

Northern Acquired Brain Injury Forum
Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2008

In Attendance

Professor Mike Barnes, Paul Saxon, Colin Chambers, Des O'Meara, Rachel Morgan, Nick Gutteridge, Janet Grace, Alastair White, Simon Richell, Fran Mayes, Julie Roberts, John Walker, Nick Hedley, Anne Hunter, Catherine Symington, Helen Brunton, Heather Batey, Matt Norfolk, Brenda Turnbull, John Donovan, Paul Brown, Viv Watson, Boda Gallon, John Llewelyn, Alison Ainsley, Jackie Waggott, Gail Sommerville.

Many thanks to Professor David Mendelow for his presentation “The Implications of Decompressive Craniectomy”

and

Mr Guru Nagarajan for his presentation “Community based rehabilitation for people with spinal and brain injuries living in slums in Southern India”

Business Meeting and AGM

1. Apologies for absence

Andrew McDonald, Barbara Chandler, Dee Moore, Janice Thomson, Janis Smith, Vicki Gilman, Helen Hastie.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes were agreed, with no matters arising.

3. AGM and Elections

Chairman’s report: there was a brief review of the year, with continued good attendances at meetings, the successful October Conference and progress with the service mapping exercise.

Treasurer’s report: Mark Tempest retired as Treasurer part way through the year and has not been replaced. Paul Saxon reported that the conference had made a profit of about £4,000.

Elections to the Executive Committee: without a vote the following were agreed:

Alister Berry and Heather Batey stood down from the committee, with thanks to them for their contributions over the past 2 years.

Nick Gutteridge was appointed Treasurer.

Anne Hunter, Helen Brunton and Paul Brown join the committee.

The remaining members of the committee agreed to remain in post.

4. October conference

It was agreed that as the October conference had been a success we should aim to organise another conference, to be discussed further by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

5. Report from the UKABIF Conference

Mike Barnes reported from the UKABIF conference and AGM.

UKABIFs membership has doubled over the past 12 months. The number of ABIFs is growing, with increasing regional coverage, but there is continued agreement that there should be an informal relationship between the ABIFs and UKABIF.

UKABIF has increased its links with Headway, with Headway Chairman Peter McCabe joining the UKABIF Executive Committee.

6. Introductions

John Welch introduced the services of Welch Makepeace Psychology Solutions, a team of Chartered Psychologists based in Newcastle upon Tyne. They offer services in Occupational Psychology, Neuropsychology and Clinical Psychology, with a network of independent psychologists throughout the UK.

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7. Any other business

None.

8. Next meetings

Meetings for 2009 will take place on:

24th April

3rd July

18th September (Carlisle)

11th December

Further details to follow.