



SABIN Steering Committee – 22 February 2010

Promoting Networking

We have a good accessible website and we now have a large membership. In an effort to provide opportunities for members to network with each other, for the benefit of people with acquired brain injury in our county, we are going to do an analysis of our membership database, to identify the types of professions, sectors, geographical location and any other relevant details relating to our members. In that way we can target events which will hopefully be of interest to our members.

Mapping Exercise

We will be aiming to circulate a form to all members in the near future with a view to gathering data on services available to people with ABI within inner Surrey. Those forms will then be used to publish information on our website. Of necessity, we will need to make it clear to members of the public visiting our website that publication of the data does not mean recommendation of the service offered. The information will simply relate to members of SABIN who have shown an interest in acquired brain injury.

Events

As the public sectors'/training budget has been reduced so significantly now, it was felt that lectures/seminars were likely to be poorly attended. The most successful events we have held in the past have been either on an issue of considerable importance and concern to our members or have been simple, fun, social networking events. In the absence of an obvious issue at the moment, we will arrange for two social events this year. The first will be held in the Summer and will be a garden party in Guildford, to which everybody who has submitted a mapping form (see above) as well as the wider membership will be invited. The aim will be to allow people to raise awareness of their service amongst the members of SABIN.

The second event will take place towards the end of November/beginning of December and will be held at Headway, Surrey. Sponsors will be sought for the refreshments.

Political Lobbying

It had not been possible to obtain a suitable date to meet up with the Surrey MP's at the Houses of Parliament. In the run up to the general election, now is not the time to resurrect that plan. However, once the election is over, we will renew efforts to lobby our local MP's.