

MhIST, Mental Health Independent Support Team

Annual General Meeting held at Bolton Little Theatre

Wednesday 27th November 2013

Present: Jill Roberts, Alan Hulme, Roy Greenhalgh, Alex Murray, Peter Worsley, Michael Hope, Leanne Seymour, Peter Pendlebury, Alan Ainscow, Lesley Etherington, Ian Taylor, Karen Brady, Lesleyann Love, John Sumner, Aaron Lohan, Alison Standish, Noel McNabb

In attendance: Melvin Bradley, Judith Sumner, David Procter.

Apologies: Roger Duckworth, Stephen Gent

Melvin introduced everyone to the AGM

Confirmation of minutes

The minutes from the last A.G.M. held on the 28th November 2012 were proposed by John Sumner and seconded by Peter Pendlebury.

Matters arising

Peter Pendlebury asked for an update on the progress of the Social Events Committee which was discussed at the previous AGM. This was answered by Alan Ainscow who said it should be operating again shortly. Melvin suggested putting it on the next Board meeting agenda.

Confirmation of directors

Melvin named the nominees for the Board as:

Advocacy	Noel McNabb
Bi Polar	Jill Roberts
Counselling	Albert Phipps
Craft and Social group	vacant
Depression 1	Stephen Gent
Depression 2	Alan Ainscow
Depression 3	Alan Hulme
Depression 4	vacant
Hearing Voices	vacant
Mindfulness	Jackie Howden

Office	Peter Pendlebury
Self Esteem skills group	Roger Duckworth
OCD	vacant
Carers	vacant
Co-opt 1	Hilary Mercer
Co-opt 2	vacant

Karen Brady asked a question about the meaning of Co-opted which was answered by Melvin. All Directors were elected.

Chairs Report

This was delivered by Melvin at the request of the Chairperson, Jill Roberts. Melvin reminded everyone that it was the Report for up to 31/03/2013. Jill asked if there were any questions, there weren't.

Independent examiners Report

David Procter delivered the independent examiners report and answered any questions appropriately.

Appointment of Independent examiners

David Procter was proposed by Noel McNabb and seconded by Karen Brady.

Any other business

Karen Brady brought up several concerns regarding toilet, computer and telephone handset hygiene and spread of viruses, the designation of a welfare person to contact absent volunteers to ask after their physical and/or mental health, awareness of who is in the building at any one time and the need for the welcome team to be fully staffed again. Melvin suggested referring the welfare person issue to the next Personnel Committee meeting.

Karen also expressed concern that there weren't four issues of the "One in Four" being published each year and her disappointment with the lack of feedback. She felt she is no longer able to continue in the role at this time. Peter Pendlebury offered to take over the role of publishing the newsletter. Jill commented that both the "One in Four" and the A-Z Directory are much appreciated. Melvin added that he was aware that many people value the distribution of the newsletter, especially at the end of the year, Alison Standish agreed that she thought the newsletter is a valuable method of communication.

Date of next meeting

To be advised