



Bradford Area Occupational Health and Safety Forum Minutes from meeting held on 30th June 2009

1. Present

Jane Howie, Andrew Mawson, Chris Flint, John Blanchfield, Graham Reay, Wendy Bland, Rob Holmes, Carol Duerden, Tony Smith, Susan Gee, Susan Ingham, Mike Quiggin, Ann Hall, Dave Towers, Alice Little (on behalf of Fiona Sherburn), Cath Stevenson.

Apologies: Mr Divan, Mick Gledhill

2. Minutes of last meeting (21st May 09)

These were accepted.

3. Matters arising

We have not had any response from the Court of Rome who are dealing with the complaint about our refund from Alitalia.

Chris raised an issue concerning a problem with an inspector and one of the Workers' Memorial Day delegates around a remark made at the last seminar.

4. Development Workers Report

- Our funding has been extended for another six months. Following on from the joint meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership and the Regeneration and Prosperity Partnership and the setting up of a joint Task Group of the H&WBP and RPP – this is to look at what action can be taken and what resources are available to pursue a work and health agenda. To give time in order to inform future funding around occupational health Moira Wilson (Strategic Director Adult and Community Services and Matt Neligan (Director of Strategy NHS Bradford and Airedale) wrote to us to let us know what the Partnership had agreed to extend our funding until 31st March 2010. The Workers' Health Advice Team is in the same position also. Graham Moore a commissioner with the NHS has now arranged to meet with us to discuss future commissioning.
- The bumper edition of the Summer Well @ Work newsletter is nearly ready to go to the publishers. We have done well with getting some very encouraging quotes about the good work of the Forum.
- The HSE has produced its new strategy "The Health and Safety of Great Britain\Be part of the solution". This is the strategy we participated in the consultation on earlier in the year. There is a pledge that we could sign up to but Hazards Campaign have said this is fairly week and almost meaningless! Andrew, Tony and I attended a LACoRS HSE Consulting the Consultants event recently. It would be good to look at the strategy at a future meeting
- The HWWB/RPP task group has met a couple of times since the last meeting and Andrew has attended. The application for the fit for work service pilot was just reaching its second stage, BUT after questions asked about how sustainable this funding would be by the Regeneration and Economic Partnership, Bradford District Partnership has decided that Bradford will not be submitting stage 2. Andrew told the group that the reasons not to go ahead with this was partly due to the timescales involved and partly because of sustainability issues.
- We have been successful in getting £1,000 from the Mental Health and Social Inclusion Capital Fund to run the next seminar on dispelling the myths around the employment of disabled people. The funding is to also prepare an information pack post seminar to give out to employers. Jane attended another Employment Action Group meeting who gave lots of ideas about who to invite as speakers.
- A monitoring report for the six month period leading up to the end of March 2009 has been produced by Jane and sent to the Healthy Community Fund Team.



5 Strategic Development

a) The Forum's strategy 'Securing Health Together in Bradford' is in need of updating, especially to take on board recent government and HSE reports and strategies. It was decided that a sub group be set up and Jane, Andrew, Susan Ingham, John Blanchfield and Graham Reay offered to sit on this.

b) Although Bradford is not going for the Fit For Work pilot the Forum has managed to get the Health Work and Wellbeing agenda discussed at a high level in the District. The Forum is still involved with the HWWB Task Group, who is going to write a report about Occupational Health and Safety in Bradford.

6 Seminars

The Forum AGM is to take place immediately after the next seminar. Jane went over the nominations received to date and many of the previous year's management committee are putting themselves forward. We are short on Health reps and Susan Gee is to pass on a nomination form to Dr Neil Shaw and Jane is to send a letter to Anita Simms asking if she can nominate someone from the PCT/NHS to sit on the Working Group.

Planning for the 'Dispelling the Myths around the Employment of Disabled People' is going well. There is a packed programme of speakers but take up of places by employers is a bit lower than usual. Jane to place an advert on the Public Health Network, Wendy, Susan Gee and Ann Hall to send out the flyer/booking form to more employers. Wendy is organising for two of her advisors to help out on the registration desk at the seminar. An information pack is to be produced post seminar to give to employers in the district as a guide to good practice on the employment of people with disabilities.

There was a discussion about what we would be doing for European Health and Safety Week. The theme once again is sensible risk assessments. The venue is to be the Carlisle Business Centre.

7. Safety Reps Update

Jane, Andrew and Carol will be attending the Hazards conference which is taking place on the 10th-12th July. They will be taking a stall with Forum information on. Quite a few reps came down from the College on Workers Memorial Day. Andrew said that the Bradford Area Safety Reps Association is to be revitalised later in the year.

8. Accounts

The Annual report and financial statement has been produced and was signed by Carol, who will be able to get them counter signed by our auditor and have them ready for the AGM. There was a brief discussion about our reserve policy. The balance brought forward is considerably down on the previous year £4,483 compared with £8,643 and we need to make sure there is enough money in the bank should we need to make Jane redundant. Tony suggest the Forum apply for a Innovation voucher, possibly for European Health and Safety week.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business

10. Date for the next meeting

The date for the next meeting will be set at the AGM