

Stroke Survivors and Volunteer Project Co-ordinator - Invitation to Bid

Introduction

The Department of Health has allocated a grant to each local authority to help address the Quality Markers (QMs) outlined in the National Stroke Strategy. Newham Stroke Board has identified an area for development in longer-term care and support and the involvement of stroke survivors in service development. Newham already has a Stroke Club, Community Aphasia Group and Stroke Survivors Group that all have good links with health and social services. However, there is a need for increased co-ordination of volunteer support and support for the stroke survivors involved in these groups.

This is an invitation to bid for a Stroke Volunteer Project Co-ordinator who will address these areas for development. Funding is available until 31 March 2011.

Aims

1. Co-ordinate support for volunteers working with established community stroke groups (QM3, 13)
2. Support Greenhill Aphasia Group and SLT service to develop their Better Conversations training package (QM 3, 13)
3. Facilitate stroke survivor involvement in local service development (QM 12, 13, 19)

Objectives

- Establish links with LBN/NHS volunteers and develop a protocol for recruitment and support of volunteers for community stroke groups
- Develop a stroke-specific induction training programme for volunteer roles, in collaboration with Newham Integrated Stroke Service
- Support volunteers with aphasia to provide Better Conversation Training in the community (3 x year)
- Support recruitment and training of more people with aphasia to become Trainers for the Better Conversation Project
- Work with the Stroke Club and Aphasia Group as user groups and establish links to the Stroke Board to encourage involvement in local service development.

Requirements

- Knowledge of stroke and related conditions (including aphasia)
- Excellent communication skills and experience of working directly with people with aphasia or communication needs
- Evidence of successful project management/development
- Knowledge of National Stroke Strategy
- Ability to work collaboratively with stroke survivors, health and social care services, voluntary sector and other relevant organisations
- Monthly progress reports to the Integrated Stroke Service
- Local knowledge of Newham would be beneficial.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Monitoring by Newham Stroke Board and LB Newham.
- 6-monthly evaluation reports to Newham Stroke Board.

Funding

2009/10 = £23,500 pro rata + start up costs. 2010/11 = £23,500.

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Deadline for submission of bids: 27 November 2009

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