

Fife Voluntary Sector Mental Health Forum Remit

1. Remit

The role of the Forum is to facilitate the effective and collective involvement of Fife's voluntary sector in improving the mental health and wellbeing of the people of Fife in partnership with statutory and other non-statutory agencies.

In order to achieve this, the Forum will:

- a. Elect, support and hold to account voluntary sector representatives to the Mental Health Strategic Implementation Group and the Local Mental Health Partnerships
- b. Meet every two months to enable a regular exchange of information, inspiration and expertise across the sector
- c. Use the services of CVS Fife and VONEF to publicise its meetings, activities and consultations with a view to securing as broad a participation of the voluntary sector as possible
- d. Inform statutory and other partners of the range and professionalism of services delivered by the voluntary sector
- e. Act as a focus for Fife's voluntary sector to contribute to local and national consultations on the development of mental health services and policy
- f. Be a point of contact for statutory agencies and other planning partners seeking to consult with Fife's voluntary sector on mental health issues.
- g. Communicate with the wider voluntary sector in Fife and participate in the proposed Voluntary Sector Coordinating Group.

2. Membership

Membership is open to all constituted voluntary organisations operating in Fife who have an interest in improving mental health and well being.

3. Representatives

The Forum will elect, support and hold to account voluntary sector representatives to:

- a) Fife Mental Health Strategic Implementation Group
- b) Dunfermline and West Fife Local Mental Health Partnership
- c) Glenrothes and North East Fife Local Mental Health Partnership
- d) Kirkcaldy and Levenmouth Local Mental Health Partnership
- e) The proposed Voluntary Sector Coordinating Group

Representatives will normally be elected annually.

Representatives are expected to:

- a) Attend the meetings to which they have been elected to represent us
- b) Work with CVS Fife to ensure the sector is kept informed of, and is able to contribute to, the proceedings of these meetings
- c) Attend meetings of the Forum
- d) Represent the collective and differing views of the organisations in the Forum.

Failure to attend two meetings of the forum running without acceptable apologies will lead to the representative being replaced.