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Yorkshire & Humber Forum on Ageing

Future Years Forum Committee Minutes

3rd December 2012

Present: Shelagh Marshall (Chair), John Welham (Vice Chair), Mary Laurenson (Vice Chair), Jane Tanser, Paul Russell, George Wood, Neil Martin, Mary Robinson, Mashud Haque, Robert Crossland, Kath McDaid, Val Turner (Observer) Russell Taylor (DWP).

Apologies: Linda Tester, Jean Walker,

1. Welcome by the Chair

Shelagh welcomed members to the meeting and reported her activities to the meeting as follows:

- Attended the reception at the House of Commons to celebrate the first year of the Age Action Alliance, accompanied by John Welham and Mary Laurenson.
- Chairs of the regional forums act as a reference group for the AAA to feed in the views of older people. AAA has disbanded their steering group in favour of a wider partnership board of which 50% will be older people.
- AAA has asked for interested people to be part of a Transport Group. Shelagh and John have volunteered.
- Shelagh pointed out that the Age Action Alliance update goes out with the Friday email and she strongly recommends it. Russell added that AAA is looking at how they can consolidate their communications.
- Shelagh attended the Downing Street launch of Dementia Friends as part of the Dementia Challenge. She suggested more funding is given to raising awareness of dementia, particularly amongst families of people diagnosed with dementia, so they can know what to expect. Shelagh urged members to register as Dementia Friends at www.dementiafriends.org.uk

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from those listed above.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting

4.4.8 JSNA

It was noted that whilst we have been encouraging involvement in the JSNA process, knowledge amongst older people is still varied (which came out in one of the workshops at the November conference). It was added that different regions are at different places, some areas now have a Health and Wellbeing Strategy and we need to know where older people fit in the strategy.

JV did circulate a paper produced by Age UK on the prevalence of 'older people' as a priority in JSNAs in the region. She agreed to circulate it again.

ACTION: JV

John added that JSNAs were discussed at the Regional Dementia Alliance (see below) where someone asked if there was any reference to dementia in the JSNAs in our region. Robert agreed to look into this.

ACTION: RC

Russell suggested someone could send in their JSNA so we can see what it is like. He explained that when trying to find out if an issue is covered, such as loneliness and isolation, a search can be conducted on the words – a quick way to find out if it is mentioned.

ACTION: ALL

Members reported activity in their area:

- Sheffield – Missing Voices is a project which links the over 75s into the process by taking information to them.
- York CVS has a forum for older people that feeds into the JSNA process.
- North Yorkshire – older people are feeding into the process.
- Bradford – Mashud is attending a meeting in Bradford organised by the Older People's Parliament, which holds focus groups to enable older people to feed into the JSNA process.
- Leeds – the Leeds Older People's Forum sit on an Ageing Well Board that feeds into the Health and Wellbeing Board.

5. UKAFA Update

JV to check that John's notes from the UKAFA meeting were sent out with the Friday email.

ACTION: JV

John highlighted the following:

- Steve Web pointed out that £12bn of savings have come from people of working age (due to changes to CPI).
- Attention was drawn to a resource pack supported by the Chartered Institute of Housing, for people being discharged from hospital into a safe home. A discussion was held around personal health budgets. It was noted that the pilot has been evaluated and Norman Lamb has announced they are to be rolled out nationally.
- Helen Dimmock has conducted a review of UKAFA. John suggested the operational group consider the recommendations made in the review and bring options back to the Forum Committee. This was agreed.

ACTION: Operational Group

6. Finance Report

JV presented the financial report. She was asked to anonymise names on the detail of the expenditure (expenditure claims). JV drew attention to the potential for underspend. It was agreed the Operational Group should consider this at their next meeting.

ACTION: Operational Group

It was questioned whether Future Years are earning any interest. JV agreed to find out if the Regional Company is making an interest and what proportion of any interest would be due to Future Years.

ACTION: JV

7. Report on the Operational Group meeting (updated workplan attached)

It was reported that the operational group had reviewed the workplan and identified work is needed on outcome two: how we communicate with a wider audience and outcome six: (the pyramid of engagement). Robert questioned whether the role of Future Years is one of communication or campaigning. It was suggested a task and finish group consider this question whilst progressing the outcomes two and six. Robert, Paul, Neil and Joanne volunteered to form the task and finish group.

ACTION: RC, PR, NM, JV

NEA Workshops: it was explained that Future Years have been offered three workshops to train older people to be Energy Efficiency Champions. The NEA are doing the training and it's funded through the AAA via DECC. These have been organised in Leeds, Hull (and East Riding) and York (and North Yorkshire). Shelagh reported that we have been offered a 4th workshop funded through the AAA. Val suggested that Bradford could facilitate a workshop, and that the city has secured winter warmth funding. We will pay for this one. JV to co-ordinate and to send out a flyer with the minutes explaining what is involved in the workshops.

ACTION: JV

Kath agreed to send information on where Comic Relief is active and suggested this could help identify areas for other workshops.

ACTION: KMc

8. Adoption of the amended constitution (attached)

It was recorded that the constitution was adopted at the AGM. Its implementation will be covered by the task and finish group established above.

9. Feedback from the Loneliness and Isolation Conference

Shelagh informed the meeting that the conference held in Sheffield was a success, with 63 attendees, most of whom came from forums. An analysis of feedback compiled by Mary was circulated. Most feedback mentioned that the workshops were too short but that the content of the conference is relevant and useful.

The presentations of the conference are on the website (www.futureyears.org.uk). Shelagh added that she is meeting with Dr Oliver Corrado to discuss the work of the WRVS. Volunteers befriend patients with dementia in acute wards. She had visited the Sheffield Northern Hospital to talk to volunteers doing the work. Her next visit is to Leeds Teaching Hospitals (St.James).

John informed the meeting in his role with Leeds Older People's Forum he has been invited to sit on the ITV Diversity Group (Calendar Team), who are looking for good news stories on older people. If anyone has any stories John to put them forward.

ACTION: All

10. Feedback from the Regional Dementia Alliance

John reported back from his attendance at the Regional Dementia Alliance launch, which was attended by private business, third sector and Directors of Adult Social Services. The launch was asking organisations to join the alliance and consider what they could do to help make places more 'dementia friendly' through the education and training of staff, considering signage used etc. John pointed out that if we join then Future Years will need an action plan. It was remembered that we did agree at a previous meeting to join the alliance, therefore the operational group to consider what the action plan should be and invite Simon Wallace, the Project Manager to the next forum meeting. Shelagh added that she has a separate meeting with Simon and will be suggesting Future Years could play a co-ordinating role.

ACTION: Operational Group

A discussion was held on the good work that is happening in the region:

- The ADASS president wants to recognise dementia as a priority.
- Bradford has obtained funding from JRF, which has been matched by the local authority, to become a dementia friendly city.
- Wakefield are putting in a bid for some money.

- There is a lot of work in York through the JRF. Also, a lady in the British Transport Police in York won an award for the work she has done to make the city dementia friendly.

11. Equality Act provisions banning age discrimination in goods

Neil introduced the new provisions of the Equality Act, banning discrimination in goods and services, which came into force on 1st October. He noted that there is guidance on the EHRC website which covers the new provisions.

Neil pointed out that financial services and insurance are not covered by this legislation. For insurance, they make an assessment of risk, however they do not share data on this and 'risk' is not defined, therefore it is difficult to assess whether there is any discrimination.

Neil explained that there are no express exceptions to the legislation for health and social care, meaning differential treatment must be justified. However health services can provide positive interventions for older people, such as flu jabs.

Neil introduced the concept of 'proportionality', which allows discrimination in proportion to a legitimate aim. This concept therefore means retirement ages can be justified in law.

Mary questioned how we can ensure there is no unreasonable discrimination on age given that some people lose their jobs on capability issues, which they feel is masking age related discrimination. Neil explained that the EHRC do offer specialist advice and may take up cases.

Neil informed the meeting that the EHRC has produced a booklet called 'Your Home Care and Human Rights' which explains how your human rights protect you when you use home care services. He agreed to send Russell the link. Shelagh suggested the booklet is promoted in AGenda.

ACTION: NM / SM

12. The Green Deal

Kath gave a presentation on the Green Deal (please see attached). She explained the Green Deal is part of the carbon reduction programme which has a 2050 target to offer energy loans attached to energy meters.

Kath pointed out the following:

- 'Golden Rule' which states a person should not repay more than they are saving.
- A Golden Rule calculator will be produced by either an energy provider or nationally.
- Maximum loan period is 25 years.
- The Green Deal assessment is based on an energy performance certificate.
- It is unclear to date who will pay for the assessment.
- Three quotes are required for installations over £10K.

Kath added that despite the Green Deal recognising the rural picture the spend on affordable warmth is forecast to be £350 million which is a lot less than the current spend.

13. Any Other Business

The meeting overran therefore AOB to be dealt with in the Friday email.

14. Dates of the next meetings

4th March 2013

3rd June 2013

2nd September 2013

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