

TREETON PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Environment & Health Focus Group Meeting held on 6th July 2004 in the Reading Rooms

Attendance: Terri Roche (Rotherham Primary Care Trust), Caroline Simpson (Rotherham Primary Care Trust), Nic Marshall (Development Manager).

1 Apologies

Robin Carter (Trustee).

2 Minutes of previous meeting

These were agreed as a true record.

3 Introductions

Terri introduced Caroline to the group. Caroline would be taking over from Terri as from Monday 19th July 2004 – although Terri expected that for the time being she would continue to work with this group.

4 Village Survey

The responses to the village survey were looked at in some detail. Although the trustees were meeting on the 21st July to discuss the results, it was felt that this group could make some preliminary recommendations about the way forward:-

- With regards to dental care, providing that the percentages look in line with Rotherham as a whole, then it was agreed that the numbers look good and there is little value in pursuing this topic.
- Helpings of fruit and vegetables – Terri would discuss the findings with Ruth Swain (5 A DAY co-ordinator).
- Breakfasts – it was decided that it might be possible to work with the school to look at perhaps a breakfast club
- In terms of cigarettes it was decided that although the figures might not be totally accurate there was little point in chasing the small number of people who wish to stop. It was agreed that we should try to offer more support and advice through the schools.
- Shopping - given the large numbers of people who shop at Asda and Morrisons it was agreed that Nic would contact these organisations to see if they could provide a free bus service. If they agreed in principal, we could organise a petition to demonstrate demand – extrapolating the figures shows approx. 350 people in the village who do not use a car to go shopping.
- Carers – 14 new people who said that they were carers had given their addresses. They have been written to and invited to the next carers lunch. It was agreed that (at some point) the medical practice were encouraged to produce a carers register.

- Medical Centre – the initial response from the practice manager was encouraging and it was agreed that we needed to continue to work with the practice to help raise public opinion.
- Children’s health and childcare – it was agreed that the majority of the responses to this section were very positive and we should publicise this fact eg 98.4% of immunisations up to date.
- Childcare – it was agreed that perhaps we could link this with some of the outputs from other sections eg encourage people into training for childcare qualifications. This may be easier once the new Community & Resource Centre is open. Caroline agreed to find out plans for the area from Early Years.
- Children & Young People’s section – it was agreed that Terri would share this information with Aston Comprehensive School.
- It was agreed that further work may come out of some of the other section of the survey eg 17.1% of the respondents consider themselves disabled.

5 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th August at 11.00am in the Reading Rooms.