



CRAWLEY COMMUNITY &
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Mental Health Forum

Terms of Reference

Aim

The key aim of the forum is to provide an inclusive platform for mental health providers, agencies and individuals dealing with mental health issues; to discuss areas of concern and comment collectively on these issues to relevant agencies. The forum will act as a collective voice for mental health services. Where it is appropriate and where opportunities arise, the forum will make recommendations for action. The welfare of service users is at the heart of the forum.

Membership

Membership is free and open to any organisation or individual who is involved in the provision of services for, or directly affecting those with mental health issues. A contribution in time is required from all members.

Structure

The membership will elect from amongst themselves a Chair and Vice Chair once per year, this will where possible take place in the month of November.

Objectives

1. To meet together on a quarterly basis to exchange information and share ideas.
2. To invite speakers from relevant organisations to speak to the membership.
3. To ensure that up to date information regarding support services, agencies and sources of advice is available to forum members and other service providers.
4. Through the forum, to promote the help available from member groups through participation in relevant events and publicity opportunities.

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

In addition, the Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust (SPFT) will have a regular item on the Mental Health Forum agenda and use this Forum to:

1. Support the effective management of contractual relationships between SPFT and the voluntary sector at a local level.
2. Agree local priorities and service developments within agreed frameworks and plans, and to co-ordinate delivery plans.
3. Identify and resolve system and process issues.
4. Work towards a shared understanding of wellbeing and recovery.
5. Provide collective local leadership in developing and improving services.