

## Minutes

**Title of Meeting:** Mental Health Partnership Board

**Date of Meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Attendees:** George Hunt (BBC), Gemma Halfpenny (BBC), Simon White (BBC), Joyce Tucker (Physical Disabilities Co-Chair), Sandra Pearce (Pohwer), Richard Gillard (Service User), David Bentley (Service User), Sandra Bentley (Carer), Wilf Deakin (Older People's Partnership Board Co-Chair), Sean Parrett (Milton Keynes Public Health), Belinda Ekuban (Milton Keynes Public Health), Alison Bowden (Richmond Fellowship), Beth Timslaw and Felicity Stocker.

**Apologies:** Joe Richardson, Gill Mason, Kaysie Conroy, Michelle Bradley, Debbie Buck, Leigh Chapman and Marek Zamborsky.

No	Item	Actioned by
1.	<p><b>Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (Attached):</b>                      The report is due to be published on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.                      Copies are available in GP surgeries, online and in pharmacies.                      The consultation period closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014.                      GH to send out the presentation with the minutes.</p>	
2.	<p>Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting and the previous minutes were discussed and agreed.</p>	
3.	<p>SP reported that the hate crime message continues across the county. Looking at how the criminal justice system can work with us. SP has a meeting with the Crown Prosecution Service. Increased hate crime reporting and transgender reporting.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Care Act Update:</b>                      GH advised the group of the implementation of the Care Act. The first part will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 and we will be working with health services.                      Introduction of the care cap. The cap will be set at £72,000, once that amount has been paid for an individual's care then the Council will take over the payments. This will be introduced in 2016.                      There is a danger that the expectations from the public may think that they are going to get lots of free care and services.                      An area has been selected to do a 'letter drop' in Kempston to test how information is disseminated.                      GH asked the group if there is sufficient information and advice in the service areas. All to feedback to GH at <a href="mailto:George.hunt@bedford.gov.uk">George.hunt@bedford.gov.uk</a>                      SP advised that some people do not find the care directory very helpful. JT said that it is amazing what information people don't know is available. Suggestion to have a central information point.                      All agreed that the BBC website is hard to use.</p>	GH
5.	<p><b>Crises Care Concordat:</b>                      This has now been signed and is in plan.                      It is a plan that if someone goes in to crises all agencies will work together to support each other and the individual.                      Michelle Bradley to be asked to provide a report on what it is.</p>	GH/MB
6.	<p><b>Service User News and Views:</b>                      RG raised a concern that some people don't know who to ask to help support them. SP advised RG that anyone in that position should be signposted to Pohwer.                       SP advised that she has been to the Barford Avenue groups and everyone is pleased to be able to get together. The peer support groups meet every Wednesday in Fescos.</p>	

	<p>David advised that the Bedford Bi Polar Self Support Group has been averaging about 18 attendees at each meeting. Michelle Bradley and The Wellbeing Centre have assisted positively but no referrals have been received from Psychiatrists or CPN's.</p> <p>GH to follow up with Kirsty Sharp if she is promoting the Bedford Bi Polar Self Support Group.</p>	<b>GH</b>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Hate Crime:</b>  Stephen Vesztrocy from Bedfordshire Police joined the group to discuss Hate Crime.  Jane Aspin has been appointed as the Disability Lead for Bedfordshire Police.  Reported crime has increased and the confidence to report has increased. Overall this year 94 hate crimes have been reported, 31 of these have been solved and the vast majority relates to public order.  There is a section on the Bedfordshire Police website for hate crime.  Race hate is the vast majority that is reported.  There is the option of third party reporting as lots of people don't want to report hate crime themselves as they are scared. Third party reporting can be done by calling 101.  The intent to commit a hate crime but not going through with the offence can also be classed as hate crime.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>AOB:</b>  JT advised the meeting that the Rotary Club subgroup who are creating memory boxes for people with Dementia.</p> <p>DR suggested that following the discussion at the last meeting about council tax reminders, a verbal flag could be used from a person who is disabled/has a disability if they are behind with their council tax payments to advise that they are unable to make their payments on time. SW advised that the collections team will contact him to see if individuals are known to adult services.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>  12<sup>th</sup> February 2015.</p>	