SCIE Co-production Network

Report of first meeting on 28 June 2012

This report is about the first meeting of SCIE's new Co-production Network.

SCIE wants members to help decide how the Network will work.

At the start there were four talks from people from SCIE.

Allan Bowman is the chair of SCIE.

He said:

- the Network is very important for SCIE

- SCIE's management board wants to make sure the Network is good and helps SCIE's work

Tina Coldham is a member of SCIE's board of managers and she is the Chair of the Network.

She said:

- she has been involved in lots of things as a mental health service user

- she has done a lot of work with SCIE and thinks they are very good at working with users and carers

- she thinks co-production will be better than participation

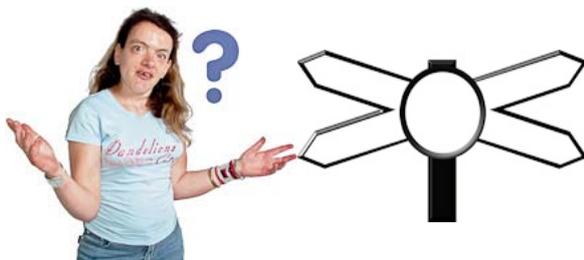Andrea Sutcliffe is the Chief Executive at SCIE.

She said:

- SCIE works to make sure care services are working well and are helping people have good lives

- SCIE used to get nearly all its money in from the Department of Health

- this is changing and we will have to get money from other places

- we will also have new services that people will pay us for

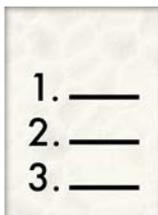- now we are doing co-production we have changed the name of the Participation Team to the Co-production Team

Co-production Team

Pete Fleischmann is the Head of Co-production at SCIE.

He said:

- he has been a mental health service user

- SCIE now wants to work with users and carers as equal partners

- we also want to work with equalities groups like black people and gay people

- we will have a list of rules about how we do co-production

- we will decide everything about the Network with the members

- some things may be difficult

Members then asked questions and SCIE people replied:

- it is important that we all agree about what we mean when use words like service user and carer

- SCIE needs to work with all groups of service users including young people

- SCIE needs to make sure everyone uses to its reports and information

- it is important for SCIE to work on equality issues and show where there is discrimination

Members then had some time to get to know each other

Then some more people from SCIE came to talk about their work:

Social Care TV videos are about people who work in social care or use social care services.

The videos are on the SCIE website.

Members will be able to help us choose which videos are good and which need to be updated.

Find Me Good Care is a new website to tell people about services where they live.

Members will be able to give reviews of the services they use and help tell people about the website.

SCIE does work with newspapers, magazines and television news to tell them about what we do.

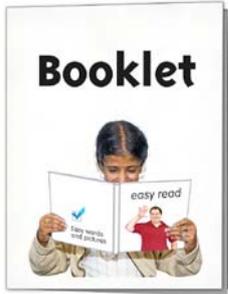We also use the internet and things like blogs and twitter to do this.

SCIE writes guides about good services. We use five types of information to help us.

The five types of information are:

1. Research

2. What workers say

3. What service users and carers say

4. Laws and policies

5. The way services work

Members of the Network will be able to help with new guides.

SCIE is working on a guide to how managers support people who work in care services.

We had a seminar to talk to service users about this.

And we are going to try and find out about how users with direct payments can support their workers.

SCIE's Children and Families team does work with children and young people.

Members said it is very important to work with children and young people on this work.

They also said it is important for children and young people to be part of the Network.

We then had workshops to talk about SCIE and the Network.

People said:

- it is important to be clear about everything the Network does

- the Network should try to involve everyone

- the Network should look at people's real lives

- SCIE needs to make sure the Network makes a difference to what it does

- SCIE should have different ways of using the internet to keep in touch with members

- SCIE needs to keep people interested in the Network

- SCIE needs to work with everyone but not make the Network too big

- SCIE needs to tell members about how its work is changing things