

# **CENTRAL WEST LONDON SEXUAL HEALTH PROVIDERS FORUM**

## **SEXUAL HEALTH PROVIDERS SUB GROUP**

### **Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**The Greenside Community Centre, 24 Lilestone Street, London, NW8 8SR**

#### **PRESENT (members)**

1. Jamie Hardie	Chelsea & Westminster NHS
2. Mohammed Miah	Kensington & Chelsea Social Council (minutes)
3. Martha Stafford	Living Well
4. Catherine Stephens	Metro Sexual
5. Del Campbell	Terrence Higgins Trust
6. Max Hadermann	Terrence Higgins Trust
7. Simon Jones	Living Well
8. Chris Woolls	CARA Trust (Chair)
9. Ewan Jenkins	Inner North West London Primary Care Trusts
10. Justin Gaffney	Metrosexual Health
11. Simi Ryatt	Hammersmith and Fulham CAB
12. Karen Rendall	West London Gay Men's Project
13. Tom Ojwang	Opportunity for All
14. Eddy Aroda	Youth Projects International
15. Hafsa Muhammad	Healthier Life 4 You, Family & Community
16. Sandra Chidavaenzi	Youth Projects International

#### **APOLOGIES**

1. Kathryn	The River House Trust
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#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting and forwarded apologies. He then invited members to introduce themselves and their organisations.

He then gave feedback from the June sexual health conference. He said that the event was a success and received a lot of positive feedback from attendees. The main themes of the event included commissioning, benefits reforms and young people. Attendees were interested in learning more about outreach, peer support, stigma and mental health.

### **THE SWISH CLINIC (*Presentation attached*)**

Del Campbell - Terrence Higgins Trust

Sex Workers Into Sexual Health, or SWISH is a non-judgemental and holistic sexual health service for men, women and transgender sex workers. SWISH London has two clinics, one in Soho and one in Earl's Court, but cover Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham and Westminster, as well as some services in Islington and Camden. The clinics offer a range of services including access to counsellors, advice, resources for exiting sex work and complimentary therapy sessions. One of the current focuses of SWISH staff is to encourage workers to report 'dodgy punters' or 'ugly mugs' - terms used to describe aggressive, abusive or violent customers.

Del said that housing was a rising concern among service users, as fast tracking them has become much more difficult. Asked about if there was still a street presence, Del said that there was, but they're predominantly British and often have drugs or alcohol problems.

Chris asked if SWISH had had any problems treating immigrants without UK status, to which Del replied no. He explained that by law they must treat non UK status clients, but added that they can no longer use their HIV diagnosis as a means to apply for UK status anymore.

Del was also asked how service users are made aware of the clinics. He said it was mostly by word of mouth, and added that there has been a rise in the number of Chinese clients, which is a good sign as they had always been a very hard to reach group.

### **COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS 2012-13 (*Presentation attached*)**

Ewan Jenkins - Inner North West London Primary Care Trusts

Ewan began by speaking about the sexual health strategy for 2012 highlighting the intention to improve service coherence and expand collaborative commissioning. He also said there will be focus on improving quality and productivity while seeking efficiencies and improving the relationship between money and accountability.

Ewan said termination costs will be reviewed in London to ensure that practitioners are not over charging. In preparation for the Olympics, ideas are being developed to ensure services are maintained for locals and visitors can be sign posted appropriately. There are intentions to work with the voluntary sector to explore integrated pathways for providers to reduce duplication and increase quality of services. The pan London HIV needs assessment is currently taking place. Asked by Eddy what the timeline is for the needs assessment, Ewan said he was unsure, but would double check and inform groups. Ewan shared some statistics from the health protection Agency's 2010 data of people accessing HIV services and those recently diagnosed. Ewan said he will forward the link to the data.

[HIV diagnosis table 2011](#) (*also available on KCSC website*)

Ewan said the INWL PCT was still very committed to what the voluntary sector can and does deliver, adding the 2012 tri-borough tenders will be a good opportunity to refresh ways of working in partnership. Ewan thanked the forum for the opportunity to present.

### **ELECTION OF SUB GROUP CHAIR**

Chris gave a brief description about the role and duties of the chair and spoke a bit about what the current chairs have been doing.

The election was held and Justin Gaffney elected as the new chair.

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 22 FEBRUARY 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held 22 February were checked for accuracy. Ewan pointed out his email address has been changed and Simon said RITEstart was spelt incorrectly in the sub heading. The minutes were otherwise agreed.

### **MEMBERS UPDATE**

**Living Well** is currently offering one on one service, counselling and group sessions. The Positive Self-Management Programme is currently under review but should be up and running by March 2012. The txtm8 service and RITEstart services are also available to young people.

**Cara Trust** will run workshops with H&F CAB from January to February 2012 on money and debt issues.

**Metrosexual** continues to provide chlamydia testing across two boroughs and also provide sexual health services at Queen's Park clinic.

**Youth Projects international** is proving sexual health services and raising awareness in schools and colleges.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed.