

Third Sector Health, Social Care and Well Being Network For Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, and Bridgend

Terms of Reference

1. Vision Statement

‘Establish and increase dialogue between the Third Sector in Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend and the Abertawe Bro-Morgannwg University Health Board’.

‘To achieve better health outcomes for people living in the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board area; reducing health inequalities, promoting social wellbeing within communities, preventing ill-health, aiding recovery and independence’.

2. Role and purpose

- Work in close partnership with the Health Board and the Stakeholder Reference Group to encourage and reflect the diversity of the locality and where appropriate support positive action and representation of patients, carers and service users.
- Provide an environment and support for the exchange of information, and ideas between Third Sector organisations in the ABMU area.
- Provide opportunities for partners working in the health and social care field to access third sector feedback on issues and new projects and initiatives.
- Promote opportunities for patient and citizen engagement, participation and involvement.
- Provide updates and feedback for the Health Board Non-Officer Member, Third Sector in order for them to reflect the views of the sector at Board meetings.

2. Membership

- Membership is open to representatives of third sector organisations concerned with health and well being issues in the Abertawe Bro

Morgannwg Health Board area, the Third Sector Representative to the Board and co-opted members of the Health Board.

- The membership and conduct of the Network should reflect and respect the diverse nature of the constituencies it seeks to represent, and to this end should strive for a membership that reflects equal opportunities values and principles.

3. Meetings

It is envisaged that the Network will meet four times a year and be supported and serviced (in rotation) by the three Building Strong Bridges Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Facilitators based respectively at Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service (NPTCVS), Swansea Council for Voluntary Service (SCVS) and Bridgend Association for Voluntary Organisations (BAVO).

4. Representation

The Network will be represented at Board meetings by the current Non-Executive Third Sector Representative.

5. Decisions

Decisions at the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Network meetings will be made through discussion and consensus. It is expected that all members will work towards this. Members reserve the right to record in the minute's disagreement with any views expressed or majority decisions reached.