



Issue 4

Wandsworth Care Alliance NEWSLETTER

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TRUSTEE UPDATE:

Carol Varlaam stood down on 31st August 2017, having served three terms as a trustee, it was pointed out that, WCA now was a very different and much better organisation than when Carol had joined and that she had made a big contribution to that change, we wish Carol all the best for her future plans.

STAFF UPDATE:

Marina Caroli started with us in April 2017 as our new 'Learning Difficulties Project Manager' we welcome Marina as our newest member of staff.

Julie Bristow is our 'Interim Wandsworth Voluntary Sector Co-ordinator' while Lauren Ashley-Boyd is on maternity leave and it's a pleasure to announce Lauren had a healthy baby girl.



The older you get, the better you get, unless you are a BANANA!

Healthwatch Wandsworth Updates



Healthwatch at a glance from 2016 to 2017

This year we made **3509** connections with people on social media.



42 local people have volunteered over **3095** hours to help us with our work.



We visited **8** local services to speak to the people who use them.



We spoke to over **1120** People about their experiences of local health and social care.



Our reports tackled issues ranging from **mental health, hospital care and carers.**



We met hundreds of local people at **90** community events and meetings.



Why not visit our website (<http://www.healthwatchwandsworth.co.uk/>) come along to our events, take part in our consultations, & sign up as a Healthwatch Wandsworth member to receive news & updates.

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Learning Difficulties Project



Project Manager, Marina Caroli

The Learning Difficulties Project works to empower people with learning difficulties to speak up and contribute to the development and improvement of Wandsworth services that matter to them.

The Wandsworth Learning Difficulties Network – part of the Learning Disability project at Wandsworth Care Alliance - was one of the nine groups in the UK chosen to take part in the initial phase of a research project undertaken by University College London.

Members of the network have been taking part in a series of interactive sessions, as part of an anti-stigma programme for people with a learning disability called STORM – Standing Up for Myself.

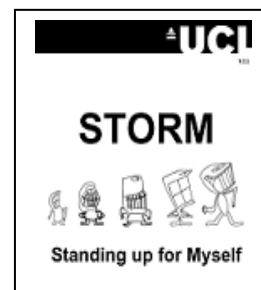
One of the main aims of the research undertaken by the new Unit for Stigma Research (UCLUS) is to develop an evidence-based programme to help people with a mild learning disability to respond to negative treatments and attitudes.

It is hoped that every person with a mild learning disability will access and benefit from this programme in the near future.

You can attend the launch of the new UCL Unit for Stigma Research (UCLUS), which seeks to advance our understanding of stigma and of what works in challenging it through research, visit:

<http://onlinestore.ucl.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/faculty-of-brain-sciences-c07/clinical-educational-and-health-psychology-f66/f66-public-launch-of-the-ucl-unit-for-stigma-research-uclus>

The UCL Unit for Stigma Research (UCLUS)
Invites you to its Public Launch
16th February 2018
Darwin Lecture Theatre
University College London



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Network

**& Learning
Disabilities**

Wandsworth LGBT Mental Health Project



Project Manager, John Morrill

We are pleased to say we have secured three year part funding from the Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Group which, in this economic climate is great news. Unfortunately, our bid to the Big Lottery for the balance was not successful but this was purely down to the fact that they receive bids far in excess of the money available. We are exploring other avenues for the balance.

Positive ground has been made with the Mental Health Trust. They are introducing LGBT awareness training for staff along with other measures so that LGBT people who need to access services will feel more comfortable. There is still much to do though.

We have been talking to GPs and introducing to "Pride in Practice" which is a LGBT quality kite mark for surgeries. Interest has been positive and we are seeing Practices signing up to the programme.

It's challenging work but very rewarding effecting changes in culture.



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Voicing Views Project



Project Manager, John Morrill

It's been another busy year for the Voicing Views Mental Health Project. There is a good solid membership with lively monthly meetings taken place. We discuss various topics and hot on the agenda have been changes to the Rehabilitation service that are taking place. Senior managers from the Mental Health Trust, the Clinical Commissioning Group and Wandsworth Social Services have been to the meetings to talk about the changes and to answer questions.

In the past year the Mental Health Trust have changed their management structure from borough directorates to Service Line Management. This has meant changes to personnel and we are pleased to say that we have got to know the new managers well and have their support in the work the Project does. There are challenges but there always are!



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Funding opportunities

Wandsworth Grassroots Fund

Grassroots Engagement Funding Opportunity - 2017/18

Would you like to run an activity or event for local people that is fun *and* helps the NHS understand attendees' experiences of health services? Funding is available from the NHS in south west London for local organisations and groups to run an activity or event enabling us to talk with people we don't normally hear from and capture the broadest range of views possible on health and care services in the area.

Examples of events previously run include: a tea dance, a pottery class, pizza and movie afternoons and music concerts. The main thing is that they be fun and open for people to attend – be as creative as you like.

A maximum of £750 per event is available.



Funding opportunities

This programme of activity is coordinated by Healthwatch Wandsworth.



£750 will be made available to each organisation that qualifies. The first round of applications closed on the 10th July and below is a list of the organisations that were successful in this round, and the events they held this year (2017)

- [Women of Wandsworth](#) (WoW) - Karate Championship for children
- [A2i Dyslexia](#) - Dyslexia awareness event
- [Share Community](#) - learning disabilities sports day
- [Paul's Cancer Support Centre](#) - Bollywood dance event
- [The Hope for Wellbeing Project](#) - Community Wellbeing Day

If you would like to apply for the next round of funding, which closes on the 12th February 2018, visit our Website: <http://www.wandcareall.org.uk/> for further details and an application form.

Round 2	Application deadline	Applicant informed by
Dates:	12 noon Monday 12th February 2018	Monday 26th February 2018



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