



BROMLEY COUNCIL ON AGEING SPRING 2010

BROMLEY SOCIAL CARE



Individuals and representatives from a range of organisations in the Borough met to discuss the current position of social care in Bromley which was led by three Assistant Directors from Adult and Community Services. Each speaker emphasised the challenges facing Adult and Community Services - how to provide an effective service to the growing number of older people who are living longer and placing more demands on the service, whilst

working within the confines of a restricted budget. **Emphasis was placed on the need to work smarter, increasing efficiency through earlier intervention and working in partnership.**

A range of concerns were highlighted, including:-

- The growing number of dementia sufferers who are referred to day centres that do not have sufficient resources to meet those specific needs. Specialist centres have long waiting lists and there is nowhere to refer these people.
- The need for more emergency respite care.
- Difficulties in accessing the Bromley Social Services Direct telephone line.
- Following the reorganisation of services from hospital based to community based, there is even greater need for the PCT and Council to work together in partnership.

Copies of the presentations can be obtained from Evelyn Collington 0208 325 9788.



What is Bromley Council on Ageing?

Bromley Council on Ageing is the forum for voluntary and community sector organisations and for individuals with an interest in older peoples issues that work with or on behalf of older people in Bromley. Now in our fourteenth successful year, the forum is invited to participate in increasing numbers of partnership activities, and involved in delivering more consultation with our voluntary sector members and with older service users. The work we do to promote the involvement of older people as service users and carers is particularly in demand due to new national policy agenda.

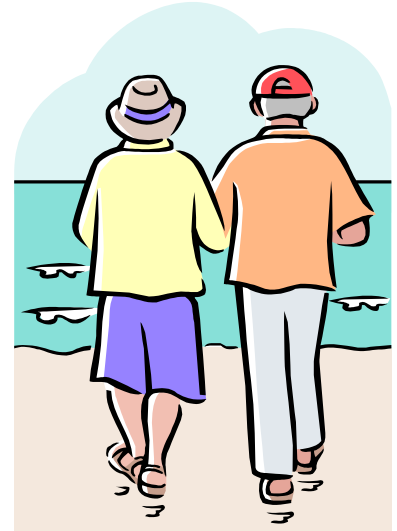


OLDER PEOPLES PANEL

Over 40 members of the Older Peoples Panel met in March to discuss **Advanced Care Plans**, that is planning for End of Life Care. During our workshop groups, panel members considered how they would feel about talking about their wishes in end of life care, who they would talk to and the problems they envisage.

Our members considered the advantages in talking to someone about their wishes and made suggestions as to how to overcome the barriers which might prevent them from doing so.

For more information, and to obtain a copy of the Planning for your future care guide, please telephone 0116 222 5103 or email information@eolc.nhs.uk



SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE IN BROMLEY

This is the Council's programme to transform adult social care in the Borough and will be the topic for our forthcoming Older Peoples Panel meeting on Thursday 3rd June at 2pm at Community House. We shall be focusing on the part new technology will play in the transformation to help people live more independently and members will have the chance to have 'their say'.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Older Peoples Panel Meeting

Thursday 3rd June 2010

10-30am until 2-30pm followed by buffet lunch

Topic—Supporting Independence

Members Meeting

Monday 12th July

10am until Noon

Topic to be decided

All meetings will be held at Community House, South Street, Bromley

WE NEED YOU!! - are you an older person who is interested in bringing the perspective of older people to various working groups and committees? Why don't you join our Older Peoples Panel? There is no charge. For more information please call Evelyn Collington on 0208 325 9788

Visit our website for more information at
www.bromleycoa.org.uk

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