

Draft Minute of the TSWG meeting held on Thursday 29th August 2013 at 11.30 am in the Board Room at Anchor Buildings.

Present: Gail Anderson, Simon Gordon, Olivia Tait, Sue Sulat,
Helen Moss.

In attendance: Kasha Jarosz , Shirley Ellis (minute)

1 Welcome and Apologies

Gail welcomed those present and thanked them for coming along.

Apologies had been received from, Erika Copland, Sue Ward, Sandra Paton, Iain McCormack, Ben Lindsey and Frazer Campbell.

2 Notes of the previous meeting (25th July 2013)

The note was accepted as a true and accurate record, proposed by Helen and seconded by Sue S.

3 Matters Arising.

Page 2 (ii) - National Third Sector (GIRFEC) Project

Gail advised that Barnardos was the lead agency, supported by Voluntary Action Scotland and funded by Scottish Government of the Project. The project aimed to support Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to recognise and embed the role of the Third Sector in implementing GIRFEC, maximising the contribution they can make. Orkney is has applied to be a project demonstration area and Gail, Peter Diamond and Marie O'Sullivan recently had attended an interview with the national team. The outcome should be known by mid-September.

Gail thanked everyone for the information which they had supplied in relation to GIRFEC, which had strengthened the Orkney case.

Page 3 (Item 7)- Supporting Senior Management

Gail advised that she had fed back the conversation which had taken place at the last meeting to Hannah Kerr (VAO, Post Graduate HR Service) and also to Edwina Lloyd VAO (Training and Development).

Further information will be sought to see what is available and fit for purpose in order to address the issues.

4 Children's Services Update.

Gail had attended a meeting which had gone through the inspection report relating to Children's Services in Orkney.

Part of the discussions at the meeting had focussed on establishing a “Getting it Right” practitioners group. Formation of such a group would see the need to identify lead staff to:

- Improve health service understanding and use of GIRFEC
- Develop a training plan

An action plan was being drawn up to address the issues identified by inspectors and once approved the plan would be circulated to members.

Action: Gail to circulate approved plan

Members were advised that information from workshops held the previous year would be included in the revised Integrated Children’s Services Plan. Gail advised that she would circulate the draft plan to members once it had been completed.

5 Change Fund – Older People: Update

Tenders had been submitted for the three identified areas. The tenders have been discussed but so far no decisions have been made.

Kasha reported that work is progressing well with Shapinsay and Rousay and she is trying to establish stronger direct links between those communities and third sector organisations, instead of Kasha acting as a go-between. It was thought direct contact would be more effective.

Gail assured members that there would be continuous evaluation of the project. VAO recognises that each community is different and the project would be responsive to identified needs when appropriate.

MADD (Make A Difference Day) – Saturday 26th October.

Kasha gave information regarding an event which would take place to celebrate MADD. The event will focus on Health and Care services and it was hoped to involve OHAC to further underline partnership working.

Kasha advised that this was something she thought could also be done on a smaller scale in the isles. Initially someone from each island could go along to the event on 26th October to see which services would be most beneficial to their community and then a MADD event which was more relevant to their island could be organised. Kasha thought that by doing this communities in the isles would feel more involved.

Kasha said she would welcome any ideas which members may have to make the MADD a success. More information would follow in due course.

6 Rehab and Enablement Group: Update

Gail had attended a meeting which had clarified the meeting’s remit and the role of the third sector. An action log had been drawn up from previous meetings, including the

workshop held earlier in the year. Gail advised that she would circulate the Action Log to members.

Action: Gail to circulate the Action Log

Gail informed members of a new Social Worker who was now in place in the hospital whose remit was to look at Discharge Planning. Helen thought it would be useful to invite the person to a future TSWG meeting.

Action: Gail will forward the Social Worker's name to members.

Gail had met with Christina Bichan who had said there will be a "Rehabilitation and Enablement" section in the new hospital and third sector services would be welcome to use a hot desk to give information about availability of their services. It was thought that having a presence in the hospital was crucial to partnership working.

12.20 – Helen left the meeting.

7 Our Island Our Vision Conference

The event to which Gail had been invited would take place in the Picky Centre on 19th/20th September. Gail asked that any comments, suggestions, concerns should be submitted to her to take to the conference.

8 Organisation Update

Simon Gordon – OACAS – Simon reported that more people were using the service and yet the service was receiving less funding. He thought more referrals were needed from GPs. He also added that Orkney was creeping towards the top of the league for use of prescribed drugs.

Members had a full discussion on the effects of alcohol misuse.

Olivia Tait – Crossroads - Olivia advised that Crossroads had signed up to an on screen promotion at the Hellandi practice (linked to Dounby), which would see a rolling advert appear every 12 minutes giving information about their available services. The cost would be c£2000 for two years for this particular package, but less expensive slots are available.

Sue Sulat – Pickaquoy Centre – Sue has been given a remit by the Pickaquoy Trustees to find out from organisations who are involved with children and young people, what the Centre could do to make it easier for their service users to get involved with activities which they currently provide. The trustees are prepared to be flexible at off peak times with such things as costs.

Sue is looking to collate as much information from TS organisations as possible to present to the Pickaquoy Board. Gail suggested it may be worthwhile speaking to VAO's

Children and Young Person's Befriending Project. Sue added that she would also be speaking to Connect.

Gail Anderson – VAO –Gail reported that a briefing paper had been produced to present to elected members regarding new facilities.

Area Commander Les Donaldson had asked to attend the next TSF meeting to discuss the local Police Plan.

9 AOCB

There was none.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 26th September at 11.30 in the Board Room at Anchor Buildings.