



VCS Representation Feedback

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I attended: Health & Social Care Partnership Board.... **Date** 21st June 2010..

1. Items of interest to the VCS were:

- a) Presentation on the Worcs. Dementia Strategy – numerous comments were made by members and the strategy will be revised before being distributed for consultation. Concerns were raised about the finances needed for implementation. We reminded the ‘authors’ about the need for a 12 week consultation period
- b) Finance report – especially around pooled S75 budgets. The major overspend was with providing Continuing Care
- c) Transforming Community services – much of this work is ‘on-hold’ until after the white paper which is due on July 5th (but may be later) as this could see a major, fundamental reorganisation of the NHS. Already some ‘targets’ have been reduced or removed
- d) There was a short discussion on the potential effects on services in relation to the major funding cuts expected both in this financial year and then from 2011 – 2014. This is very much a ‘watch this space’ issue as, at present, partners are not yet sure of the total picture. The County’s BOLD initiative and the Total Place projects will both have an important role as matters progress

2. Issues I raised on behalf of the VCS were:

- a) We raised the point that many organisations in the voluntary sector work with clients with Dementia and that it was important to ensure that the sector generally was properly included and consulted. The training around Dementia Awareness needed to be offered to the VCS as well as to the statutory and independent sectors
- b) The need for the HSCP to have a meeting with the Consultative groups as this was meant to be one of the ways of ensuring that communication improved and issues were raised. It was agreed that a separate meeting be arranged

The next meeting is due to have a presentation from Suzy James about the development of the VCS in Health & Social Care. Keith & I asked that we be involved in this work!!

Signed **Date** 21.06.10.....

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