

Kingsbridge Dementia Friendly Communities
Notes of meeting 03/05/17 10am Quay House Kingsbridge

Present:

Roger Tyler, Kelvin Ellis, Joan Thomas, Julia McGing, Derek Weaving, Anne Ayling and Adrian Cable

Apologies:

Julian Brazil, Beccy Bristow and Rebecca Weare

Matters Arising

Anne clarified that her role as is part of the services from Alzheimer's Society commissioned by Clinical Commissioning Group. Currently tendering for continuation and will hear next day or so. Also that the Memory Clinic in Kingsbridge is part of the same provision as Totnes and overseen by the same specialist doctor.

Minutes of meetings should be circulated as widely as possible to surgeries and to medical staff. (If you have particular contacts in addition to Dr Mottram please let Adrian know who will add to the list).

Kelvin passed onto group that he had very good reports on the service/support provided to a person with Dementia he knows that Saltstone have taken on.

Saltstone Update (Derek)

Dementia training scheduled for 12 Saltstone volunteers on 11th May with waiting list of 6. Likely to run a further session where 1/2 people from this group might wish to attend. Also a Livewell SW course on 18th May is being attended by 3 volunteers. Good to compare both training sessions. Ruth Hattersly from Simply Counselling being used to deliver the Saltstone training.

Having identified that Ruth is able to deliver this type of training and that Start Point Law Ltd are able to deliver Dementia Friendly training to businesses, the coordinator role approved by Saltstone trustees will be focussed on coordinating/developing/delivering activities/services and not be as involved in training as originally anticipated.

The coordinator role will be p/t and for 2 years.

Derek is going to undertake a piece of work engaging people with dementia and their carers to better understand what their real needs are, and to shape work going forward. Anne and Kelvin to help by putting in contact with people that might wish to input.

Kelvin highlighted the deficiency in the online training/telephone support to carers and this might be an area of future focus for this group.

Start Point (Roger)

Roger, Derek and Roger met with Rebecca and Beccy from Start Point Law – they specialise in powers of attorney/wills. Both are Dementia Champions and very keen to deliver training sessions particularly to the business community. The programme of sessions during Dementia Awareness Week was circulated and noted – and everyone was invited to visit them at their stand on the bandstand 16th May 8.30am to noon. The group welcomed their involvement and was very keen to work in partnership with them.

Dementia Awareness Week

14th – 20th May – Anne will have stand in library 2.30pm to 4.30pm on the 17th. All welcome to come along and also provide information.

In summary Rebecca/Beccy running the following:

Awareness stand – Bandstand 16th May 8.30am to noon

Become a Dementia Friend – Library 18th May 2.00pm & 22nd May 5.00pm (both 1hr)

Free legal clinic – Library 2.30pm – 4.40pm

Contact them on 01548 288008 if any queries/further info. Please stop by and see them on the 16th May too.

Derek to contact Gazette to get some coverage of Kingsbridge Dementia Friendly Communities – ideally any article needs to incorporate our work and also link to Awareness Week. Good to involve library and Start Point to make sure all involved/included.

Any Other Business

Roger/Adrian – for funding applications group will need to be constituted, most straightforward would be an unincorporated small charity – Roger and Adrian will draft up a constitution based on a model template for group to consider at the next meeting. Adrian would also prepare/provide a simple factsheet/guide identifying the advantages/disadvantages of this and other legal structures.

Roger had chat with Sally Hine (in relation to Dementia training for churches). Sadly sally had suffered a recent bereavement and no longer able/involved. So looking at attending conference in Exeter in the coming days and will investigate options for local churches to become more dementia friendly.

Date of next meeting:

June 14th 10.00am to noon Quay House