

Parkinson's UK Edinburgh Branch 2003 AGM Presentation

Priorities for Action

- Increase *Membership*
Working group; poster; leaflets
Distributed via surgeries etc
- Work to achieve *Best Practice* for Parkinson's in the area.
Research Project
- Broaden and extend the scope of *Branch Activities* to meet the needs of *all* members.
Liz activity group
Drop-in centre

Research project

To cover the Edinburgh, Lothian and Borders area

(other branches involved)

issues to look at

- What members of the society in the area (and other PWP) see as their priority needs?
- Whether Best Practice for Parkinson's (as defined by the PDS) is being provided to people in the area?
- What services should the Branch / Society be providing in the area?
- How can current Branch activities be made more effective?
What level and type of resource the Branch should provide or facilitate in the area?

Summary

Aim is an action plan showing

How needs can be better served?

and

What the Edinburgh Branch should do or facilitate to achieve implementation of the plan?

Issues that should be considered will include:

1. The level and effectiveness of Consultant provision to PwP in both the diagnostic and continuing phases. The need for specialist PD Consultants.
2. The development of user-focussed Multi-disciplinary Teams (eg PDNS, Welfare Advisor, Therapists, etc) to provide 'one stop shop' delivery of services. The need may be to achieve this not only in

population centres, but also to deliver it on a distributed basis to rural areas.

3. The role of the PDNS. How this service can be made generally available to all who might benefit from it, what scale of additional resource might be needed and how this might most effectively be achieved. Also areas of responsibility and place of work, reporting structure, working with other professionals, support staff, access by PwPs.
4. Therapists – place of work, access/numbers, relevance of hydrotherapy. Drop-in facility through hospitals.
5. Links to (and register of?) local Podiatrists, Dentists and other Health Professionals interested / qualified in Parkinson's.
6. How to meet the varying needs of people eg
 - Young /old
 - Working /not working
 - Early / stage of progression
7. Welfare issues - a) Welfare visitor role, particularly in ability to see clients in own home b) Social Services access – within ‘one stop shop’ with other services, or departmental sites.
8. The pwp – Gaining views on services or lack of services, in an urban and rural setting. Transport issues, respite care.
9. Carers - Respite facilities, education.
10. Education – Seminars for Health Professionals including GP’s and Health Boards.
11. Media - Dissemination of information.
12. Collaboration with other similar (eg neurological) charities on a local basis to achieve economies of scale in the provision of services.