



EA CHP Forum

19 October 2011

Subject	Public Partnership Forum Progress Paper
Purpose	To update the CHP Forum on the activities of East Ayrshire Public Partnership Forum.
Recommendation	The CHP Forum is invited to note the contents of the report.

1. Meetings

- 1.1 East Ayrshire Public Partnership Forum (PPF) core group Continues to meet on a monthly Basis.
Core group meetings continue to be well supported by its members
As the chair of the core group (Iain Brown) stepped down from this post due to personal reasons the group elected interim chair Yvonne Templeton to chair the core group until the end of the group's current year. It is laid out in the Terms of Reference for the PPF core group that an election of office bearers takes place at the first meeting during the month of November every two years. Posts elected will be core group chair, core group vice chair, a representative to represent the PPF with the core group chair at CHP Forum meetings and two standby representatives to represent the PPF at CHP Forum meetings in the event of the elected representatives having long term absence.
- 1.2 Graeme Bryson (Senior Prescribing Officer NHS Ayrshire & Arran) delivered a presentation to the group. Graeme gave information to the group informing the group about the importance of medicines prescribed being effective for the patient. Medicines also have to be cost effective. Graeme also explained why medicines people receive on repeat prescriptions can be changed from the medicines that were originally prescribed and which may appear to be different. The group asked Graeme a number of questions regarding prescriptions and medicines to which Graeme was able to give satisfactory answers
- 1.3 At our core group meeting held on October 3rd Irene Campbell (Project Manager PFPI, Your Health) and David Rowlands (Head of Primary Care Development) spoke to the group to give an update on the progression of work that is being carried out to as part of implementing the Primary Care Strategy. They informed the group that they are working with professional groups to create "Rights & Responsibilities Standards" after completion this will be made available to members of public to inform them of what they can expect from front line primary care services and what is expected of them when they use these services.

- 1.4 The core group have completed their development / action work plan for the ensuing two years. The core group agreed to use Scottish Health Councils Development Tool to identify where they required strengthening the Public Partnership Forum in East Ayrshire. As a result of completing the development tool they have identified pieces of work that the core group members can be involved in that supports East Ayrshire CHP priorities thus creating their work plan for the ensuing 12 months. A copy of the completed development/action work plan will be circulated to CHP Forum members on its completion

2. PPF Surgeries

- 2.1 East Ayrshire PPF's unique information surgeries continue to grow from strength to strength. They are well supported by members of public who visit to learn about the PPF, to find general health care information and to inform the volunteers of their thoughts around local health care services. Currently the PPF surgery has accepted requests from The Council of Voluntary Organisations (CVO) and the Keep Well Team to join with them while delivering the PPF Surgery. The CVO offer support and advice to any voluntary group representatives who attend the PPF Surgery. The Keep Well Team offer health checks to appropriate members of public. Patrice Graham also continues to offer Citizens Advice service at the Public Partnership Forum Surgeries to advise and assist members of public who may have a complaint against NHS Ayrshire & Arran This all adds strength to our PPF Surgeries and members of public continue to find an increasing variety of advantages in visiting our PPF Surgery.
- 2.2 Our previous surgeries were held at North West Area Centre and Kilmarnock College which were highly successful. Please see accompanying paper showing our PPF Surgery future venues and dates.

3. East Ayrshire PPF Wider Network

- 3.1 The membership of East Ayrshire Public Partnership Forum is one hundred and seventy one individuals and 44 voluntary groups.
- 3.2 Members registered all receive regular health care information relevant to their interests
- 3.3 Management of the Patient Focus & Public Involvement (PF&PI) team have studied the administrator support for all three PPF's in Ayrshire and have decided that when we begin to use our new data base it would be best to centralise distribution of information to the wider memberships of all three Ayrshire PPFs. In the near future Michelle Hales who currently gives admin support to East Ayrshire PPF will be responsible to distribute information to all three wider networks. The Public Participation Officer in each area will be responsible for distributing information to core group members
- 3.4 The Public Participation Officer will continue to be the main NHS contact for the PPF

4. Engaging with our Young People

- 4.1 Yvonne Templeton recently accepted an invite to attend an end of summer event held by yipworld at Cumnock. The young people played a major part in entertaining guests.
- 4.2 Yvonne will arrange to meet with the yipworld management in the near future to discuss where the young people can be involved with the PPF over the coming months
- 4.3 East Ayrshire PPF Surgery will attend Kilmarnock College on the 29th September. Surgery will begin at 10.00am and close at 1.00pm

5. PPF News

- 5.1 The aim of the Public Partnership Forum News is to inform the wide Public Partnership Forum network and members of public across East Ayrshire of what various speakers who attend core group meetings have said in regards to their particular service or project and to inform members of the PPF and the wider communities across East Ayrshire of what East Ayrshire Public Partnership Forum are doing
- 5.2 Our second edition (Summer Edition) of PPF News has been published and distributed across the Public Partnership Forum network in East Ayrshire
- 5.3 East Ayrshire Public Partnership Forum core group members would like to try to distribute the Public Partnership Forum as widely as possible. If you know of public areas such as waiting rooms etc where the core group could deliver a few copies of the Public Partnership Forum News please contact any member of the core group or speak to the Public Participation Officer

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Core Group
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