

ShUSH newsletter and record of monthly members meeting

15/04/2006

- Apologies that meeting held a week late
 - due to overdose of other meetings.
 - 'Sorry but I am not a professional meeting person' said Andrew!
- Also apologies from Geoff as today's
 - meeting clashed with meditation.
- Present 10 members. Meeting Chaired and
 - recorded by Andrew.
- Review of Shush held with Mint lane staff.
 - Some problems identified with cleaning at end of weekend? Also issues around
 - long term use and ideas for garden?
 - On the plus side membership continues to increase.
- Posters completed and website evolving...
Please check it out.
 - www.shush-lincoln.co.uk
- New Centre initial meeting held and
 - the next meeting is 4.30pm on 4th of May at Mint lane. Ideas for name required and
 - ideas for use.
- Happiness project reported some new
 - ideas are under development re Shush and new Centre. Also Roger checked out
 - possible allotment. Money dedicated for
 - Mint lane garden can be used for it?
- Cleaning. Poster being made by Stuart to
 - remind everyone to clean up after themselves. Also Coordinators need to
 - check toilets at end of day and empty kitchen bin. Andrew will put together A4 guidelines plus tighten up rota for cover!
- Reminded that anybody has the right to
 - ask for music or whatever, is changed in
 - Main room or another room is used.
- Following incident three weeks ago with
 - a new member, it became apparent that guidelines do not adequately cover someone who is under the influence of a substance but not dealing or immediately behaviourally difficult. A small group will
 - reword and submit new guidelines?
- Reminder about meeting on Monday
 - 24th April at Mint lane 1.45pm-4pm
 - about Direct Payments also other items.
- Jim has indicated some free computers
 - might be available for Service users,
 - talk to Andrew or Jim.
- We have received a cheque for £250
 - from Lincoln City Development project
 - who helped support Shush, when it was
 - homeless.
- Sally requested some cushions and blankets and group agreed to fund it.
 - Andrew suggested Playstation 2 and vote lost massively...
Andrew blames Chris who was on
 - computer at the time!
- Suggestion to have Converse and/or
 - Music event(s). Agreed that this would be good PR for Shush and centre but should
 - not be money making; rather they would aim to break even and raise awareness?

NURSE STABS PSYCHIATRIC PATIENT IN HOSPITAL



Today, at a Lincoln Trust hospital, a psychiatric nurse, by the name of Keepa Quiet, held down a schizophrenic man along with other members of a multi-disciplinary team. The man's trousers were disengaged, and a large syringe containing a powerful dose of Chlorpromazine medication was administered to the man's buttocks.

Today, in a civil court of law, the nurse defended her actions. "The injection was administered in the interests of control and restraint and a co-ordinated care approach," she claimed.

However, the patient concerned said at the hearing today, "these nurses shouldn't be allowed to run around stabbing people like this, it's a disgrace that this should happen, to a perfectly mad individual, in the twenty-first century."

The use of Chlorpromazine, and other such drugs, is now being investigated, and it has been suggested that these drugs should be subject to tighter controls. As the patient himself complained, "the chemical ingredients that constitute Chlorpromazine were originally used as a veterinary treatment against parasites in animals. If it can zap a few intestinal worms, God knows what it's doing to the inside of my head."

The patient was injected with the drug, after claiming that he was really a genius in disguise, the court was told. "Einstein himself had a schizoid personality, and no-one ever locked HIM up on a psychiatric ward, and forcibly injected him. And yet the government calls this, 'joined up thinking'"

A government spokesman said today, that an independent inquiry will be held, regarding the incident. M.A.D, or Management - A Disaster, claimed that the tragedy was the result of an ill-thought out policy of care-in-the-hospital, for vulnerable psychiatric professionals. "It's clear," he said today, "that these individuals should be subject to better Assertive In-reach, to avoid these kinds of incident from occurring in the future."