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Forum of Carers and people
who Use our Services

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What is FoCUS? A voice for carers and people who use mental health, learning disability, older people, and drug and alcohol services in Surrey and North East Hampshire, provided by Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Public meetings where NHS Managers learn from people who have experienced these services, what works well and what could be improved. FoCUS members are Carers and people who use services, or have used services in the last five years.

All FoCUS members who are carers can also attend the Carers Action Group.

Thank you to FoCUS Reps

A Big Thank you to all the FoCUS members who nominated themselves to become FoCUS Reps. We are delighted eight FoCUS Reps chose to continue in their roles and that we have two new FoCUS Reps who will start in post at the December FoCUS meetings Rachel for East and Mid FoCUS and Paul for South West FoCUS. We would like to thank the four Reps Simon, Donna, Tracey and Tony who have chosen to stand down for their work with FoCUS. The November Committee was the last meeting of the existing Reps with the Trust's Directors. Pictured below are FoCUS Reps David, Janice, Tony, Stephanie, Tracey and Larisa along side Jonathan Warren, Chief Nursing Officer & Deputy Chief Executive, Jo Lynch, Associate Director of People's Experience and Head of Nursing, Lorna Payne, Chief Operating Officer, Nikki Green People Participation and Experience Lead, with Donna, Lucy and Jane providing support.



Need help to attend meetings? We can pay your travel costs or arrange transport for you. Please contact your FoCUS Involvement Facilitator Jane Ahmed who can be contacted by Telephone 01483 456558, Mobile/SMS Text 07426 022279 or email Jane.Ahmed@surreycoalition.org.uk

I do not want to, or can not go to meetings can I still be involved?

Yes, we can send you regular updates by post or email and you can give us your views, You can also contact us on Twitter @FoCUS_SaBP or via www.facebook.com/FoCUS.SABP

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Influencing The Trust's electronic (computer) patient records

In September Helen Potter, The Trust's Electronic Patient Records Solutions Lead, talked at the FoCUS Area meetings about how the Trust can best highlight the use of Advanced Statements or Decisions on SystmOne (their computer system). She would like people using services & carers to be more involved in Digital (electronic) decisions and explore how we can work together on these in the future. A separate meeting has been organised on the 6th December to discuss this further.

Participation

At the Trust's Member's Day FoCUS shared the Trust's Participation stand. It was the first opportunity for FoCUS members to meet Nikki Green, People Participation and Experience Lead, for the Trust who is pictured here with FoCUS Rep Janice.



Nikki has since spoken at our October FoCUS Meetings about how the Trust are looking to create wider opportunities for people to participate. There will be opportunities for volunteers but also the opportunity to work as a Band 2, 3 or 4 staff member while working on a particular project. Secondly, the Trust are suggesting that FoCUS Area Groups and FoCUS Committee remain as they are but suggested introducing a third tier which would be a 'Working Together' group consisting of four members from each area group and Trust staff – all those attending would be equal members.

Our next FoCUS meetings are in December, all from 1pm - 3pm on:

East & Mid Surrey Monday 3rd December	Reigate Baptist Church, Sycamore Walk, Reigate , RH2 7LR
South West Surrey Wednesday 5th December	Guildford Baptist Church, Millmead, Guildford , GU2 4BE
North West Surrey Monday 10th December	The Chertsey Hall, Heriot Road, Chertsey , KT16 9DR
West Surrey & North East Hampshire Thursday 13th December	Theta Building, Lion Way, Frimley , GU16 7ER

If you need help to travel to meetings we can pay your travel costs or arrange transport for you —
Please ask Jane Ahmed for more information, details are below.

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