

Devon Small Scale Provider Forum meeting 13.06.11

Venue...Caraston hall Exeter

Apologies...

Paul Bird

Jan Navran

Claire Lewis

Despite the fact that only three apologies were received, only three members attended so that the planned meeting was not viable.

A date for the next meeting was not set and the minutes secretary was asked to canvass those members who often attend as to the future of this forum. It may be that it overlaps the DIPCA group and that, with the cessation of Supporting People as such, members do not think it necessary to continue.

Could you please email me your views on this ASAP.

Those present had an informal chat about the framework/consortia/ etc. The companies bidding for 'lead in a consortium' will have 3 to 4 months to complete the ITT after the end of June when it appears but it appears that the actual framework will not start until April 2012. However those wishing to join consortia or partnerships need to be 'buddying up' now. Lead Providers will have to charge their members for set up and ongoing admin.

It is still not clear how new Service Users will be allocated to a consortium and whether this will be by choosing the cheapest.

Service User right to choice will be very limited.

It will be interesting to see whether Care Managers will circumvent the framework as they seem to have done in many cases with brokerage.