

Community Works Representative Feedback and Communication Form

Your Name	Alison Marino
Your Organisation	Community Works
Name of Partnership Meeting	Advice Partnership Meeting / Advice Services Transition Project team
Name(s) of other reps that attended	N/a
Date & time of meeting	Wednesday 25th February 2015
1	Simon Whitwell & Alex Brining, BHT/ Advice Brighton & Hove delivered presentation on Webcam Advice. Tess reported back on the experience of different user groups. Further focus groups with learning disabilities, carers and people with mental health problems are planned.
2	Michelle Buck presented on the advice needs of members of the FFT community. Group discussed possibility of adopting a 'Thumbs Up' style badge for organisations who have had basic 'traveller awareness' training.
3	Funeral Poverty Work continues – a number of advice agencies are supporting work to encourage local funeral directors to sign up to a Fair Funeral Pledge; an event will be run for those who sign up.
4	<p>Information Prescriptions – My Life Portal</p> <p>Online directory of Adult Social Care and Health Services (including dementia care information) – soft launch April and bigger launch in Summer. Healthwatch and Community Works have reviewed content. There may be further opportunities for advice providers to input into content. BHCC information to be hosted within a new Information Prescription format with self-assessment tools.</p> <p>Sally Mahon leading developments around digital inclusion including roll out of free wifi across the City and ongoing development of provision for government services to go online. Resource allocated to a 2 year Project Co-ordinator role. Work focusing on meeting needs around particular areas including social housing, those with low income and/or low skills, older people and, later in the year, the roll out of Universal Credit.</p>
5	<p>Advice Services Transition Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activity is being shaped to gear up for the end of this fund in September 2015 - This funding resources the Advice team, that co-ordinate and support the Advice Services Partnership and Advice Services network. The activities – strategic development and social policy development around advice provision – feed into the business of both the network and the partnership. - Advice Project have scoped work on evaluation, legacy and sustainability of the project to date. Will broadly address 3 core areas: challenges ahead (including grants to commissioning process, universal credit, co-location of agencies, meeting the Care Act); Infrastructure for continued ASP (where does the network and partnership now sit, how are learning needs met, where will 'products' be hosted); Learning and legacy from online advice provision (including toolkit development and strategic links to digital inclusion agenda).