

Medway Neurological Network – Constitution

Aims: To be the voice of those affected by neurological conditions in Medway & District – a single point of access.

Mission: To defend and improve the quality of health and social care services available to those with neurological conditions and to campaign for improved disability services and facilities. To raise awareness of neurological conditions in Medway & District and the support services that are available. To promote and support services/ therapies/ research projects aimed at improving health & wellbeing, e.g. Medway Skylarks.

Terms of Reference

1. To set-up and maintain a democratic Medway Neurological Network (MNN) to be open to all charities and groups that represent neurological conditions in Medway & District.
2. To represent those with neurological conditions at appropriate board/ committee level in the fields of health and social care, including specifically: Medway Council/ Medway Physical Disability Partnership Board; Medway Clinical Commissioning Group/ VCSE Health Network; Medway Foundation Trust (MFT Community & Patient Engagement Group); Medway Community Health; and the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board. This representation could either be direct, or via Medway Healthwatch.
3. To determine policy and work plans at quarterly ‘Steering Group’ meetings of the Medway Neurological Network. A quorum will be a minimum of 4 (four) charities with voting rights PLUS at least 1 (one) MNN Officer (Co-leads, Secretary or Treasurer). Decisions on policy are to be by simple majority of charity or support group. Clinicians, service providers, partners and others with common aims are to be invited to attend these meetings as necessary.
4. Officers of the MNN must include: Lead Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer. Other coordinators will be appointed, as required, for specific areas of work, such as: Web design & editing, Social media communication, Fundraising, Campaigning, and Policy. All MNN posts will be filled by volunteers, or by regional/ national staff of charities that are fully funded by the charity concerned.
5. An ‘internal’ email MNN group (and/ or Facebook page or Twitter group) will be set-up to carryout day-to-day business, air ideas and float issues. Minor decisions pertaining to agreed policies can be decided by these communications, with the consent of the appropriate coordinator.
6. An ‘external’ email/ Facebook/ web/ Twitter system of communication will be open to all with an interest in neurological services in Medway, including clinicians. Access will be free.

7. The MNN will be funded independently, but can include payments in kind by participating charities and groups.

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