

Canolfan Soar, Merthyr Tydfil

**RCC Representatives Present**

Name	Organisation
Sue Preece	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Barry Gallagher	Drive
Shelagh Iles	Rhondda HA

**RCC Representatives Apologies**

Name	Organisation
Helen Jones (Deputy Rep)	Hafod Care

**Present**

Name	Organisation
Marion Hewitt	Barnardo's Merthyr Tydfil
Jane Oates	Llamau
Oliver Townsend	Cymorth Cymru
Charlie Arthur	Women's Aid RCT
Sarah O'Keefe	Wales and West Housing
Dave Jones	Adref
Sue Preece	MTCBC, RDC
Amanda Anstee	RHA

**Apologies**

Name	Organisation
Ben Griffiths	Gwalia
Hazel Yates	Gofal

Agenda Item	Action
<b>Welcome and Governance</b> Barry Gallagher chaired the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies given as per above.	
<b>Cymorth Cymru Update</b> Oliver Townsend gave general updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staffing changes: Owen Brown's contact came to an end on Friday 17 July, and he has left to look for different opportunities. Oliver thanked him for his work supporting the</li> </ul>	

RPFs. In addition, Lisa Noice will be leaving having covered the Training & Events Administrator role. Two new appointments have been made for both roles, and they will both start in Cymorth on 3 August.

- Work continuing through various SPNAB / other groups, such as the Research & Evaluation Group, the Outcomes & Data Group, and similar.
- Update on forthcoming events, including Care briefings on the 15/9 and 30/9; Homelessness Symposium on the 14/10; Care Provider Summit on 17/11, and the Promoting Independence Awards on the 4/12.
- Cymorth has set up a Learning Disability group, which met at the Cymorth office recently to discuss challenges facing that sector. Barry Gallagher is a member of this group as are other key individuals across the sector.
- Cymorth continues to monitor the Renting Homes Bill, particularly the section on “supported standard contracts”, and the temporary exclusion power.
- Cymorth will be responding to the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act guidance consultation, focusing particularly on the Partnership section, which will create “Regional Partnership Boards” to help coordinate health and care integration. Cymorth is concerned that this needs to work alongside Regional Collaborative Committees as well.
- A consultation on Prisoner Pathways is currently out, and Cymorth will be seeking views from members on this area.
- The Let’s Keep Supporting People campaign continues, with AM visits to local services. The aim is to generate public awareness and politician awareness of the programme and the need to protect investment.
- Cymorth is looking towards the Welsh Assembly 2016 elections, and will be producing a manifesto looking particularly at the SP budget; commissioning and prevention.
- Cymorth is looking at developing a further response paper, this time looking in more details at some responses to the cuts to the SPPG.

*ACTION:* OT to liaise with V&C RPF, and Cwm Taff RPF, to plan a joint meeting to discuss provider approaches to cuts and to hear proposals so far on outcomes from SPODG.

**Update from the RCC**

[Sue’s update]

[Shelagh’s update]

*ACTION:* OT to send round provider representative role description to the RPF, to prepare for an election for the deputy provider representative in September. A query was raised by David Jones about the difference in approach between three elections: 1) provider reps 2) chair / vice-chair of the RPF and 3) RPF representative on the RCT / Merthyr SPPG groups, respectively. OT to send information on governance of the RPF to all members of the RPF.

<p>ACTION: OT to look into outcomes info for reporting to RCC meeting on 17 August, and to check which member of the sub-group on Finance is attending the RCC.</p>	
<p><b>Open discussion on the issues facing providers</b>  There was a discussion on the key issues facing providers, which was rolled into the same discussion as the NLW (see below).</p> <p>ACTION: OT to raise concerns about Management charges with Cymorth so a question can be asked at the Governance group.</p>	
<p><b>Discussion on service user involvement</b>  There was a discussion on how to improve service-user involvement, with a healthy exchange of ideas and examples.</p> <p>ACTION: Agreement to bring service users to next RPF.</p> <p>The Gwent Case Study was shared, and it is suggested that the RPF shares ideas / input onto these, so that Gwent could take them on board and develop further. These Case Study templates have now been seen at most RPFs and there is a broad agreement that they can be adopted across the regions, and it would give a consistent approach, as well as ensuring the public-facing case study work makes use of the same Cost Benefit tool, ensuring consistency.</p>	
<p><b>Impact of the “National Living Wage”</b></p> <p>(As above)</p>	
<p><b>Dates of next meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>4<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b>, 1.30-3.30, VAMT, Merthyr Tydfil</li> </ul>	