
REPORT TO STEERING GROUP

18 Feb 2020

Mental Health

Healthwatch mental health representative continues to chair the Hartlepool Mental Health Forum.

The forum last met on Wednesday February 12th at the Centre for Independent Living

The meeting was well attended with a wide range of organisations represented. Neil Harrison gave an update on the Teeswide Mental Health Crisis Concordat. Jayne Gardner updated on local services and also told the meeting that the Dols Legislation changes have been deferred until April 2021

There were updates from those agencies attending the meeting. Some of which were:-

- The introduction to Alice House Holistic and Wellbeing centre. This service offers a wide range of therapies and is accessible for patients, carers, and public for a small fee.
- Hartlepool and East Durham MIND are to hold an event on March 24th at HCFE. More information is to be sent.
- Hartlepool Carers are to hold a launch event for their 'carers' card that will offer discounts on many services. The provisional date is March 24th at the Historic Quay. This may change,

Other items discussed

The production of a LOGO

The reviewing of the Healthwatch Leaflet

World Mental Health Day.

Discussion around the success of the 2019 event, what we can take forward, and what needs to change.

As 10 October falls on a Saturday and the Borough Hall is pre booked for the 9th it was decided to look at alternative dates that week.

It was also decided to hold at least one coffee morning in the Central Hub.

Other plans for the day are to be progressed including the possible wider use of primary schools for the Art competition that was so well received.

Most sponsors are prepared to support the event again this year

Next Meeting of the Forum

May 6th 2020 10-12 noon at the CIL

Z.Sherry.