

MhIST, Mental Health Independent Support Team

Half yearly meeting held @ Bolton Parish Hall Wednesday 30th May 2007

Present: Ian Taylor (Chair), Damon Bachegalup (director), Sandra Clarkson (director), John Sumner (Treasurer), Peter Worsley, Ian McLaughlin, Bobby Pattison, Dolorez Niazzi, Gary Partington, Judith Sumner (director), Gary Monks, Lisa Crosby, Charlie Willock, Hilary Mercer (director), Mike Wilson, Lesley Wilson, Danielle Wilson, Barbara Eastham (director), Steven Hartley, Alan Bradbury, Di Leigh, Gayle Rathbone, John Desouza, Alan Ainscow,

In Attendance: Melvin Bradley, Tracy Williams

Apologies: Julie Larkin, Enid Barlow. Aileen Holt, Delia McGeehan, Miranda Washington, Joanne Walker, Lilian Chamberlain, Dot Cocker, Flo Standish, Bill Standish, Julie Pendlebury.

Welcome.

Ian opened the meeting by introducing himself and welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

Were proposed by John Sumner and seconded by Bobby Pattison.

Update of services.

Lots of information about the service which MhIST offers was given. A copy of this is attached.

Contract review.

Every six months or so the directors and management meet with commissioners from the PCT and Local authority to discuss the progress of MhIST. A review meeting was held shortly after Easter at which time MhIST was given the good news of a further 3 year contract. The commissioners said that they were pleased with the way things are developing.

Any Other Business.

- At a meeting two years ago it was agreed that directors would make themselves available once a month to discuss any issues or problems with MhIST members or users. Even though the directors have been on hand

to meet people there has been very little take up. As such it has been decided to stop the formal director's drop in. People are still welcome to make arrangements to meet directors, just call in or phone and contact Lilian who will make the necessary arrangements.

- Notice was given of the annual Men's health event to be held on 23rd June at Great Lever Community Centre on Bradford street, starting at 11am.
- Notice was given of a barbeque being held on 9th June at the Duke of Wellington Pub, Lostock by Westhoughton Farmers ladies in support of MhIST.
- Notice was given that the self harm group are starting a drop in to provide information about self harm and their normal support group. The posters have already attracted comments from GP's in the area.
- Concerns were raised about the state of the MhIST web site and it was asked if MhIST could find a suitable student to help get things sorted out.
- A letter has been received from Julie Pendlebury passing on her best wishes to everyone and asking 3 specific questions. These questions were read out and the answers passed back to Julie.

Date of next meeting

To be advised.