



Worcestershire Association of Voluntary Organisations in Community Care (WAVOCC)

Representatives' Feedback Form

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Meeting attended WCC Choice & Control Strategic Partnership Forum 28th May 2010

Introduction:

The Forum is not a decision making body, as executive responsibility rests with the Choice and Control Programme Board, but is intended to be the principal body for coordinating the Council's and Partner Organisations' services in response to the personalisation agenda in Worcestershire. The Forum meets four times a year and is chaired by Director of Corporate Services. The functions of the Forum are defined as providing a mechanism for:

- the development of partnership working towards the successful implementation of personalisation across the Council, the provision of universal services and the development of social capital.
- the structured exchange of information and intelligence.
- the debate and actioning of joint issues that affect some or all directorates/services.
- the identification of possible barriers to implementation and ways of resolving or reducing them.

It is intended that the membership of the Forum should consist of:

- From the County Council - representation of officers from across the Council directorates and others with a strategic interest in Choice and Control.
- From service users – two nominees of the Choice and Control User/Carer Group.
- From the voluntary and community sector – two nominees of the Worcestershire Infrastructure Consortium.
- From the District Councils – representation of officers from District Councils with a strategic interest in Choice and Control, as appropriate.

This was the second meeting of the Forum and my first as one of the two VCS representatives.

1. Items of interest to WAVOCC Members were:

The Forum received and discussed:

- a paper briefing introducing the notion and implications of 'Social Capital'.
- a presentation on the Joint Commissioning Unit's role in 'shaping markets to make personalisation happen'.
- an update on Worcestershire's 'personalisation agenda' covering:
 - Access to universal services
 - The focus on early intervention and prevention

