



Voice for All

Advocacy Group
Brothers of Charity Services, Lancashire



Annual Report 2016-17



Summary of Achievements



Voice for All Group and Members

- Annual election of a new Committee
- New Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
- New Committee Members welcomed and introduced
- Ongoing 'Relationships' and 'Fundraising' Sub groups, meetings and actions
- Improved confidence and self-esteem
- Having more choice and control
- Being included, involved and having a voice that is heard and listened to
- Improved ability to speak up for ourselves and others
- Excellent networking and partnership working
- New friendships and relationships



Partnership Working

- Members of LCC 'Partnership Board'
- Members of LCC 'Friendship, Sex and Relationships Group'



Partnership Working continued

- Members of NW Regional 'Being Safe' Group
- Members of NW Regional 'Living Well' Group
- Members of NW 'Regional Forum'
- Members of NW 'National Campaigns Forum'
- Members of NW 'Confirm and Challenge'
- Members of 'Safety in Town' Forum
- Members of CCG 'Patient Advisory Group'
- Members of BOC Events Group
- Members of BOC Health and Wellbeing Group
- Regular meetings with BOC Senior Management Team
- Working with BOC Merseyside
- Working with NW groups (SAIL, React, U-Night Group, NWTDT, Pathways Associates, NHS Healthwatch Lancashire, UCLAN, SPICE and Time Credits, Preston Pride, Lancashire LGBT, Meet 'n' Match, Chorley Borough Council, NW Disability Equality, NHS Sexual Health Service)
- Working with Dr. Claire Bates and Supported Loving National Campaign
- Working with Brockhall and Calderstones – 'A Peoples History'
- Working with Lancashire Eating Disorder Service
- Ongoing Partnership and Contract with Greater Preston and Chorley and South Ribble NHS and CCG's



Events and Activities

- 'Y be Shy about Sex' Joint Training Programme
- Friendship and Relationship Conference
- 'Y be Shy' NW Conference
- Our Health event
- Facebook and Staying Safe online Training
- BOC Heritage Day at Merseyside
- Preston Pride



Events and Activities continued

- Regular Film Nights
- Annual Volunteers Walk
- Di George Charity Quiz Night
- Halloween Disco
- Annual General Meeting and Celebration
- Christmas Meal
- Santa Stroll and Christmas Fair
- Valentines Disco
- Annual Gala Dinner
- North West Regional Advocacy Conference
- BOC Recruitment Events
- Hate Crime Awareness Week
- Learning Disability Awareness Week
- Annual Health and Wellbeing event
- General Election Awareness Campaign
- Launch of 'Love, Sex and Relationships' easy read policy and guidelines
- National Dignity Day and Digni-TREE
- Comic Relief Bake-Off
- Meet 'n' Match Drop in session



Policy and Procedure

- Production of new easy read policy and guidelines 'Love, Sex and Relationships'
- Updating the 'How best to support me – Friendships and Relationships' easy read booklet and guidelines



Awards and Recognition

- Becky Gammon elected onto the North West 'National Campaigns Forum'
- VFA involvement and contribution to CSE Award and achievement of Compliance Plus's
- Lancashire Post Full Page Featured Article
- National 'Supported Loving' Campaign recognition for Best Practice (Love, Sex and Relationships)
- Numerous BOC website and Newsletter articles



Presentations, workshops and Training

- VFA presentations
 - LCC Partnership Board
 - Volunteers Walk
 - Greater Preston and Chorley and South Ribble NHS and Clinical Commissioning Groups
 - 'Pleased to Meet You' BOC Merseyside
- 'Relationships Rock' Conference
- 'Y be Shy' NW Regional Conference
- Facebook and IT Training
- UCLAN Learning Disability Awareness
- National 'Supported Loving' Campaign
- 'Consent and Being Safe' workshop at NW Regional Advocacy Conference
- New 'Welcome Day' staff induction training programme and preparations



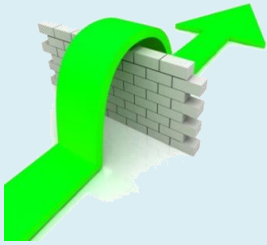
Easy Read

- Voice for All minutes of meetings
- Voice for All news and updates
- All VFA memo's, posters and publicity
- VFA training and workshops
- VFA PowerPoints and presentations
- VFA Leaflets and Publications
- BOC New 'Love, Sex and Relationships' Guidelines and Policy
- BOC updated 'How best to support me – Friendships and Relationships' Guidelines
- VFA accessible website

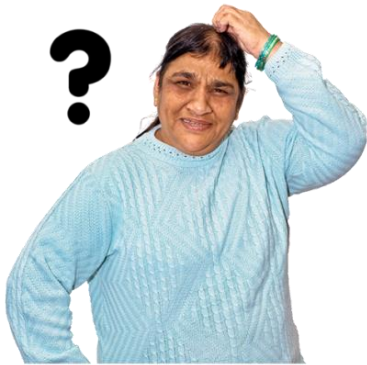


Funding

- Income from local community events
- Income from various Voice for All social and leisure events and activities
- Contract with NHS and Greater Preston and Chorley and South Ribble Clinical Commissioning Groups



Summary of **Challenges**



- Future housing, security, finance and funding for Voice for All Advocacy Group
- Achieving all VFA Actions including;
 - Meeting and listening to all members
 - One Page Profiles for All
 - Improved communications across Service
 - Accessible and meaningful information
 - Receiving regular news, updates and information
 - Support and access to information
 - Tenants holidays issues and concerns
 - Support at events and leaving early
 - Getting to know new people to the service
 - Recruitment and Selection inclusion and events
 - Joint training courses and opportunities
 - Sharing good news, compliments and best practice



Summary of **Innovations**



- Regular VFA social events and activities
- Meet 'n' Match drop in session
- Love, Sex and Relationships easy read policy, guidelines and information
- Joining National Campaigns
- Facebook and IT Training
- Y be Shy about Sex Regional Conference
- Sharing office space with Creative Arts
- General Election Awareness and Publicity
- Dignity Day and Digni-TREE
- Involvement in new 'Welcome Day' training



Summary of

Celebrations



- Voice for All going from strength to strength
- Improved networking and partnership working
- Large advocacy presence throughout Lancashire and the North West
- Voice for All being a highly valued, respected and reputable self-advocacy group
- Active and valued members of many groups and forums across Lancashire and the North West
- VFA continually sharing, promoting and celebrating good practice and good news stories
- Receiving National recognition for best practice re 'Love, Sex and Relationships'
- Celebrating Committee members birthdays
- 'Love, Sex and Relationship' launch party
- 2016 AGM and evening of Celebration
- Numerous Voice for All events and regular activities for all

John and the Voice for All Committee Members



26th July 2017