

Diversity and Equality Steering Group

Minute of Meeting
held at Western Isles Hospital on 24th June 2009 at 14.00pm.

Present

Norma Morrison	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
TK Shadakshari	NHS Western Isles
Donnie White	Lewis Access Panel
Gordon Thomas	Lewis Access Panel
Mandy Macleod	Crossreach
Carmen Morrison	Scottish Health Council
Grant Anderson	Northern Constabulary
Gayle Findlay	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Liz Curran	Scottish Government
Darren Hudson	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

Apologies

Lisa Buchanan	Northern Constabulary
Roddy MacKay	Northern Constabulary
Calum Russell	NHS Western Isles
Iain MacKenzie	Voluntary Action Lewis
Helen Froud	Improvement Forum
Isobel MacKenzie	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Lucy Macdonald	Harris Access Panel
Anthony Clements	NHS Western Isles
Karen France	Community Health Partnership

Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting of 15th April 2009 were approved.

Update from the Race Equality Working Group

The group was informed of the last meeting of the Race Equality Working Group that took place on 8th June 2009. The group was also informed of the successful event held in Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Chambers which was organised by CEMVO Scotland.

Gender Based Violence – Presentation by Liz Curran

Liz Curran gave a presentation to the group on new guidance issued by the Scottish Government in relation to Health Boards and gender based violence. The group agreed to discuss at the next meeting how this will tie in with the role and remit of DESG.

Draft Action Plan

The group agreed to take the actions from the previous minute, for community engagement; raising awareness and potential funding as the agreed actions for these points in the action plan.

Using DESG website: It was raised that the feedback from training sessions/conferences could be put on the website to provide members with information and share best practices. The group felt that joint training sessions are worthwhile and should continue where possible.

Review and challenge services and policies: The group agreed that the sub-groups of DESG, the Disability and Race Equality Working groups could provide the forum for challenging the policies of the partners. The group were informed that the Property Strategy Group, run by the Health Board and involving local Access Panels had proved to be a valuable tool.

Share information: The status of the Community Planning Information Group would be ascertained before proceeding with any further actions.

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- The inclusion policy of the Little Teddies Nursery was questioned, further information would be sought on this matter.

Date of Next Meeting

NHS Western Isles Hospital (Practical Room)

19th August 2009

14.00pm.