

minutes of meeting



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project title	Kensington & Chelsea Local Involvement Network		
meeting type	K&C LINK Older People's Sub-Group Meeting		
minute no	M-6	Ref	LINK
held at	Chelsea Methodist Church, 155a Kings Rd, London, SW3 5TX	held on	17 th May 2010
present	Abdul Towolawi Amanda Haid Betty Oracca Tetteh Dila Jenroy Guest: Alison Fraser Eva Nabeta Host: Paula Murphy Simmone Hall	Vice Chair of Kensington & Chelsea LINK Older People Sub-Group Chair Member of Dadihia Somalia organisation Kensington & Chelsea Resident Kensington & Chelsea LINK member Community Dental Service, NHS K&C Community Dental Service, NHS K&C LINK Coordinator LINK Administrator	
apologies	Moss Ladbrooke, Robin Tuck, Lakwinder Gill, Michael Roberts		

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Item	Welcome & Introductions	Action
1.0	Abdul welcomed those attending the meeting including visitor from Community Dental Service, NHS K&C.	
2.0	Agreement of Minutes	
	The minutes of the 16 th March were approved.	
3.0	Presentation of Access to Dentistry – Eva Nabeta, Dental Access Project Manager, NHS Kensington & Chelsea	
	<p>Eva Nabeta gave a presentation on the NHS Dental Access. She informed the group that NHS Kensington & Chelsea is doing a campaign to get as many people to register with the NHS dentist. The NHS vision was to increase access to and to improve the quality of NHS dentist in the Kensington & Chelsea.</p> <p>The Goal of the NHS is to build up belief and confidence in NHS Kensington dentistry and to increase the amount of resident visiting the dentist.</p> <p>So far the NHS has; done a campaign distributing posters and leaflets in outlets such as pharmacies and GP surgeries and asked people to complete leaflet stating their needs. The information will then be matched depending on the need of the individual.</p> <p>There is a charge for NHS dentist and certain groups of people are exempted from these charges. For information on charges and register with your local NHS to find a local dentist please call: 020 8962 4547 or visit: www.biggersmiles.org</p> <p>The K&C LINK can get involve by helping to distribute leaflets and convincing its members to look after their oral health by registering with their local NHS and join the campaign for a bigger smile.</p> <p>Discussions:</p> <p>Q. A member of the group commented that a friend who is in receipt of £300 per month in benefit was asked to pay for their dental care.</p> <p>Ans. Eva Nabeta – It is best to ring the department of health to obtain advice on exemption for people on benefits who want to receive NHS dental treatment.</p>	

	<p>Q. Is there a quota for practices for the number of NHS patients that private dentist takes?</p> <p>Ans: Eva Nabeta – There are some limitations but these have been relaxed and dentist are given ‘unit of dental access’ of which there are a number of units. GPs are encouraged not to turn away NHS patient when they use up all their units.</p> <p>Comment: A member of the group commented that she was encouraged by her dentist to do treatments privately.</p> <p>Ans: Eva Nabeta – Dentist who exercises such practice may be breaking their contract agreement and their contract can be withdrawn. People are encouraged to report such treatment to NHS Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS).</p> <p>Q. Is there any difference between NHS treatment and services compare to private?</p> <p>Ans: Eva Nabeta - Yes, the NHS looks after people’s oral health only while private dentist provides cosmetic dentistry. The NHS has limited funds so they are unable to cover all areas of dentistry.</p>	
4.0	Updates:	
	<p>4.1 Dignity Champions Paula reported that K&C LINK are training people in the borough as Dignity Champions. The LINK is focusing on Nutrition and Safeguarding and has so far trained six people on ‘Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults’ and eight people to look into ‘Nutrition’ on Chelsea & Westminster hospital ward to ensure patients nutrition are been met.</p> <p>The LINK is looking at Chelsea and Westminster hospital and the discharge process as part of the ‘Red Cross Project’ and also people receiving community meals in their home. The questionnaire will start in June. Anyone who wishes to help with the questionnaire should inform LINK Host staff.</p> <p>4.3 Research with Self-funders Adult social care committee has asked LINK to do a research around self-funder. There are people who pay for their own social care services. The aim of the research to find out why a lot of people who pay for their own services</p>	All

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	<p>do not have a lot interaction with the council and also what they can do to better support these people.</p> <p>One-one interviews will be conducted with older people who are LINK members interviewing older people who are self funders. Both the interviewer and the person being interviewed will receive a £25 John Lewis voucher as a thank you to take part. Interviews will be carried out during the 1st week in June.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to take part should contact LINK Host staff by 28th May.</p>	
5.0	Forward Planning	
	<p>Paula informed group that 'carers in the community' has been identified as an issue to be addressed. The LINK could consider looking at this issue as part of the dignity champions' initiative. Further information will be made available at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LINK Host staff to provide further information on 'The Carers Forum at the next meeting. - LINK members to forward their ideas on any additional ways of breaking down barriers to ensure that information is getting to individuals. 	<p>Paula</p> <p>All</p>
7.0	Date and venue of next meeting	
	<p>Date: Tuesday, 6th July</p> <p>Time: 2 – 4pm</p> <p>Venue: Kensington United Reform Church, Allen Street, Kensington, London W8 6BL</p>	