

Clusters in Milton Keynes (Employer Engagement Project)

At the recent Executive meeting, the Clusters put forward their ideas for new training and developmental activities and **over £10,000** was agreed to fund initiatives.

Some recent ideas that were approved included:

Training

- Dementia Inspiration Workshops led by David Sheard from Dementia Care Matters
- SONAS training
- “Meals an Enjoyable Experience” workshops that look to win hearts and minds to ensure meal times become an enjoyable experience rather than just a task.
- Personal Relationships and Sexuality for specific client groups
- Cultural awareness Workshops
- Hand Massage

Resources

- New Resource Library for Activities Books and Musical Instruments that will be managed by the MK Alzheimer’s Society.
- Ultra Violet Infection Control Instrument for smaller care homes to complement the infection control training they are responsible for – watch out if you visit one of the Homes participating, you may be challenged on how clean your hands are!

What is Planned

The Clusters have a whole range of training planned, this includes:

March - Care Planning, Improving Documentation, Bereavement Training, NAPA training

April - More NAA training – New Thinkign and the Dignity Challenge

May -Music Therapy

June -Seated Exercise training

It is up to Employers to decide whether to participate in the MK Clusters but I hope what you have read so far might make you want to join if you have not already done so.

There are five clusters which will have differing needs and thus will work in a way that suits them and meets their objectives.

Group 1 - Larger Care Homes (usually part of a group)

Group 2 - Smaller Care Homes (two geographical groups)

Group 3 - Mental Health and Learning Disability

Group 4 - Domiciliary Care

Group 5 - Voluntary and Specialist Interests

In additional there is a specialist drugs, alcohol and substance misuse group which is funded in a different way and meets informally.

Dates of Next Meetings:

Cluster 1 20th April 10 -11.30am @Kents Hill Care Home

Cluster 2 27th April 10 – 12pm @ Devon Lodge

Cluster2b 27th April 10 – 12pm @ Westlands

Cluster3 28th April 9.30 – 11.00am @ MacInyre CMK

Cluster4 20th April 12.00 – 1.30 @Everycare

Cluster 5 To be confirmed

Interested and Want to Join?

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