

## Healthier Communities and Older People Theme Group

### Notes of meeting held on 28 November 2007

**Present:**

Nicky Flynn - Chair / Age Concern  
 Karl Stonebank – Dacorum Borough Council  
 Peter Wright – E N & W Herts Primary Care Trusts  
 Mark Mitchell – Community Action Dacorum  
 Dr Mary McMinn – DacCom PbC Ltd  
 Sigrid Chilton – Specialist Mental Health Team Older People Dacorum  
 Anne Nicodemus – Minutes/Hertfordshire County Council

**Apologies:**

Sally Titchiner – Sportspace, Dacorum Sports Trust  
 Caroline Player - Age Concern  
 Dave Gill – Dacorum Borough Council  
 Rosie Eastwood – EPD Dacorum East, HCC  
 Deirdre Haynes – EPD Dacorum West, HCC  
 (one more from Peter)

	AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
1.	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions –</b>                      Nicky welcomed new members Sigrid from the SMHTOP Dacorum, and Dr Mary McMinn who introduced herself as representing DacCom PbC Ltd, established to facilitate the efforts of nineteen local GP Practices to engage with West Hertfordshire Primary Care Trust in the delivery of Practice Based Commissioning locally.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies – as above</b></p>	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Minutes of meeting</b> 16 October 07 - agreed</li> <li>• <b>Matters arising</b> – covered through agenda</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Terms of Reference</b> – several additions/amendments to be incorporated.</p>	AN/PW
5.	<p><b>Dacorum Partnership pages</b> – Karl explained changes made around making measures more meaningful, and including data source references. A series of amendments were suggested to Karl.</p> <p>Peter would provide figures of percentage increase for older people in Dacorum and Herts.</p> <p>HCOP related priorities were felt to be sufficiently reflected within the county and Dacorum Sustainable Community Strategies.</p>	KS  PW

<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Membership and actions</b> - Awaiting a response from DENS. Rosie Eastwood Elderly &amp; Physical Disabilities, Dacorum East, and Deirdre Haynes, Dacorum West will be attending the next meeting. Oliver Jackson, Elderly Services, DBC also to attend.</p> <p>Nicky has made much progress in setting up the Older People's Forum. A poster advertising the forum for members is now in circulation.</p> <p>Peter still to circulate Health Inequalities papers when they become available.</p>	<p>NF</p> <p>PW</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Next steps -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing an action plan and identifying key projects.</li> <li>• Older Persons' Forum set up.</li> <li>• Revisit last Work Programme at the next meeting (to be circulated with mins)</li> <li>• Karl is completing a needs audit of Highfield which will be used in developing action plan.</li> <li>• Aiming to have proposals ready by June Dacorum Partnership meeting (should funding become available)</li> </ul>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Any other business –</b></p> <p>Sadly this is to be Nicky's last meeting as she moves on to a new county wide role with Age Concern Herts. Nicky was congratulated and wished well by everyone present who have had great pleasure in working with her, recognising the positive and dynamic energy she will bring to her new responsibilities.</p> <p>Mary informed the group of a number of current proposed changes in the commissioning of patient care that will affect Dacorum residents. These include: the procurement process for the 'stand alone' (i.e. without being next to an A&amp;E department) Urgent Care Centre on a central Hemel Hempstead site; the transfer of emergency care and emergency patient admissions to Watford General Hospital; the review process being undertaken to decide where elective (planned) operations will take place – either Hemel or St Albans (the preferred site is likely to be St Albans as it has more operating theatres); and the involvement of GPs in the development of a "Local General Hospital", either on the present Hemel Hospital site, or very close by – the retention of such a local hospital is essential to be able to continue to deliver services to patients close to their homes.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Date for next meeting</b> - Wednesday 6 February 2008, 10-12 noon at Age Concern, Old Town, Hemel Hempstead.</p>	