

Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

19 March 2009

Wiltshire Involvement Network (WIN) – Update Report

The definitive Wiltshire Involvement Network (WIN) was formalised at a public meeting in September 2008.

The organisational group – a core group of 20 members – would remain essentially the same as the interim core group (April 2008 – September 2008) and it was agreed that a revised composition of such a group should be produced and agreed by all members by March 2009. The Final composition will be agreed by the current core group at our meeting on 19th March and hopefully at a public meeting, to be held in late April.

Activities to date:

- WIN has held two public discussion meetings – one, in November, to consider the government's changes to the social care system and the second one, on 2nd March, to discuss the PCT's Single Equality Framework. As these meetings are a great way to get public involvement it is likely that WIN will hold 2 or 3 every year to examine major themes. The next one, in late April, will tackle dementia and we hope to get Terry Pratchett as one of the speakers.
- WIN representatives have been involved in making contact with the CAPs – particularly where they already have a Health & Social Care Group. WIN, together with the PCT, have decided that these would be the best conduits for health and social care concern to be passed to the core group for possible action.
- There are WIN representatives on a wide range of NHS Wiltshire, Salisbury Foundation Trust, GWAS & AWP committees and working parties to enable us to influence developments before they are finalised.

Future work:

Because the organisation is so new and is still in the process of developing a modus operandi major work streams are not yet in place. However, the following issues are being pursued:

- Visits to NHS and Social care premises: members are currently involved in PEAT inspections of hospitals. Before any other visits take place a small core of members will have to be trained (together with an advanced CRB check) on the protocol of visits, questions to ask and how to report back.
- Care and carers: the core group has had an input on care and carers from both PCT and WCC, and now needs to meet with VSO representatives to see how we will be able to help.
- Outcome from public meetings: where there are outcomes that may need further exploration, WIN will be available to support the professional organisations concerned.
- Outreach work: WIN will continue to try to make contact with hard to reach groups to obtain their concerns about health and social care in Wiltshire.