

## Notes of CLASP sub group held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007

**Present:** Lynette K, Liz R, Julie R-J

### **CLASP Action Plan**

**Finance into work:** Caroline Coombes in Scrutiny is looking at area of worklessness. We have had some input into this identifying links between tax credits advice & getting back to work; debt as a barrier to taking up work without someone to revise all agreements with creditors; housing & young people; employment rights.

Other ideas raised were advice work traineeships for 50+ group.

**NB** – reminder for Julie to follow up with Mark Clayton about BRC project on employment rights.

Employment Rights project at BCAB has been extended to March 2008.

**Monitoring:** Need for work on joint funding & monitoring needs to start again. Julie to follow up.

BCAB's contacts at Mental Health Care Trust are Margaret Etherington, and SS Adult Services is Ian Barter. BCAB will be liaising with providers.

(New Lottery advice funding pot – decisions have been delayed because of volume of applications).

**Profile Raising:** Need to ensure working with Building Communities Exec is a priority for the ACSG. Sandra Grice attended the BC partnership conference. Next meeting is on 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm. Members of ACSG to attend. Lynette & Andy to meet with Anthony Clipsom from BCVS.

Julie to find out venue & pass info to Sandra, Lynette & Liz. Lynette & Liz to circulate to others.

Julie to collate achievements on CLASP action plan.

**Areas of Law:** Julie to invite Javed to CLASP to report on Eastern European Working Group.

**Community Care** – raise at Older People's Partnership.

Look at options of a training course. Possible tutors – Zahida, Sue from Shiplay CAB, Sue Williscroft, Saleem, Liz from Royds, Saleem, Jo Proust, elder abuse team.

Need to be clear about what training is essential.

1. Clarify what courses are available from Elder Abuse team.
2. Phone survey – working in field of Community Care – what key issues are & who could train.
3. Link to Saleem & training project – Res care & IS.

Older People's Partnership – report back re: JC+ idea.

**Out of hours session:** ACSG to follow up. One option would be to pilot this to test viability. Need to research what works in other areas. Liz to follow this up via other CABx.

**Children's Centres:** Julie to follow up finding out time frame in case another funding round is due.

Julie involved in economic wellbeing sub group of Children & Young People's Partnership.

**Social Policy:** JC+ Anne at BCAB is following up on this.

**Training:** ACSG training project is a big achievement. Traineeships from FI funding & ERDF funding.

**CLASP directory:** Julie to revise and put on website or look at putting same information on DIVA. Still need to look at revising small leaflet. Need to clarify whether all solicitors are on CLASP website.

**Miscellaneous:**

Idea suggested of arranging a trip for councillors to a variety of advice centres for background information.