

South Edinburgh Public Partnership Forum (SEPPF) Steering Group

Draft Notes of Meeting
Tuesday 6 April 2010 : 12.00noon to 2.30pm

Edinburgh Community Health Partnership (ECHP) Headquarters
St Roque, Astley Ainslie Hospital

Present:

Heather Levy (South Edinburgh PPF Chair), Jim Kendall (South Edinburgh PPF Vice Chair), Linda Arthur (South West Neighbourhood Partnership Health Inequalities Group & Wester Hailes Health Agency); Angus Gunn (Deputy representative on Edinburgh Community Health Partnership); Jason Lee ((Liberton / Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership Health Inequalities Sub Group & Libertus); Rena Linton (Dumbryden & N/C); Isobel Miller (Lothian Diabetic Representative Group); Robin Morris (South Central Neighbourhood Partnership); Helen Ogg (Lothian Diabetic Representative Group); Hazel Rendall (Liberton / Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership Health Inequalities Sub Group & VOCAL); Norman Tinlin (Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership Health & Employability Sub Group)

In Attendance:

Bob Anderson (Chair - Edinburgh Community Health Partnership); Susan Austin (Scottish Health Council); Lesley Baxter (Public Involvement Coordinator); Irene Garden (North Edinburgh Public Partnership Forum Convener); Sarah Sinclair (Head of Patient Focus Public Involvement – NHS Lothian); David Small (General Manager - Edinburgh Community Health Partnership); David White (Assistant General Manager - Edinburgh Community Health Partnership)

Apologies:

Patricia Whalley (Patients Council); Betty Milton (City for all Ages)

Action

1 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair of the Edinburgh Community Health Partnership (ECHP) welcomed everyone to the steering group meeting and made the following points.

1. CHPs see public involvement as vital to their success
2. Public Partnership Forums (PPFs) are a primary mechanism that CHPs use for public involvement
3. PPFs are partnerships with the community and the CHP as a provider of local health services
4. As PPFs are a statutory requirement of CHPs, they must ensure that PPFs are being effective
5. The old SEPPF was not achieving its aims therefore with the backing of the Scottish Government and the Scottish Health Council an external review was carried out and a review group consisting of people from the community and voluntary organisations was set up to develop a more effective PPF structure for South Edinburgh.
6. The new structure will link in and work with existing local structures such as Neighbourhood Partnerships.
7. The CHP strongly supports the new structure.

Introductions were made around the room.

The new SEPPF chair was then introduced.

2 Presentations

Two presentations were given.

The first by David Small provided an overview of the Edinburgh Community Health Partnership.

The second by David White gave an overview of the structure of the SEPPF developed by the review group and a description of the two basic roles of the ECHP, namely to deliver community health services and to tackle inequalities.

A comment was made by a member of the steering group that it is clear how much effort has been made to develop the SEPPF and that the proposed structure is exciting and inclusive.

One member asked when CHP and Board papers appear on the website as the most recent papers hadn't as yet been posted.

3 Round Table Discussions

The Chair then introduced a 'round table' discussion. During the introductions several points were made that resulted in further discussion which could in turn result in future pieces of work for the SEPPF.

Communication & Information

1. Communication and information provision difficult to get right. Since a local newspaper closed in an area in South Edinburgh it's harder to get information out to local communities.
2. One steering group member is using an innovative way to work with communities and provide information – by creating a radio play based on a Neighbourhood Partnership priority which will bring in information from the community and will feedback to the community.
3. PPF could work with local groups and networks to develop innovative ways to communicate with communities.
4. The CHP has suggested that for the two Edinburgh PPFs should be involved in reviewing and updating the CHP website.
5. A place is available on the CHP Communications Group for a SEPPF representative. The rep will be expected to represent the views of the steering group.

Involving Communities

1. The NHS is starting to listen to the public and involving the voluntary sector much more in decision making and discussions about developments.
2. Quite a few Neighbourhood Partnership Health Sub Groups seem to have a lot of workers as members – it would be good to try to attract more community members.
3. It is important for the steering group to develop ideas about how best to provide health service information to people in local communities – to be creative and use other methods rather than leaflets and written information.
4. One member told the group about work being done to develop patient groups in GP practices to look at a particular health related topic. She will keep the group informed of progress.

Inequalities

1. The delivery of health services can't be standardised – they must fit people's needs.

2. Are there ways to find out if certain health services are indeed poorly accessed as anecdotal evidence may suggest?
3. It should be easy to bring issues from communities to the SEPPF and to feedback through the NP health sub group structures. Health topics in one NP area have already been identified and the health inequalities sub group have started work to tackle them, namely dental caries in children and older peoples health topics due to a high demographic of older people in the NP area.

Lothian Wide Topics

1. The Scottish Health Council representative told the group that the SHC can provide 'broad' support and are starting to organise Lothian wide meetings for the PPF Chairs and Vice Chairs. This will provide a forum to discuss Lothian wide health topics and will allow the PPFs to work together on joint projects.

4 Other matters

The Chair asked if steering group members could come up with suggestions for venues for future meetings and send them to Lesley Baxter.

All
members

The timing of meetings was discussed. Presentations have been arranged for the following four meetings therefore they will remain as arranged. Meetings times can then be discussed.

5 Dates of next meetings

Venues are to be confirmed

Tuesday 1 June - 12.00noon to 2.30pm (Speaker: David Small, CHP Budgets)

Thursday 5 August – 12.00noon to 2.30pm (Speaker: Lynda Cowie, Nursing Services)

Thursday 7 October – 12.00noon to 2.30pm (Speaker: Angela Lyndsay, Allied Health Professionals)

Thursday 2 December – 12.00noon to 2.30pm (Speaker: Robert Aitken, CHP Community Hospital Services)