

Higher Education Academy Patient and Public Involvement Special Interest Group

Members:

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Task:

So group, here are some questions for us to think about before we meet. Some we may be able to agree on via e-mail and others we can take to the Network meeting to thrash out with a larger group in the afternoon.

Network Name:

Please send me suggestions and we will take a vote via e-mail/phone/post and launch at the next meeting.

Growth:

Grow impact and influence

Grow numbers (must include service users and carers, should it be a regional or national network? - see membership below)

Grow capacity (including increasing existing members’ skills and confidence to take part more)

Grow activity e.g., more meetings about issues or topics?

Growth in the leadership of the Network (other members becoming leaders of small sub-groups?)

Grow Network profile

Membership:

We need to expand the Network membership – this is a responsibility of all members. Please pass names and contacts to myself and Jane Priestley so we can ensure their inclusion.

Welcome to the 15 new members, we are looking forward to meeting you next month.

Ground rules:

To be agreed and followed by all members. Here’s a starter for 10, this is not the final list so please contribute/amend:

- ★ Stay focused and keep time

- ★ Be honest
- ★ Ask!
- ★ Don't worry about consensus (i.e. everyone agreeing)
- ★ Listen
- ★ Don't interrupt others when they are speaking
- ★ Share roles, responsibilities and the work load
- ★ Acknowledge each other expertise
- ★ Try to work in partnership

Strategic purpose: Why?

The underpinning and overriding reason why an enterprise exists

Unifies people and guides all its actions

No strategy has any meaning unless it serves a higher purpose

Purpose is what you anchor your network strategies on

Makes life and decision-making easier

Collins and Porras believe a good purpose statement should be "broad, fundamental, inspirational, and enduring."

Examples of Purpose statements:

Our core purpose remains the delivery of improved quality for our patients, by improving safety, effectiveness and patient experience (NHS)

The happiness of all its members through their worthwhile and satisfying employment in a successful business (Waitrose)

To make a contribution to the world by making tools for the mind that advance humankind (Apple)

We are a community of patients and carers working in partnership with students, educators and clinicians, leading the way locally and nationally in educating the medical profession. We are making a difference by putting real stories at the heart of the curriculum so that patients, carers and their family members everywhere will experience the best possible healthcare. (Patient | Carer Community, Leeds Institute of Medical Education)

Questions to develop the strategic purpose:

Fundamentally, why does the network exist?

For whose benefit are all our efforts being made?

What, in our eyes, is the end that we are working to rather than a means?
What is the worthwhile cause to which we are all contributing?
At the end of the day, what is the real point of all our activities?
Who are we really working for?
What is of highest value for us?
What is our higher purpose?

Next Meeting:

18 December 2012, 10:00 – 15:30, Room X level 8 Worsley Building, Clarendon Way, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9NL (No.95 on the Campus Map)

Hosted by Jools, Shelley and the Patient | Carer Community.

Attendance must be confirmed by 4 December 2012.

Agenda:

10:00-10:30 Refreshment and introductions

10:30-12:00 Patient | Carer Community Showcase

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-15:00 Group work on themes (Network name, membership, ground rules, purpose statement and strategic purpose – please complete the homework above in preparation for the meeting)

15:00-15:30 Round up and next steps (Trevor Kettle - Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Southampton has kindly offered to host the second meeting in mid April 2013)