

Item 3g Partner Updates

Organisation	South Hams Community & Voluntary Services (CVS) (inc. South Hams Volunteer Centre)
Date	8 March 2010
Summary of Progress	<p>Volunteer brokerage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Volunteer Centre has advised 42 new volunteers, between Dec-March. Of the 42, 22 were specifically placed. 12 were given extensive support and among these 12, additional needs were prominent: for example on the rebound from redundancy, bullying at work, learning difficulty, mental health issues, dyslexia, autism, bereavement • A further 22 volunteering opportunities were uncovered. We continued to hear from volunteers that some organisations are slow to respond to offers of time and talent. We inform volunteers this may occur for forgivable reasons... however we discovered a recruitment office voicemail that had been filling up for weeks after its owner had changed jobs! • A project supporting good practice in volunteer management (VAMP) is being set up. Hopefully this should help prevent situations as the above. <p>Voluntary Sector Involvement on Complex Care Teams(CCT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of referrals from CCTs to the voluntary sector has increased by over 50% since December 2008. <p>Addressing gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivybridge Caring is up and running and taking referrals • Preliminary discussions are taking place with individuals/organisations in Brixton, Modbury & South Brent, with the possibility of providing further voluntary 'caring' services in these areas • South Hams CVS is part of an initiative to establish 'Memory Cafes' in Totnes and Dartmouth
Current / Shared Issues	<p>South Hams Connect – South Hams CVS has taken up the opportunity for extending its outreach through this initiative</p> <p>Carers - the Strategic Carer Support Worker Review is looking at the inequalities that exist for carers in Devon and priorities for investment. South Hams CVS has been helping review voluntary sector support for carers.</p>
SHSP Action Recommended	<p>In 2010 South Hams CVS celebrates it's 15th year and a '15year-Local Focus project' will be taking place, aimed at increasing the ability of small and medium voluntary and community organisations (VCOs) in the South Hams to survive the recession and be robust for the future. We will be looking for local contacts and knowledge to help ensure we are reaching all areas of the South Hams and would welcome help from partners towards this.</p>