

Special Interest Group meeting preparatory note

Group: Community Based Support
Date: Wednesday 17th March 11:00 – 16:00
Location: Ostomy Lifestyle, 4 The Courtyard, Eastern Road, Bracknell RG12 2XB

Introduction & objective

We feel that more people affected by stoma surgery could benefit from community based support initiatives in their local area. The purpose of this meeting is to find out how this can be achieved by involving stakeholders, such as those with an interest in setting up, administering or promoting such activities.

Background

There are many forms of community based support for people affected by stoma surgery; for example **local support group meetings, hospital open days, information days, or other events.**

They may be organised by **locally administered support groups, regional subsidiaries of national organisations, individuals or departments in local hospitals, or commercial companies.**

When these are provided effectively these can be an excellent 'one stop shop' for **peer to peer support, practical advice, emotional support, professional medical advice and information, product information,** or even just **a chance to get out of the house** in a friendly environment.

Agenda

11:00 Coffee, tea on arrival
11:30 Presentation: Background information, current findings
12:00 Lunch—sandwiches will be provided, although a contribution to costs would be appreciated
12:30 Group sessions
13:00 Discussion following group work
14:30 Discuss possible outputs and next actions
16:00 Close

Preliminary questions

You may like to consider the following discussion points in advance, as they will be integral to the meeting:

- What impact does community based support or information events have on people with a stoma?
- How can we ensure individuals are aware of community based support initiatives?
- How can we encourage individuals to participate in community based support initiatives?
- How can we maximise the benefit of attending community based support initiatives?
- Who is our target audience for community based support? (who has the greatest need?)

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