

Presentation by Isabel Wilson

2 years has passed very quickly since being elected as the Voluntary sector representative to the Community Health Partnership for Glenrothes and North East Fife.

At the first Health and Well-being Forum I was asked how long do I intend to stay? My answer was that as I am paying into the final salary scheme I therefore intend to stay for as long as I possibly can.

As Service Manager for Leonard Cheshire services in Fife my remit is responsible for over 100 staff 20 volunteers and over 100 service users. As you can imagine this amount of responsibility takes first priority and it has been a challenging opportunity for me take time from my busy schedule to demonstrate the real value given to the work of the CHP.

Commitment

My commitment to Glenrothes and North East Fife CHP has been attending as far as possible 1 attendance at the CHP every alternative month. 1 half day every other month at the Development meeting, 2 annual Training and Development training days, Health and Well-Being Forums the most recent one including participation with the Health and Well-being Alliance with action plans.

During the first year of attending CHP and Development meetings I have found the networking experience highly rewarding where I believe CHP members now have a clearer understanding of Voluntary and Community involvement.

I believe I **have** been instrumental in **building** a positive relationship between the voluntary sector and the rest of the CHP membership.

My first responsibilities were to bring Voluntary awareness to the CHP Committee where Douglas McLelland CVS Fife was invited to give a presentation of the Voluntary Sector.

I believe I have built up a healthy relationship with individual Committee members and used this experience to ask questions and clarify on behalf of the voluntary sector.

My responsibilities have been to send CHP committee minutes to CVS Fife where the Voluntary Sector could have access to all minutes of specific interest. This was best agreed by the CHP and CVS Fife as an initial form of Communication from the CHP to the Voluntary sector.

It has been noticed the drive of CHP members comes from those with presentations and specific Community areas of interest and it would give me great pleasure to build the Voluntary Sector into this method of interest and Drive.

The recent CHP Voluntary Training and Development day highlighted the changes to the Voluntary Sector commitment to CHP's and it was noticed that representatives have moved on within this time. There continues to be various understanding, focus and structural variances throughout the country.

I believe CVS Fife is a leader in this movement and in line with some other communicative instances however its time to focus on how we can improve Communication and valued change from the Voluntary Sector into the CHP.

Today it is felt that we in the Voluntary Sector must now drive forward and take Voluntary issues back into CHP discussion where change can be identified and acted on.

Papers and presentations from various CHP members have detailed community issues such as today's dental issues, Pharmacy changes, hospital developments and various other interests.

How do we the Voluntary sector make progress, where do we go from here?

Today, I require to prioritise at least 2 areas of Voluntary issues which will provide an opportunity to lead into the CHP for debate, discussion and change.

It's up to you here today to come forward, I'm prepared to support you, to include you, and to lead the Voluntary sector into a valuable

and worthwhile commitment. We want to be a real partner in promoting the health and well-being of the people of Central and North–East Fife.

Its with this in mind that I will be putting myself forward for re-election as I feel with 2 years under my belt I have come to grips with the expectations of the CHP. I have formed relationships with individuals from the CHP. I now have the ability to understand the role of the elected membership which will take the Voluntary sector into a futuristic and worthwhile experience in partnership with Glenrothes and North East Fife CHP.

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