

## Kent Acquired Brain Injury Forum

### Minutes

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 at 7.00 pm

Headway Tunbridge Wells & District, 3 Culverden Park,  
Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9QT

#### In attendance:

Mr Tanesh Bhugobaun	Registered Manager	Raphael Medical Centre
Mrs Louise Brown	Paralegal	Thomson Snell & Passmore
Ms Jan Cartmell	Service Manager	The Regard Partnership
Mr Neil Cawthorn	Chief Executive	Temple-Head
Mrs Sophia Chung	Executive Director	S C Support & Care Services Ltd
Miss Becca Coffey	PA to Frances Pierce	Rix & Kay Solicitors LLP
Ms Jenny Dean	Neuropsychiatrist	
Ms Di Drummond	Manager	Headway Centre Tunbridge Wells & District
Ms Hannah Farr	Trainee Clinical Psychologist	Salomons
Dr Gerhard Florschutz	Director	Raphael Medical Centre
Ms Laura Gordon	Long Term Conditions Team	South East Coast CSIP (Care Services Improvement Partnership)
Mr Martin Green	Chief Executive	English Community Care Association
Mrs Jenny Mazur	Parent of son with ABI	
Mr Chris Merriman	Website Designer	
Mr Tony Merriman	Solicitor	Rix & Kay Solicitors LLP
Mrs Wendy Morcom	Legal Executive	Rix & Kay Solicitors LLP
Ms Robyn Noonan	Physical and Sensory Impairment (PSI) Programme SE Lead	Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP)
Ms Frances Pierce	Partner (KABIF Chairwoman)	Rix & Kay Solicitors LLP
Ms Mary Ryan	Vocational Assessment Manager / Occupational Psychologist	Royal British Legion Industries Vocational Assessment Centre
Mr Dennis Smith	President	Headway Tunbridge Wells and District
Ms Joanne Stovold	Group Care Homes Manager	Priory Neuro-rehabilitation Services
Mrs Linda Theoff	Brain Injury Case Manager	East Kent Hospitals Trust
Mr Simon Truett		Medway Primary Care Trust
Miss Sue Ware	Independent Speech & Language Therapist	
Miss Katie White	Trainee Solicitor	Rix & Kay Solicitors LLP

## Apologies:

Mr Bruce Aitken	Principal Physiotherapist	Strode Park Foundation
Mr Robert Aylott	Solicitor	ASB Aspire LLP
Ms Juliette Beaumont	Rise & Reability Manager	Strode Park Foundation
Mrs Liz Bray	Head of Nursing	The Children's Trust, Tadworth
Ms Claire Carter	Occupational Therapist	Strode Park Foundation
Ms Nicky Coffey	Associate Director	South East Coast Specialised Commissioning Group
Ms Sally Collins	Speech & Language Therapist	Strode Park Foundation
Ms Pattie Ducie		Kent Social Services
Mrs Ros Eastwood	Head Teacher	East Kent Health Needs Education Service
Ms Delia Elliman	Independent Case Manager	Case Management Services
Ms Rikki Gandolf	South East Regional Co-ordinator	Headway UK
Ms Kelly Hamer	Legal Executive	Brachers
Mr Tony Hart	Head of Vocational Rehabilitation	Queen Elizabeth's Foundation, Brain Injury Centre
Ms Denise McKeown	Partner	McMillan-Williams
Mrs Pam Munro	Founder and Volunteer	Headway Tunbridge Wells and District
Mrs Jenny Stockley	Consultant Paediatric Neuropsychologist / Director	Jennifer Stockley Limited

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair Frances Pierce welcomed all attending.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008 were approved as drawn.

### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008

On 29th September 2008 there had been a Neuro Sciences Meeting and Dennis Smith would update later in the meeting.

### 4. Neuro-Rehab Stakeholders Group and NSF Update – Nicky Coffey

Nicky Coffey had been unable to attend this KABIF meeting and had not sent a report.

### 5. Simon Truett

Simon Truett of Medway PCT was asked to give KABIF a summary of his new role and aims.

Simon Truett confirmed that he had now been in post for three weeks. He had been appointed to focus on Long-term Conditions and Rehabilitation for the Medway PCTs, which included covering the NSF. He had a coordinating role for services for ABI across Kent.

Simon confirmed that prior to his current role he had been part of an assessment team identifying rehabilitation needs so he had background experience of brain injury.

At the moment he is focussing on information gathering. He is hoping to work with colleagues across social services, health and the third sector to look at ways to improve services for ABI.

Frances Pierce welcomed Simon Truett to KABIF and confirmed that KABIF members were delighted there was a designated person in post who would be looking at synergy between health and social services.

## **6. Mapping Exercise/Website Update – Tony Merriman**

Tony Merriman explained that he was hoping to change the appearance of the results on the mapping facility on the KABIF website. Tony confirmed he was keen for the information on the mapping facility to be as user friendly as possible. He explained that the professionals using the site may know what the terminology being used means, but the information should ideally be presented so that members of the public can understand the information provided.

Chris Merriman had updated the website to include up to date minutes and events.

Chris and Tony Merriman asked KABIF members to look at the facilities on the mapping facility and if they were aware of any services that are not on the site then please let Chris Merriman know.

Frances Pierce confirmed that four years ago KABIF had set out to map services for brain injury in Kent and then to look at where the gaps in services are and to look at what resources are available to try and fill those gaps in services for ABI in Kent.

When KABIF had begun the mapping exercise there had not been a dedicated neuropsychologist in Kent. Jenny Dean was able to update the meeting that Kent used to be split into East Kent and West Kent for neuropsychology, but that now there is a new Kent-wide neuropsychology service. There are two neuropsychologists in East Kent, one in the DART Team, one in Gillingham and one in Dartford. There are seven new posts being advertised for Stroke. There is an inpatient neuro-rehabilitation unit in Sevenoaks.

Jenny Dean agreed to check the mapping on the KABIF website to ensure the neuropsychology services are mapped. Jenny confirmed that the neuropsychiatry service website was being developed and jenny suggested there be a link on the mapping service to the neuropsychiatry service website and there could be a link to the KABIF website from the neuropsychiatry service website.

## **7. Headway (Kent) – Di Drummond**

Di Drummond confirmed that Headway Tunbridge Wells & District will have been at Milestones for a year in January.

Two young brain injury survivors had spoken at the Neurology Day held for GPs and other professionals in Canterbury at the end of October and they had been well received.

Di had received a good report of the Headway Regional Meeting from Sue Wood regarding individual choice and Adam Webb has a lead on personalised budgets.

Di Drummond is concerned that transport is being cut from social services budgets so funding for transport is not been offered to new people coming through the system. Di highlighted that this could become a big problem in the future.

Action for Brain Injury Week next year will be 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May and the focus will be on the controversy of not wearing cycle helmets.

Headway UK are holding a raffle and tickets were currently on sale at Headway Tunbridge Wells & District. Headway Christmas cards are also available to purchase.

Frances Pierce asked what could be done about social services cutting funding for transport from their budgets. Di confirmed that things were currently under review and in a transitional period. Di will keep an eye open to find the best person to speak to about the issue. Martin Green commented that he felt there had to be consultation before such decisions are made.

## **8. Towards Independence – Ros Eastwood & Mary Ryan**

Mary Ryan confirmed the aim of the leaflet is to help young people towards independence. The leaflet has been finalised and has been printed. There was applause for those involved in the production of the leaflet.

Frances Pierce asked KABIF members to think of places where the leaflet would be useful to brain injury sufferers between the ages of 18 and 35 and to feed those ideas back to Frances ([francespierce@rixandkay.co.uk](mailto:francespierce@rixandkay.co.uk)). Jenny Mazur agreed to pass some leaflets to YIPPEE, an organisation for young people with brain injuries. Frances said that a group of people from KABIF would discuss where the leaflet should be sent, such as to the police, Citizens Advice Bureaus and GP surgeries.

An important message from the leaflet is that young people suffering from brain injuries are not alone. It is possible that KABIF could run a series of leaflets.

Regard and Rix & Kay were thanked for funding the printing of the leaflet. An initial run of 1000 leaflets had been printed.

Mary Ryan and Ros Eastwood were thanked for the huge amount of work they had put into producing the leaflet and a thank you was given to those KABIF members who helped in allowing access to the young people whose contribution made the leaflet possible.

The leaflet will be added to the website in electronic format.

## **9. NSF**

Frances Pierce confirmed that CSIP, via Laura Gordon and Robyn Noonan, had agreed to help KABIF in looking at the different agencies involved in the NSF so that KABIF could target those people to get things moving. It was thought that without funding and targets the NSF will be difficult to enforce.

Frances confirmed that she had written on the topic of the NSF to Simon Truett and his two counterparts across Kent. KABIF would be looking to involve the Director of Social Services and the Director of Public Health to see what they could do to contribute. Nicky Coffey will be closely involved as well as Julia Ross. KABIF would also be looking to the Healthcare Commission to see what they could do to help. Frances had met with Martin Green to look at national strategy and what government is doing with the NSF.

It might be possible to get some signposting set up for those patients coming out of King's College Hospital in London.

## **10. Health Network – Dennis Smith**

Dennis Smith confirmed that the Health Network was internal to West Kent Primary Care Trust. Nearly 500 volunteers had signed up to help the PCT discover what patients are thinking of services. Dennis signed up for long-term conditions.

There is to be a launch in January by West Kent PCT on long-term conditions. Dennis confirmed that one of the problems with acquired brain injury is that, in terms of patient numbers, ABI is a small part of long-term conditions. It is estimated that 20% of people in the country have long-term conditions.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at the UKABIF Conference Norman Keen gave a list of long-term conditions. Dennis had thought ABI was the Cinderella of the list in that it was less than multiple sclerosis or Parkinson's in terms of numbers of people affected. However, he discovered that it is estimated that traumatic brain injury leading to long-term conditions affects an approximate total of 420,000 of the population under the age of 65 years, whereas multiple sclerosis affects an approximate total of 52,000 – 62,000 of the population and Parkinson's approximately 120,000. Brain injury is therefore nearly the biggest on the list. This has made Dennis realise how big a problem brain injury is. Many sufferers live a normal lifespan, so numbers of those suffering is increasing.

Simon Truett pointed out that the numbers of Parkinson's sufferers will rise with an aging population.

Frances Pierce asked Dennis Smith for a report of the Neuro Sciences Meeting that had taken place on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Dennis confirmed there had been a lot of technical discussion at that meeting. Nicky Coffey had initiated and conducted the meeting and the agenda included an overview of specialised commissioning and the current position for neurosciences in Kent and Medway. Dennis had not yet received the minutes of that meeting. Simon Truett confirmed that he also was at the Neuro Sciences Meeting.

Frances had been hearing that the Neurosciences Networks across the country have been doing great work for driving the NSF forward. She is hopeful that, with Simon Truett now in post, Kent could move the NSF forward. The NSF had been in place for three years and will run for ten years. Nicky Coffey has agreed to take these issues seriously and to look at strategy.

CSIP have a 'ten quick wins' document, which Frances noted was helpful. Frances confirmed that KABIF would continue to work with Laura Gordon and Robyn Noonan going forward. We were determined to push the agenda where we could. There was so much in the NSF to benefit ABI sufferers, it needed to be implemented.

## **11. Tea & Coffee Break**

There then followed a break for tea and coffee. Mince pies were kindly provided by The Raphael Medical Centre.

## **12. Speakers**

### **a. Neil Cawthorn of Temple-Head – “Saving Lives and Improving Quality of Life”**

Neil Cawthorn confirmed that Temple-Head is a charity whose remit is to put coordinators for brain injury into hospitals; to sign post; to map; and to show people where to go. Based in Surrey, geographically they cover the Eastern area of England. Funding has been secured for three years. Temple-head is all about seamless, coordinated care pathways and the NSF.

Neil Cawthorn gave KABIF the background to why and how Temple-head was set up, how funding was achieved and the variety of people who had been brought onboard. He said the golden thread is to connect private money with public resources.

From Neil's experience of hospitals, he said that brain injury people don't fit well into categories and so fall through the gaps.

### **b. Martin Green, Chief Executive of English Community Care Association & Past Vice Chair of the National Brain Injury Consortium**

Please see accompanying PowerPoint presentation.

### **13. Any Other Business**

#### **a. Simon Truett – KABIF Agenda**

Frances Pierce confirmed she was pleased Simon Truett is now in post and attending a KABIF meeting. She hopes that KABIF can be helpful to Simon in his new role.

Frances confirmed that she had sent an email to Simon Truett, on behalf of KABIF, regarding the implementation of the NSF in Kent. She will meet with him to discuss this further.

Simon Truett agreed to have a regular slot on the KABIF agenda. He confirmed that if he cannot attend a KABIF meeting he will send an update.

#### **b. Kent Social Services**

Sophia Chung announced that Kent Social Services was going through a radical reform. A letter had been sent out, outlining the proposed reorganisation for Kent Adult Social Services. The letter suggests that after the reform it will be easier to make contact with Kent Adult Social Services, assessment will be more proportionate (service users being asked only necessary questions instead of lots of assessments) and support will be given quicker.

105 staff can apply for 80 new positions. The new job roles will start in January.

From April, instead of twelve districts, there will be six localities: - (1) Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley; (2) Maidstone and Malling; (3) South West Kent (Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and Edenbridge); (4) Ashford and Shepway; (5) Canterbury and Swale; (6) Thanet and Dover.

Each of the six new localities will have: - (A) Contact Team; (B) Assessment and Enablement Team; (C) Coordination Team; (D) Learning Disability Team.

There will be a county-side Learning Disability Service.

Key requirements have been set out, to include: -

- 'Ensuring that service users are placed at the heart of the transformation of services and that Kent's excellent front line services are maintained to this quality and standard'.
- 'Change how Kent Adult Social Services are organised so that self-directed support can be developed and at the same time make sure that people are kept safe'.
- 'Change to localities (by merging districts) to support joint work with the NHS'.
- 'It will be better if staff work in more flexible and mobile ways (not so much in offices)'.

Dr Florschutz said this situation reminded him of a similar letter he had received sixteen years ago.

Linda Theoff said that, in this re-schuffle of Kent Social Services, she may be moved to Canterbury. She said that no one feels safe job-wise.

**c. Direct Payments**

Di Drummond said that she had heard from a care manager that people in Kent are getting direct payments whether they want them or not. This was of particular concern to those with ABI who are often without capacity or are borderline.

**d. Medway Providers Forum for Physical Disabilities**

Jan Cartmell mentioned there was a new Medway Providers Forum for Physical Disabilities, for providers for people who live in Medway (including Social Services and the PCT). Jan confirmed that someone from Regard will be going to this and Jan agreed to send more information if she received any.

**e. Barbara Wilson at The Raphael Centre 16 January 2009**

Tanesh Bhugobaun confirmed that Barbara Wilson will be conducting a seminar at The Raphael Medical Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009 on the topic of Executive Function. The information about this will be added to the KABIF website.

**14. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7 pm at West Kent PCT, Wharf House, Medway Wharf Road, Tonbridge, TN9 1RE