

South Edinburgh Health Forum Notes of Meeting of 2 April 2009

Present: Pat Abel (PA), Ian Clement (IC), David Davies (DD), Heather Goodare (HG), Helen Ogg (HO), Norman Tinlin (NT), John Robertson (JR), Patricia Robson (PR),

Apologies: Councillor Elaine Aitken, Ruth Stroud, Helen Zealley

In the Chair: HG (Note taken by NT)

1	<p>Chair It was agreed that HG should take the chair for the meeting.</p>	Action
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting of 12 March 2009 were approved, with minor corrections.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>1 SEPPF Co-ordinating Group HG reported the next meeting of the SEPPF Co-ordinating Group was the following week. Although no papers had as yet been issued. DD stated that he had sent Lesley Baxter an e-mail saying the meeting time of 4pm was not convenient for him due to work commitments.</p> <p>2 Website NT reported that he was doing some final testing on the website and the contact form. He hoped to have it live within a few days. (http://www.south-edinburgh-health-forum.org.uk)</p> <p>3 Emergency Contraception Information on this topic was discussed in relation to the Maternity Strategy.</p> <p>4 Dementia The briefing at the previous meeting on this subject from Chris McGregor had been found to be very useful and informative. The health library in Cannan Lane was a good source of information as was Alzheimer Scotland. (http://www.alzscot.org)</p> <p>5 Action on Alcohol NT reported that the Scottish Government had published their Framework for Action on Alcohol. http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/03/04144703/0 Consultation responses can be found at: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/02/24154414/0</p>	NT

4	<p>Consultations</p> <p>NHS Lothian Maternity Services Strategy This consultation was discussed and HG took notes. Any further comments should be e-mailed to her for the final submission which was due on 30 May.</p>	HO
5	<p>Counselling An initial discussion was held on this subject and it was thought there was a lack of counselling available. It also appeared that there was not a lot of information available. A useful exercise would be a mapping of mental health services. HG would try and gather more information.</p>	H
6	<p>AOCB</p> <p>1 Change of Meeting Date Due to some members being involved in a health meeting on the original June meeting date it was agreed that this be brought forward to Tuesday 2 June.</p> <p>Consultation NT advised the meeting of a BMA consultation entitled “General Practice in Scotland: The Way Ahead.” http://www.bma.org.uk/sc/healthcare_policy/thewayahead.jsp?page=1 The closing date is 12 June and this document would be discussed at our next meeting.</p> <p>Cancer Meeting HG informed the meeting that she had been at a Scotland against Cancer event in Glasgow organised by Cancer Research UK. A question she had raised with the Cabinet Secretary for Health regarding reductions in waiting times had been reported in the press. She also said that a quote from our submission to the Better Cancer Care consultation had appeared in the response document.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting This was confirmed as Thursday 7 May 2009</p>	