



**Minutes of SABIN Steering Group Meeting  
Tuesday 1 March 2011  
Barlow Robbins, Quarry Street Office, Guildford  
4.30pm**

Present: Helen Goatley (HMG)           Debbie Hollands (DH)  
          Oliver McGeachy (OMcG)       Keith Hawley (KH)  
          Sue Cable (SC)

Apologies: Carole Fowlie, Sally de la Fontaine, Alice Stevens

- It was reported that everything is now going very slowly as a result of the Government cutbacks. It was reported that it recently took a year for funding to be negotiated for somebody to come out of hospital into the Regard Partnership's care.
- Surrey PCT has commissioned research into commissioning neurological services in Surrey. The aim is for joint commissioning with Surrey Social Services to happen as from September, but all were agreed that this was ambitious.
- There is a danger that general care homes will be asked to tender for the provision of care to ABI survivors. It was generally agreed that this is completely inappropriate.
- UKABIF are leading the lobbying at national level and are particularly focusing on the absence of statistics for ABI when making decisions for national policy changes. SABIN feeds into UKABIF.
- Mapping –Improvements were discussed to the information appearing on the website. As SABIN has no budget, it was suggested that an email could be sent around to all members inviting them, if they wanted a weblink from the website, to include a hyperlink within the word document they completed.
- Future Events – The intention is to hold an event in the late afternoon (4-6pm) at the beginning of September to look at the research from Surrey PCT/Social Services. Then to organise a Christmas Drinks event in December 2011.
- It was agreed to invite Anita Rose onto the Steering Committee.