

## **MINUTES OF THE VASP MEETING ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

### **HELD AT MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES**

#### **Present:**

SP	Sue Parker	Chair
GF	Glennys Francis	Alzheimers Society
NM	Nigel Moyes	SUF, ImROC
LR	Liz Roper	Green Gables
SB	Suzanne Britton	VASP/Green Gables
LA	Linda Attwood	Waves, Healthwatch
SC	Sally Corker	Be Inspired
ES	Elizabeth Storer	Healthwatch
EM	Elizabeth Moad	SUF
NB	Nigel Brett	MSDC/Babergh
BB	Barbara Bilston	Deanery
WS	Wendy Shepherd	SNAP
JE	Janis Engstrom	Together
AS	Alison Steggall	Central IDT NSFT
MW	Michaela Walker	Central IDT NSFT
JM	Jitka Moravcova	Central IDT NSFT

#### **Apologies:**

Irene Tibbenham  
Guenever Pachent  
Laura Harvey  
Caroline Woodger  
Nicola Wright  
Michael Bamford  
Bev Stearn  
Julia Carr  
Vanessa Brenchley  
Charlie Seddon

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

#### **2. Speaker – Glennys Francis – Alzheimer’s Society**

Glennys delivered a session on Dementia Friends. (Notes sent out separately)

SP mentioned Dendron:

‘The Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network (DeNDRoN) is part of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN), supporting research to make patients, and the NHS, better. They support the development, set up and delivery of clinical research in the NHS in the dementias, Huntington’s disease, motor neurone disease, Parkinson’s disease, and other neurodegenerative diseases. By promoting high quality clinical

research we aim to increase the understanding of the causes of these conditions, and improve the prevention, detection, care and treatment for people suffering from them.'

**Website:** <http://www.dendron.nihr.ac.uk>

A discussion took place about a number of issues:

- Driving and dementia
- Dementia Communities

SP asked members to spread the word regarding Dementia Friends as Glennys is willing to conduct more sessions on "Dementia Friends".

### **3. February Minutes and matters arising**

There were no matters arising

### **4. Events for 2014**

To be discussed at April meeting

### **5. AOB and Members updates**

LA: SUF have made a 15 minute film – Sticks and Stones - regarding what help people got or didn't get. It will be rolled out in schools. The film is in audio form with text and is available on Youtube or via SUF website. This will be followed shortly by a video from SUF on MH

The film was made by Social Interest Film (Alpha Films).

LA: Haven Project - Open Day last Friday of the month. 2 prison officers from Birmingham and Highpoint attended.

On 5<sup>th</sup> March, a Symposium will take place on Policing and Mental Health, hosted by the Board of Governors.

28/3 the Audrey project will take place at the Museum of East Anglian Life – Time to Talk.

SP will send out an email asking VASP members if they want to stay on the mailing list.

ES circulated Healthwatch post card sized complaints/comments forms, to collect information. Forms are also available online.

Speaker next month will be Anne-Marie Childs, from SCC Public Health.

***Date of next meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014– Dove Room, MSDC***