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*Having a Say and Taking
Action in Community Care*

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MESSAGE FROM CONVENOR

With many new policy directives and pressures on statutory services driving change – this year has been a very challenging one. Demands on the Forum to help inform these initiatives through the participation of service users, carers and the voluntary sector have continue to grown on many fronts.

This year the Forum has renewed its energy and has been able to take forward new initiatives to help build more community support services within the voluntary sector. We also look forward to the next phase of development for the Forum within improved and accessible offices with room to respond to new opportunities.

I would like to thank all our members for their hard work and commitment to the improvement of community care in the Scottish Borders and also to the staff of the Forum, whose skills and experience ensure that the Forum continues to flourish.

Meg Roper, Convenor, BVCCF

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Karen Palmer : Borders Independent Advocacy Service
- Alison Henderson : Border Caring Services
- Caroline Thomson : Borderline
- Fiona Morrison* : Borders Carers Centre
- Niccy Kershaw : Borders Direct Payments Agency
- John Hunter : Borders Disability Forum
- Margaret Simpson – Vice-Convenor* : Disabled Persons’ Housing Service
- Roy Gray : Borders Visual Impairment Network
- Lindsay Wilson : British Red Cross
- Jean Grieve : Elder Voice
- Fiona Fleming* : Individual Member
- Pat Evans – Treasurer* : Individual Member
- Pippa Dickson* : Individual Member
- Graham Hanson* : Individual Member
- Meg Roper – Convenor* : Individual Member
- Helen Pennington : Penumbra Youth Project
- Donna Allen and
Peter Patterson : People First Borders
- Ex-Officio**
- Liz Walthew : The Bridge



Management Committee

* denotes Management Committee Member

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Introduction

Membership of the Forum

Membership of the Forum is open to all voluntary organisations and individuals with an interest in the planning and provision of community care services in the Borders. From the membership, 15 representatives are nominated to serve for a period of 3 years on the Executive Committee of the Forum. The local Councils of Voluntary Service are represented by Liz Walthew, New Ways Voluntary Sector Liaison Officer, The Bridge, as an ex-officio member.

Funding and Staffing

The funding and staffing arrangements are overseen by a Management Committee of office bearers and other members from the Executive Committee. The BVCCF (Forum) is jointly funded by the Scottish Borders Council (SBC) and the NHS Borders. Annette Scobie, Co-ordinator, Dawn Roche, Development Worker and Helen Rogerson, Administrative Assistant work as part-time members of staff and are based in the BVCCF office. Also Joan Lawson, temporary Development Worker has been assisting with business planning, funding applications and a Training Audit.

The accounts are circulated at the Annual General Meeting and are audited by Rennie Welch, Chartered Accountants. Copies are available from the BVCCF office.



Dawn Roche and Annette Scobie

Mission Statement

'To represent the views of all those with an interest in community care to the agencies responsible for the planning and provision of community care services in the Scottish Borders.'

Aims and Objectives

- ◆ To act as a focal point for consultation and representation about community care issues
- ◆ To enable users and carers to have a voice in the planning and provision of community care
- ◆ To promote the provision of accessible information and to raise public awareness
- ◆ To assist in the provision of training to improve the quality of community care services
- ◆ To support the development of new initiatives in the field of community care
- ◆ To work in partnership with all agencies both locally and nationally to improve community care services



Liaison with Statutory Authorities

Andrew Lowe	Director of Social Work Services (SWS)
Elaine Torrance	Head of Health and Social Care, SWS
Susan Henderson	Adult Planning Manager, SWS
Robbie Pearson	Director of Corporate Planning, NHS Borders
Karen McNicoll	Director of Communications, NHS Borders

CONSULTATION and REPRESENTATION

The Forum acts as a focal point for consultation and representation, meeting on a regular basis to discuss a wide range of community care issues. Key issues are discussed and taken forward through correspondence and special meetings. Feedback from representatives attending the planning groups is an important part of the work of Forum

KEY ISSUES FOR 2008-09

The Forum's Key Issues include a wide range of concerns about the current planning and delivery of community care and how this impacts on service users, carers and voluntary organisations. They provide a basis for ongoing dialogue and discussion with Health and Social Work Services and are submitted to senior officers Elaine Torrance, Head of Health and Social Care, Social Work Services (SWS) and Karen McNicoll, Head of Public Involvement and Communication, NHS Borders. (pictured right)

- ◆ Social Work Services only meeting critical levels of need
- ◆ Access to assessment and information about how to access services
- ◆ Recognising carers as part of the whole picture
- ◆ More meaningful involvement of service users and carers
- ◆ Rolling out Citizen Leadership across all care groups
- ◆ Developing personalised services and enabling people to live more independently
- ◆ Mental Health Out-of-Hours support through the joint Crisis Service
- ◆ Wider provision of psychological therapies
- ◆ Need to invest in preventative services eg befriending and community support projects
- ◆ Funding arrangements for the voluntary sector, e.g. full cost recovery
- ◆ Opportunities to bid into new funding streams at an early stage



Elaine Torrance



Karen McNicoll

FORUM EXECUTIVE MEETINGS WITH SOCIAL WORK SERVICES AND NHS BORDERS:

- Barbara Harrison, Senior Planning Officer, Social Work Services –informed and updated members about the Transforming Older Peoples Services Review.
- Robbie Pearson, Director of Corporate Planning, NHS Borders – consulted with members about the NHS Borders Strategic Change Programme and the communication strategy.
- Karen McNicoll, Director of Public Involvement and Communication, NHS Borders attended to meet members in her new post and listen to the Forum's Key Issues.
- Elaine Torrance, Head of Health and Social Care, SWS to provide feedback to members about the outcome of the Social Work Inspection Agency Report and discuss its recommendations.

MEETING WITH SBC COUNCILLORS

In November, the Forum met with Councillor Raw (with portfolio for SWS) and Councillor Wyse (Champion for the Voluntary Sector) at which a wide range of community care and voluntary sector issues were highlighted and discussed.



POVERTY COMMISSION

The BVCCF was represented on the Poverty Commission by Norrie McLeish (picture right), a member of the Forum who is involved in the Service User and Carer Working Group and the Carers Planning Group.

Norrie attended meetings of the commission throughout the year and the launch of the Commission's Report as well as reporting back to the Forum in January.



REPRESENTATION ON PLANNING GROUPS

The Forum works in partnership with the SBC Social Work Services and NHS Borders and has representation on a wide range of joint health and social care planning and working groups:

- Scottish Borders Community Health and Care Partnership
- NHS Borders Public Governance Committee and Public Partnership Forum
- Primary and Community Care Partnership
- Mental Health and Well Being Partnership Board
- Joint Mental Health Steering Group
- Joint Learning Disability Board
- Joint Health Improvement Team
- Joint Dementia Strategy Group
- Adult Protection Committee
- Scottish Borders Compact Officers Group
- Carers Planning Group
- Sensory Services Strategy Group
- Voluntary Sector Liaison Group
- Transforming Older People's Services Group
- Pandemic Flu Planning Group
- Other planning and working groups as requested



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP (CHCP)

The CHCP structure was recently reviewed to create a two-tiered structure. It was agreed that the BVCCF would represent the interests of service users and carers and the voluntary sector on the Planning and Delivery Group which sits under the CHCP Strategic Group. This group is responsible for co-ordinating the work of all the joint health and social care groups and is accountable for delivery of the outcomes for the 'Healthier Borders' part of the Single Outcome Agreement.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON GROUP (VSLG) AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT (SOA)

LIZ Walthew, VSLG officer, The Bridge has kept members informed about the SOA and the work currently being undertaken by the VSLG to draw up a voluntary sector strategy and to show how local voluntary organisations contribute to the delivery of the SOA.



FAIR SHARES FOR HEALTH IN SCOTLAND AND NHS ANNUAL REVIEW

THE Forum wrote to Nicola Sturgeon, MSP, Minister for Health, Scottish Government and MSP's Christine Graham and Jeremy Purvis about local concern around the new resource allocation for NHS Borders and its impact on the delivery of health services in Scottish Borders. Forum representatives also attended the NHS Annual Review held in August where these concerns and other issues were raised during the open meeting held with the Minister.



**Service
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Supporting User Groups...

INVOLVING

The Forum enables and supports service users and carers to have a voice in the planning and provision of community care in a number of different ways by:

- facilitating special forums and working groups
- carrying out independent consultation projects
- supporting user-led and self advocacy groups

Participation in Planning...

BVCCF USER AND CARER WORKING GROUP

THE FORUM supports a Working Group of service user and carer representatives who come together on a regular basis to feed in their views and discuss the development of integrated services between Health and Social Work. The Co-ordinator, with Linda Jackson, Joint Planning Officer and Fiona Marynicz, Short Breaks Co-ordinator SWS, facilitate this group, which concentrates on services for adults with physical disabilities and older people.

New representatives have recently joined this group which has continued to be involved in the Review of Older Peoples Services. Social work planners have regularly attended meetings to inform and consult with members about Home Care, Day Care and Intermediate Services and other aspects of the Review. Comments and suggestions were made for the Ageing Well Handbook which is part of the work being taken forward by Preventative Services Group.

NHS staff have also attended meetings to consult about the Community Nursing Review and the Strategic Change Programme as well as progress with the Capital Investment Programme including new developments in dental services, health centres and community hospitals.

Members of this group took part in the Social Work Inspection Agency visit and attended a group discussion about services for older people with the inspectors. The group have also contributed their suggestions for the NHS Borders Clinical Audit and over the past year have attended a wide range of other planning meetings including the Dementia Planning Group.

...CONSULTATION PROJECT

Views of Service Users and Carers about Assessment and Care Management

THROUGH the User and Carer Working Group, the Forum undertook a survey of service users and carer's views about assessment and care management. The purpose of this survey was to provide detailed qualitative feedback from service users and carers about community care assessment processes, service provision and follow-up. This survey was similar to one carried out ten years previously by the Forum and therefore would find out whether progress had been made.

Jane Griffiths, an independent researcher, was commissioned by the Forum to analyse the results and present the findings in a report which was widely circulated. Jane Douglas, Group Leader for SWS attended the Working Group to feedback on social work's response to the survey which SWS had found very useful. The recommendations from the report have been fully taken on board by SWS through an Action Plan which has been presented to members. (Copies of this report are available from the BVCCF)

CARERS PLANNING GROUP

THE FORUM chairs and supports the work of the Carers Planning Group (CPG), which includes carers and staff from health, social work and local voluntary organisations. The Carers Planning Group is continuing to monitor and develop the Joint Carers Strategy and the NHS Carers Information Strategy. Both Strategies are integrated into one document and an update on the action plan has been submitted to the CHCP Planning and Delivery Group.

The implementation of both strategies has been greatly assisted by the success of the Borders Carers Centre in attracting Moffat Trust funding of two new posts for Carers Support and Training. Celine Mackie, Carers Liaison Worker based at the BGH provides additional support to carers and Mary Daykin, Carers Training Worker (pictured below) recruits carers to help raise awareness and train front line health and social work staff.

In addition, NHS Borders has received enhanced funding to assist in the implementation of the NHS Carers Information Strategy and Dr. Jane Savoury has been appointed to raise awareness about the role of the unpaid carer within the health service and support the work of the Moffat Trust and the Carers Centre.

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Two new posts for Carers Support and Training: Carers Training Worker Mary Daykin and Carers Liaison Worker Celine Mackie



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Carers Planning Group

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In January, carers locally took part in a National Carers Conference 'Getting it Right for Carers', which was a unique event bringing carers, service providers and policy makers together across Scotland. The aim of the event was to shape the new Strategy for Carers in Scotland and the feedback from the day was also taken on board by the Carers Planning Group.

The Carers Planning Group produced a summary of the Carers Strategies which will help to inform and involve more carers in the work of the CPG. In response to the Scottish Government's new Short Breaks Guidance, Fiona Marynicz, Short Breaks Co-ordinator, SWS is taking forward the new short breaks strategy in consultation with the CPG.

... PARENT/CARER WORKING GROUP

The BVCCF has set up a working group for parent/carers of children with disabilities jointly with the Borders Carers Centre to try to address issues for this group of carers. Parent/carers have been consulted about their key concerns



and meetings have been facilitated between carers, SWS and NHS Borders. David Brands, Senior Planner for Transforming Children's Services, SWS has also attended these meetings to discuss this review and to feed in the views of carers.

Members of the working group have been drafting a questionnaire to find out how parent/carers would best like to have their needs met. A Consultation Workshop was held in March to discuss options for the re-design of services for children with additional support needs including more personalised forms of support. The views of participants will help to shape a report presenting a range of options for wider consultation. The group has also been successful in attracting a small amount of funding from the Children and Young People's Planning Partnership which will enable the group to move forward.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FORUM

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Forum (MHWBF) meet at regular intervals. Membership of the MHWBF consists of service-users and carers of adult mental health services, interested members of the public and local voluntary organisations involved in mental health. Dawn Roche, the Forum's Service User/Carer Development Worker, supports service user and carers to participate in a wide range of planning and discussion groups.



The MHWBF has been involved in discussions about the new arrangements for the Joint Mental Health and Well Being Partnership Board which was set up to oversee the integration of health and social work services. It was agreed that every other meeting of the MHWBF would become a Consultation Forum where service users and carers could speak more directly to staff within mental health services. Recent meetings of this Consultation Forum have focussed on Out of Hours Support and the Crisis Service.

Members take part in a wide range of planning and working groups, including the Service - User/Carer Consultation Forum Mental Health and Wellbeing Carers Group, Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board, Organisational Development Group, Nursing Review Group, Integrated Care Pathways Steering Group and various ICP working groups, Leading Change Programme - Crisis Service, Day Services Steering Group. (Short Life) Psychological Therapies Steering Group, Recovery Group, re:discover Borders Advisory Group, Huntlyburn Quality Working Group, Auditing of community services- Mental Health, and various one-off working groups such as the Communication Meeting and Smoking Cessation Group. Members of the MHWBF also met with the Social Work Inspectors during their visit.

Health and Social Work staff have attended the MHWBF to feedback about the Mental Health Day Services Review, Integrated Care Pathways, Discharge planning and Protected time at Huntlyburn. The MHWBF held a special event in September about Welfare Benefits in response to a wide range of concerns about changes to the benefits system. Dawn has recently established a Mental Health and Well-Being Carers Group which acts as a voice for carers as well as a source of mutual support.



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PEOPLE FIRST BORDERS

The Forum provides development support to People First Borders (PFB), which is a self-advocacy group for people with learning difficulties providing opportunities for its members to come together and learn to speak up. Donna Allen, Support Worker, continues to support the local groups in Duns, Hawick, Galashiels and Peebles.



PFB held a successful Conference in the 'Heart of Hawick' with Andrew Lowe, Director of SWS as the key speaker talking about Citizen Leadership. Local MSP's Christine Graham and John Lamont also attended to take part in a question /answer session.



Members of PFB elected a new Director to People First Scotland, Moira Oakley. Moira took part in the Citizen Leadership pilot training course and chaired the event held in March, to launch Citizen Leadership in the Borders.

Members have taken part in a wide range of planning and consultation meetings including the Citizens Panel, Quality Network Review, Day Support Services Review, Local Area Co-ordination and the Joint Learning Disability Board. Members continue to provide valuable assistance to the joint learning disability services on interview panels for new staff. This year PFB has made a major contribution to developing the health improvement agenda and equally well project. Members were also involved in the Social Work Inspection Agency's visit to the Borders. The BVCCF and PFB have also been taking part in the steering group for Association for Real Change (ARC) project called Progress Scotland in the Borders.

BORDERS DISABILITY FORUM

THE Borders Disability Forum (BDF) is a user-led group set up to raise awareness about issues for people with physical disabilities and sensory impairments. The Forum encourages the development of BDF by providing support to the Project Worker Evan Thomas and the BDF Management Committee. This year the BDF has been taking forward capacity building work with funding from TSB Lloyds and has produced a new business plan.

The BDF Resource Centre provides an information and drop-in service and runs the Gala Wheels Project. The BDF played an important role in the digital switchover operating as an information point with live demonstrations of equipment. The BDF have successfully raised an additional £40,000 to fund two new vehicles for Gala Wheels which are well used due to the demand for accessible transport.



The BDF supports user-led groups to address specific areas of interest, including the Borders Visual Impairment Network (BVIN) and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Network Borders. BVIN held a well attended Computer Drop-in Day in August and has recently organised a programme of open meetings to attract new members. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Network (DHHN) attracted an additional £8,680 funding from Awards for All to expand their home loans service manned by volunteers. They took part in a successful Deaf Awareness Day as well as a special event to launch Citizen Leadership in the Borders.

The BDF Resource Centre provides a base for the RNID Hear to Help Project and Lesley Stewart, RNID Development Worker, works closely with the DHHN to improve services for the deaf and hard of hearing in partnership with Health and SWS. The BDF continues to be represented on planning and working groups such as Disability Discrimination Act Working Group and the Joint Ability Equipment Store Management Group. Members have taken part in the Sensory Services Strategy Group which is supported by the BVCCF and BDF to prepare a Joint Strategy and Action plan to improve joint working and service provision for people who experience sensory loss.





INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

TWO editions of the Forum's newsletter 'Communicare' have been widely circulated during the year. Articles have included BVCCF news and information about the Princess Royal Trust Borders Carers Centre, Borders Independent Advocacy Service, Borders Direct Payments Agency, People First Borders, Borders Disability Forum, Borders Caring Service, Interest Link and Alzheimer's Scotland Action on Dementia Project.

'Here to Help You' leaflets, including a Mental Health and Well-Being version, have been widely circulated to public information points and throughout the NHS and SWS. Both leaflets are currently being updated. The Forum assists in the improvement of public information about community care by contributing to the drafting and updating of various publications, e.g. NHS Continuing Care and the Ageing Well handbook. The BVCCF is included in Online Borders and work is underway to update the website.



INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION EVENTS...

Adult Support and Protection

In September, the BVCCF held an open consultation event on the Adult Support and Protection Act with staff from the Adult Protection Unit. A presentation was made about the provisions contained within the new legislation and participants discussed how current guidelines were working for people at risk of harm. Feedback from this event was compiled into a report and submitted to the Adult Protection Committee.

Patient's Rights Bill

In December, the Forum held an open consultation event about the new provisions being proposed as part of a Patients Rights Bill. This event was well attended and staff from the Scottish Government attended to outline the new provisions contained in the legislation and assist in facilitation of the discussion. Comments from this event were submitted to the Scottish Government as part of a national consultation exercise.

ADDRESSING THE TRAINING AGENDA...

Briefing Sessions and Training Opportunities

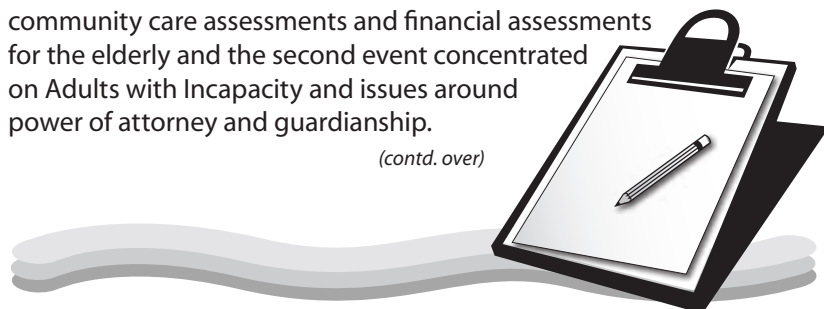
OVER the past year, the Forum has organised induction and briefing sessions for new members and for service user and carer representatives joining planning and working groups. Forum members have been informed and given opportunities to attend a wide range of local and national training events and conferences.

Training Workshops

IN APRIL and October the Forum, jointly with Borders Carers Centre and Borders Independent Advocacy Service, organised Know Your Rights – 'Community Care and the Law' events Part 1 and 2, delivered by Helen McGinty of the Legal Services Agency.

Both events were well attended by a wide range of staff, volunteers and members. The first event focussed on issues around community care assessments and financial assessments for the elderly and the second event concentrated on Adults with Incapacity and issues around power of attorney and guardianship.

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Addressing the Training Agenda

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Joint Community Care Training Forum – Training Audit

LAST YEAR, the Forum carried out an Audit of Training Needs of the Independent and Voluntary Sector Providers carried out by Joan Lawson. The audit report was submitted to NHS Borders and SWS and, in response to that report, the Forum was invited to submit a proposal to re-establish the joint training forum. The proposal has been accepted and funding of staffing and running costs has been agreed to start during the summer of 2009.

Small Grants for Training

THE Forum administers a small training fund, which enables voluntary and community groups to provide opportunities for service users and carers, volunteers and staff to participate in training events relevant to community care. This fund continues to be well used by a wide range of groups.



SUPPORTING AND DEVELOPING PROJECTS

The Forum supports the development of new initiatives in the field of community care to meet the needs of service users and carers and respond to areas of unmet need. The Forum helps to set up and provides on-going support to a wide range of projects within the voluntary sector.

DEVELOPING COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

BVCCF in partnership with NHS Borders, SWS and other voluntary organisations, is supporting the development of two pilot projects which have attracted funding for 2 years:

Re-discover Borders

Re-discover Borders is a befriending and buddying project for people with mental ill health and is being taken forward by 'Health in Mind' – an Edinburgh based organisation. The BVCCF supports an Advisory Group which meets on a regular basis to oversee the project. In November, Re-discover Borders was chosen to present at a special event on Community-led health initiatives held at SBC and a DVD was produced about the project. The Co-ordinator, Kay Race is based in Kelso covering the eastern side of the Borders. It is hoped that further funding will be found to roll the project out across the whole of the Borders.

Neighbourhood Links

NEIGHBOURHOOD Links Project aims to provide support to people with low level social care needs to help them to maintain their independence through signposting, contact and follow-up. The project connects people to activities and sources of support and where gaps are identified, it helps to develop support in local communities.

The project is being delivered across the Borders through the British Red Cross by two Neighbourhood Links Service Co-ordinators, Rachel Miller and Hazel Smith (pictured below), based in Galashiels and Coldstream.

The BVCCF co-ordinates a Joint Project Management Group to oversee the pilot, which includes representatives from NHS Borders, SWS and the voluntary sector. The Project is funded by British Red Cross, SWS, Lloyds TSB, Help the Aged, NHS Borders, NES Scotland.



Preventative Services Project Group

The BVCCF Co-ordinator chairs the Preventative Services Project Group, which is part of the Review of Older People's Services currently being undertaken by SBC in partnership with NHS Borders and the voluntary sector. This has involved looking at gaps in the provision of preventative services and deciding on priorities in consultation with stakeholders including older people through Elder Voice.





SUPPORTING AND DEVELOPING PROJECTS

SUPPORTING CARERS...

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PRINCESS ROYAL TRUST BORDERS CARERS CENTRE

THE Forum continues to work closely with the Borders Carers Centre and supports the project through the PRT Management Committee. Following a review of the work of the Borders Carers Centre and the Young Carers Project, the Centre has drawn up a new five year development plan. The Centre is planning a move to larger premises in order to take forward the further development of the centre.



Through the development of the Carers Support and Training Project funded by the Moffat Trust, the Centre has been able to take forward new areas of work to raise the awareness of staff working in the NHS and SWS about the needs of carers and provide more support to carers at the point of discharging patients from hospital. This is part of a two year national pilot which will be evaluated.

The Carers Centre continues to work with the BVCCF to ensure that the voice of carers is heard in the planning and provision of health and social care and through the Carers Planning Group.

SUPPORTING DIRECT PAYMENTS...

BORDERS DIRECT PAYMENTS AGENCY

FOLLOWING seven years of providing management and development support to the Borders Direct Payments Agency, the Forum said farewell to the staff of the agency and wished them every success as a new independent organisation. Niccy Kershaw and her team have worked tirelessly to develop the Direct Payments scheme which enables people to manage their own care arrangements giving them more choice, flexibility and control over their own care.



Niccy Kershaw & Meg Roper

At a special event held in September for people using Direct Payments, the role of the BVCCF in supporting the development of the agency was gratefully acknowledged by the Carol Lawrie, Chair of the Board of the BDPA, Councillor Raw SBC and Andrew Lowe Director of SWS.



ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

IN February, the Forum held an Away Day to review the work of the BVCCF, agree new policies and update the Organisational Plan 2007-10. Service Level Agreement review meetings have been held twice over the past year with SWS and NHS Borders.

The Management Committee of the Forum which includes office bearers and other executive committee members oversees the funding and staffing arrangements of the Forum. The Management Committee is responsible for the governance of the Forum and reports back to the Executive Committee. Through regular liaison with lead officers, the Forum ensures that it continues to work in



partnership with health and social work services. Additional funding from SWS for two years has been given to increase the capacity of the Mental Health Development Workers post. The Forum is moving to more accessible, centrally located premises in Galashiels which will provide an improved office base for staff and room for expansion to include the work of the Joint Community Care Training Forum.

THE SCOTTISH COMMUNITY CARE FORUM



THE SCCF is the national network of approximately 25 community care forums across Scotland and the BVCCF has continued to provide secretarial and administrative support up until March 2009.

In May 2008, the SCCF held a successful Networking Day called 'Community Priorities' in Boat of Garten in the Highlands. The event was well attended by members of the SCCF network. Fergus Ewing MSP was the key speaker and the BVCCF Co-ordinator gave a presentation about the Neighbourhood Links pilot project in the Borders.



LIST OF MEMBERS

Addaction Scotland
Alzheimer Scotland Action on Dementia
Association for Real Change
Association for Real Change Progress Scotland
Ark Housing Association
Arthritis Care
Barony Housing Assoc Ltd
Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Service
Borders Independent Advocacy Service
Big River Project
Border Caring Services
Border Women's Aid
Borderline
Borders Additional Needs Group
Borders Aspergers and Autism Group Support
Borders Community Transport Network
Borders Direct Payments Agency
Borders Disability Forum
Borders Equality Forum
Borders Talking Newspaper
Borders Visual Impairment Network
British Red Cross, Borders
Brothers of Charity
Central Borders Citizens Advice Bureau
Chest Heart Stroke Services
Community Councils
Community Integrated Care
Crossreach
CRUSE Bereavement Care
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Network
Disabled Person's Housing Service (Borders)
Edrom, Allanton & Whitsome Community Council
Eildon Housing Association
Gala Day Services
Garvald West Linton
Hanover Housing Association
Hawick and District Eventide Homes Ltd
Hawick Congregational Community Church
Health in Mind
Interest Link

Kelso Community Council
Kinship Care Support Officer
Lauderdale Development Trust
Learning Curve
Let's Talk
ME Recovery Group
Momentum
Mountview – Duns
MS Society
Neighbourhood Links
New Horizons
Voluntary Sector Liaison Officer
Outside the Box
Parent to Parent Borders
Peebles Citizens Advice Bureau
Penumbra Youth Project
Penumbra Supported Living Service
People First Borders
Princess Royal Trust Borders Carers Centre
Queen's House (Kelso) Ltd
Re:discover Borders
Richmond Fellowship Scotland
Royal National Institute for the Deaf
Roxburgh Citizens Advice Bureau
Scotia Chiropractic
Scottish Association for Mental Health
Scottish Borders Elder Voice
Scottish Health Council Borders
Senior Executive Programme
Streets Ahead Borders
The Eyemouth and District Disabled Association
The Bridge
The Bridge Central Borders
The Bridge in Roxburgh
The Bridge in Tweeddale
The Vision Thing
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