



# Midlothian Community Care Providers

Forum Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2006  
Scottish Mining Museum

## In Attendance:

Jane Archibald, Acorn Health Service  
Denise Williams, Acorn Health Service  
Maureen Allan, Allan Ross Nursing  
Barbara Bostock, Allan Ross Nursing  
Karen Jackson, Arc Scotland  
Janis Wadge, Ark Housing Assoc.  
Rhona West, British Red Cross  
Margaret Robertson, Castle Rock Edinvar  
Housing Assoc.  
Jim Nicholls, Choices Community Care  
Ian Huggan, Crossroads  
Carolyn Jenkins, Deaf Action  
Louise Richardson, Link Living  
Theresa Cull, Medico Nursing & Homecare

Lin Fridge, Medico Nursing & Homecare  
Jacqui Strachan, Midlothian Council  
George Wilson, MVA  
Catherine Burns, MVA  
Margaret Mackay, MVA  
April Robertson, RNIB  
Leigh Gordon, Social Care Recruitment  
Morag Paterson, Thistle Foundation  
Stuart McIntosh, Thistle Foundation  
Sheila Hook, Trust Housing Association  
Gerry Brennan, Trust Housing Association  
Catherine Louch - Viewpoint Housing  
Craig Brown, WEA

## Apologies:

Ruth Mackay, Abbeyfield Scotland  
Katherine Ellis, Ark Housing  
Ann Nolan, BIELD Housing Association  
Kym Ferguson, Deaf Action  
George Welsh, Deaf Action  
Carolyn Maxwell, Midlothian Council

Lesley Kelly, MVA  
Joan Johnson, Orchard Centre  
Ros Brown, Redwoods Caring Foundation  
Jeanette Godward, Redwoods Caring  
Foundation  
Sister Mai O'Connor, St Josephs Services

1. Minutes of last meeting were agreed.
2. **Development Worker's Report** - see presentation at <http://mccp.mvacvs.org.uk/CCPFForum/MCCP28Jun2006.html>

## Training Barrier Survey Results

The results highlighted barriers to organisations offering training to staff and barriers to staff taking up opportunities.

4/5 of organisational barriers were financial. Staff barriers were confidence and lack of personal resources (time/money/child care).

## Funding Developments (See presentation for more information)

Apologies from Lesley Kelly, MVA, who was unable to attend the meeting but sent a summary of funding information. Some points included...

- Voluntary Sector Voluntary Development Fund available this year for phase 2 and for organisation who didn't receive for phase 1.
- Big Lottery Fund - private providers can also apply. For organisations planning to apply there are sessions to find out more about it on 2/8/06.

Ian Huggan asked if full cost recovery a reality. There are restrictions about what can be recovered from some funders. However organisations need to know the full costs of the services they provide even if they cannot recover them.

3. **Craig Brown - W.E.A.**  
Information in the WEA folder handed out and on the flyer. See [http://mccp.mvacvs.org.uk/Training/training\\_eventsR2L.html](http://mccp.mvacvs.org.uk/Training/training_eventsR2L.html)

Some may have heard of the WEA course Return to Learn. This is a free course being run in Midlothian. There is a timetable for the course starting January 2007. The course helps build confidence and improve study skills for those considering SVQ/HNC study and carries SQA accreditation. The course format is one day per fortnight for ten sessions. The course is designed to be in work time to try to overcome some of the barriers that people face. The only costs to attend are release time for staff and one organisation providing a venue. Open to all social care staff. The course can include two sessions with an IT component if IT facilities are available, but it can stand alone without this.

People can register their interest by completing the form. There will also be information sessions in Midlothian later in the year.

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4. **Sub-group Survey Results** (see final part of presentation at <http://mccp.mvacvs.org.uk/CCPForum/MCCP28Jun2006.html>)

Top four sub groups were

(1) **Person Centred Planning**

There are two developments in this areas in Midlothian. Rather than duplicating Providers are encouraged to get involved in what is already happening.

- **PCP Network** Ruth Lowe coordinates this. The next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> July 3-4.30 at Cherry Road Resource Centre. Agenda includes update on PCP offer/Resource book/IT & person centre planning/future network meetings.
- **Person Centred Planning Implementation Group** - Catherine has been invited to a Person Centred Planning meeting on 17 July from 12.15 - 2pm in Fairfield House. Catherine cannot attend and has asked for a representative. Anyone interested in attending please let her know.

(2) **Joint training Group**

(3) **Service User Involvement**

(4) **Monitoring & Measuring Quality Services**

The sub groups would...

- Be self managing
- Meet separate from Forum but report back to forum.
- The forum doesn't have budget for meeting room/catering etc. These costs would need to be shared between members.

The meeting broke into three groups (Joint training Group; Service User Involvement; Monitoring & Measuring Quality Services) based on interest. The groups discussed the subgroup suggestions and how these ideas might be taken forward. The groups reported back to the meeting.

Meetings will be held for those interested in being part of one of these groups in August / September. There will be more information on these soon.

5. **Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in October - date to be confirmed. If you have agenda items please contact Catherine.

