

CTSI Health and Social Care Forum

November 15, 2016

Attendees:

Elizabeth Ramsay and Nicola Weedon – Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Carers, Tracy Gibson – Tullibody Healthy Living, Anne Lindsay – Integrated Mental Health, Brian Combe – Action in Mind, Louise Rogers – Health and Social Care Alliance, Graham Reece – Age Scotland, Clacks Community Transport Association, Forth Valley Men’s Shed, Derek Blues – Scottish Health Council, Angela Leask – Clacks Community Transport Association, Sauchie Community Group, Susan Bennet – Stroke Association Clacks, Sheila McGhee – Disability Awareness Group, Mairi MacDonald – Stirling Council, Susan High – Strathcarron Hospice.

There was a presentation and discussion on the market position statement currently being drawn up by the local health and social care partnership and Susan High from Strathcarron Hospice, introduced Living Right up to the End, a new initiative by Strathcarron Hospice to find out what matters to people and what support is available in communities to help people make plans and have discussions to enable them to live actively right up to the end.

The Carers and Third Sector representatives to the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership, Angela Leask, Sheila McGhee and Elizabeth Ramsay, gave an update on recent activities.

Points raised in the market position statement discussion, which will be fed back to the health and social partnership included:

- We’re too busy doing what we are doing to look at anything else.
- Sometimes it’s hard for us to work in partnership.
- Third sector is in a fantastic position regarding health and social care – we help people out of hospital and provide support so that they can continue to live in the community.
- Third sector can also respond quickly to meet people’s needs.
- Volunteers often prefer to be active locally.
- Workforce issues include job security and retaining staff. Staff move from one provider to another. The living wage has had an impact in rural areas.
- People that need support aren’t always the ones that are asked their opinion.
- Sometime statutory sector does not have confidence in community supports. We need to change the mindset and look at social prescribing and the role of community connectors/ links workers.