



SABIN Steering Committee – 5 May 2009

Steering Committee Membership

Current members of the Steering Committee represent the following sectors:

Therapy/private sector, the Bradley Unit, Headway Surrey, Solicitors, PCT and charitable sector.

We do not have anybody from Social Services and it would be good to do so. Oliver will speak to one of his contacts. It would in due course be good to have somebody representing carers/families on the Steering Committee but it is important to get the right person.

Membership Data

At present the very significant amount of data on people interested professionally in acquired brain injury in Surrey, is only used to communicate by email with members. However, it was agreed that a significant budget would be needed if SABIN is to do anything more with that data (for example publishing it on the website for password protected access by members). Oliver will be representing SABIN at the UKABIF meeting in a fortnight's time and he will report back on what other ABIFs are doing.

Service Mapping Directory

It was agreed that SABIN would now collate and publish a directory entitled "Essential Knowledge For Brain Injury in Surrey". The directory will be based on information supplied by members of SABIN as to what their organisation does. A form was considered and amended to make it suitable for this purpose and will be circulated amongst members of the Steering Committee before being sent out to all members to complete and submit for an entry in the directory.

Remaining Events in 2009

Holy Cross is about to open their new aqua-therapy pool. It was agreed that an event could be held there on 23 July (4-6pm) when a tour of the facilities could take place for interested members and there would also be a talk by Sally De La Fontaine on the benefits of aqua-therapy for brain injury survivors. In the Autumn we will aim to hold an event seeking to identify the services which are missing in our county for brain injury survivors. We will aim to invite our local Surrey MPs so that they can understand the issues and problems. There will be workshops for attendees to

identify the provision that is missing and why it is important. This will take some considerable planning. An exact date will be set when the availability of the MPs has been ascertained. The directory (see above) will be launched at this event.