

Voice 4 Kent



National Forum of people with a
Learning Disabilities
in Telford 3rd and 4th December

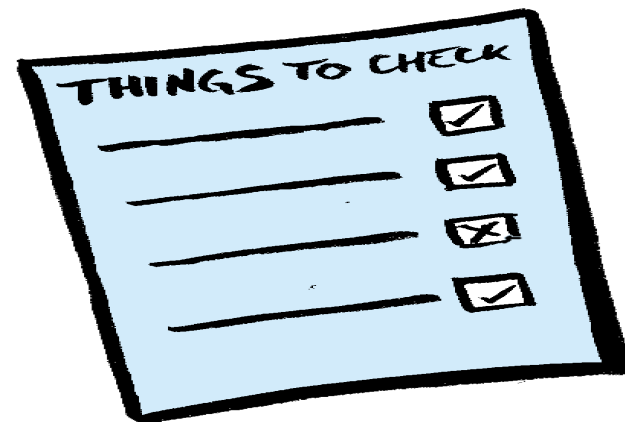
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Day 1

- Introductions, Updates and feedback from the National work groups. These are presented by National Forum Representatives
- National Programme Board
- Winterbourne View Concordat
- Positive behavior support and Physical Reference Group

- Positive behavior support and Physical Intervention Steering Group
- Joint Improvement Programme Startegy Group
- Advocacy Steering Group
- Public Health Observatory retender report
- Health Report



- Regional Updates and feedback from representatives
- Yorkshire and Humber
- North East
- North West
- Eastern
- East Midlands
- West Midlands
- London
- South East
- South West

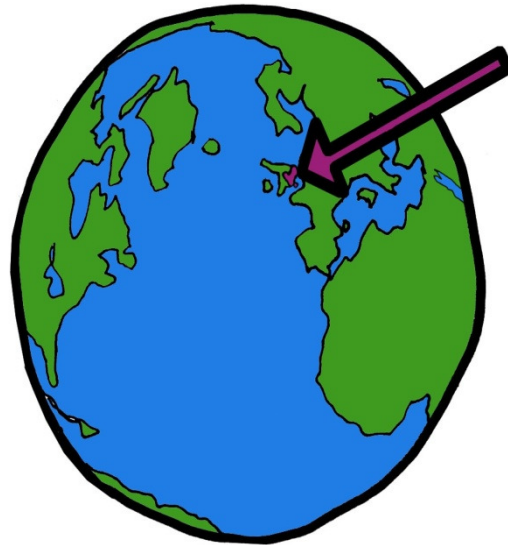


Day 2

- Open Discussion What has the last 6 months been like for the regional representatives.
- What have been the 3 main topics concerning people with a learning disability
- Self Advocacy, Benefits and Mate Crime

World Cafe

- We had 3 discussion groups on the topics. We wrote down the issues and problems that people were having in the regions.



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Questions to Voiceability

- Voiceability have the 3 year contract for the National Forum paid by the Department of Health.
- A new National Forum co-ordinator is needed 3 people have had the job and have left.
- Helen Oliver service manager acted as the co-ordinator at this meeting. A new National Forum Co-ordinator will be appointed.

- Helen talked about the National Forum budget and how the money is spent.
- Good News is the National Forum has some extra money to do more work in the regions
- One of the concerns the South East Region has is lack of communication coming from the top National Forum and not coming back down. Tina showed the communication ladder that she had made to improve action.

- A New Health Representative is needed as Dawn is leaving. Congratulations and thanks was made to Dawn for all her hard work and presentations.

The Action for the next meeting is the 3 work groups on self advocacy, mate /hate crime and benefits will meet and have a work plan. Voiceability will bring back finance figures from the past and for the future.

- Regional Co-ordinators will be starting their meetings twice a year. This will improve communication and information sharing
- The National Forum needs to be more publicitised and how it can improve the voice of people with a learning disability

Please email any questions regarding the National Forum

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