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Newsletter October 2013

Supporting & Promoting Advocacy

New Starters



We have recently welcomed three new workers to Advonet. Rachel and Stella have joined the Leeds Independent Health Complaints Advocacy team as Advocacy Assistants and Pauline is the new Single Point of Access Administrator.

Rachel is a qualified solicitor, having practiced for seven years and has done a wide range of advocacy and advice work within that role, including advising trustees. Stella comes from the financial services sector where she had a number of roles, most recently in relationship management with clients. Pauline's background has been a tutor/trainer working in a college and, most recently, working with unemployed people raising their levels of literacy and numeracy. We look forward to working with them and hope they will settle in quickly.

Save the date

Following the success of the Consultation Event last January for the workers in the Advonet Consortium, we are planning on holding a similar event in January 2014. At the last event workers got together to increase their understanding of what each organisation does, develop shared ethos and encourage networking. They were also able to quiz the Advonet Board on a whole raft of topics pertinent to the imminent changes at the time to working as a consortium.

If you work for Leeds Advocacy, Advocacy for Mental Health and Dementia or Advocacy Support, please put this date in your diary: Tuesday 21 January 2014.

Training

Effective Advocacy and Negotiation Skills

In September there was another successful training session on Effective Advocacy and Negotiation Skills (EANS) which took place at Bridge Street Church. People attended from various organisations which included two of the new starters from Advonet. All participants took to the activities and various exercises like duck to water. The feedback at the end was very positive.



The next EANS course will run on Wednesday and Thursday 5 & 6 February 2014.



Adult Safeguarding

Advonet and LIHCA staff attended the above half-day training on 18 September. This was a refresher for some and new information for others. The session was educational, interactive and thought provoking. We would like to thank Noel Ward from A4MHD for running this event.



Support After Rape and Sexual Violence Leeds (SARSVL)

SARSVL is a Leeds based charity that provides free, totally confidential, independent support to women and girls who have experienced any kind of sexual violence at any time in their lives. This is done through a telephone helpline, email and text message service. One-to-one emotional support sessions can be booked by contacting the helpline. Unless there is a safeguarding issue, details will never be passed on to anyone else.

SARSVL is currently developing an independent advocacy service and has appointed an Advocacy Co-ordinator. Independent advocates will support survivors of sexual violence through the process of deciding whether or not to report the incident to the police, through trial, verdict and sentence, taking every step of the journey with them. The advocacy service will be completely independent of the police, medical and legal systems.

These services are delivered by volunteers who have received specialist training; some travel and child-care costs can be reimbursed. The helpline number is free from landlines and all mobile phone networks (however, there is a standard message charge for sending a text message).

Telephone support and one to one sessions can be booked via the helpline on **08088 023344**, text **07797 803211** or email: support@sarsvl.org.uk

Helpline opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6-8pm

Tuesday 8-11pm

Sunday 2-5pm

SARSVL Office: 0113 243 9102

www.supportaferrapeleeds.org.uk

If you would like to sign up to SARSVL's mailing list, contact:

info@sarsvl.org.uk

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Change of Trustees



It has been with some sadness that we have bid farewell to Jacqueline Martin and Janet Maybury from our Board of Trustees. They have both served us well through a very busy period of Advonet's history when we made the transition to a consortium from a network of advocacy providers in Leeds. We thank them both for their wisdom, insights and support; we wish them well in the future.

“**Advonet** To help you find the right person quicker, you can choose the relevant option

when phoning the 0113 244 0606 number:

- Option 1 Enquiries and general referrals
- Option 2 Leeds Independent Health Complaints Advocacy & referrals for health complaints
- Option 3 Leeds Advocacy & referrals for people with Learning Difficulties and IMCA service

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