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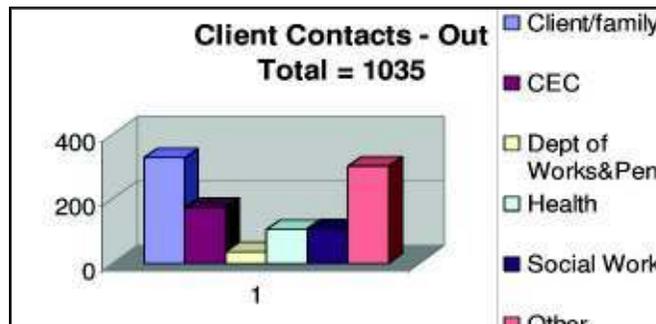
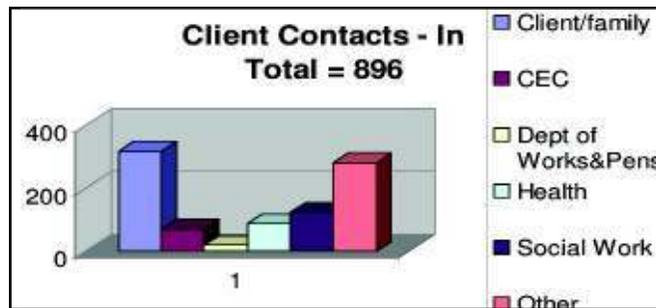
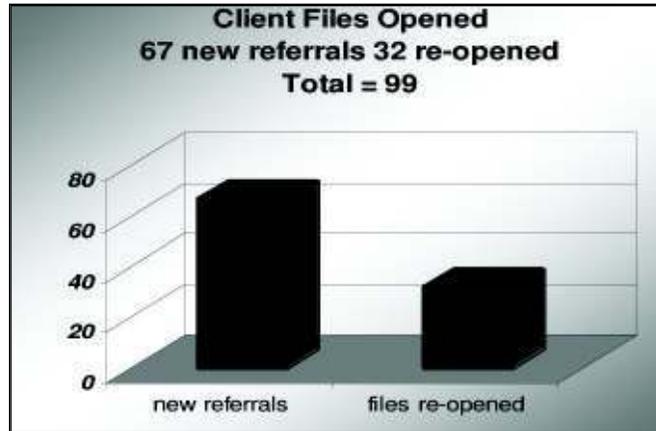


Stuart Wright



Linda Wright

Project Annual Statistics



Prestonfield & District Neighbourhood Workers Project

ANNUAL REPORT



“Continuing to make a difference to life for older people in the community.”

Chairperson's Annual Report

Another year has flown in and the services that the Prestonfield & District Neighbourhood Workers Project offers to older people in our community continues unabated.

The usual events have taken place and, as Chair of the Management Group that meets regularly to receive reports of the continuing work, I am delighted to report another successful year.

All our services are well-attended and we receive continuing referrals for new clients to join us here at Prestonfield.

It is my pleasure to congratulate all those who have contributed in some way to this continuing work. I say "continuing", as we plan for the future. That is always difficult to foresee, but with support from many quarters I am confident in looking ahead to another busy and successful year. My heartfelt appreciation goes to our staff team, our volunteer team, and my colleagues on the Management Group for their time, hard work and continuing support.

My thanks also go to those who invest in us financially. I can assure them that the trust they demonstrate in us by their continuing funding is well-received and particularly appreciated by those who receive the services.

Moira O'Neil

Craft Group 2007

"It's good to learn a new skill."

"I really enjoy the centre and the days out."

"I come one day week and it's good company. I enjoyed the summer outings."



Gentle Exercise Group 2007



"I enjoy the gentle exercise - it's fun to do and helps the joints."

"The group activities make a huge difference to me and my wife. People are

asked individually how they feel and they can share their problems."

Co-ordinator's Annual Report

Again it is time to review the last year of work at Prestonfield. As usual, it has been a full and busy past twelve months that has seen changes in our client groups as we lose clients and others move into long-term care. We welcome new friends into our services but, in the main, we remain busy with waiting lists for most days. Funding has remained reasonably stable and, following the council's review of day services in the city, several bids for additional funding to either maintain or develop existing services, or to develop or restructure others, have been submitted. We await the outcomes of those applications, but I understand this new funding is unlikely to be available until April 2008 at the earliest. Our Lunch Club remains busy and we could accommodate more clients in the dayroom but require additional transport to bring them here - a challenge, as ever. Our Dementia Day Care, meanwhile, runs at capacity. We lost one staff member and, for a while, used an agency worker. However, we re-located Viv Swanson, our passenger assistant/carer on Monday and Tuesday, to the Clearburn Club and she - as with the clients - is enjoying the change. The other groups and activities have continued, although some are less well-attended than others. Gentle exercise, craft, computing, art and the Men's Group all remain popular despite limited resources being available. The Mental Health Support Group is full with a large waiting list and, again, the Project Management have financially supported this. The Support Service continues at the same level but that may be reviewed in the coming months, depending on funding and development funding applications. In the meantime, an average of 23 clients receive 51 face-to-face hours of service each week. Further statistics are available on the back page of this report. The Advice Service carries on striving to ensure that people referred to the Project receive all they are entitled to, and to assist in other ways to improve quality of life for individuals and their carers. We face another busy year looking ahead to challenging times, with budget restraints looming. However, I am positive and assured that we do make a difference and life for many would be much poorer if the services from Prestonfield were not available. I believe we have completed another successful year.

I feel the poem, "Success", by Ralph Waldo Emerson reflects what I hope this Project achieves.

*To laugh often and much,
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children,
To earn appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends,
To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others,
To leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition,
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.*

Linda Wright

Spring Lunch 2007

"I had a really good day at the Spring Lunch and the food was good."

"I enjoy the company - everyone helps each other."



"Coming to the centre gets me out of the house. For five years, I couldn't leave my wife at home for more than 30 minutes. Coming here keeps me sober."

Christmas Lunch 2007

"The Project makes a difference to my life, saves you sitting in the house getting weary."

"The support helps. I have nothing to worry me."



"I've been coming for two-and-a-half years now - it's quite a change. I'm glad I came. Christmas Lunch was very good."

Summer Outing To Bannockburn

"It's good to get out of Edinburgh, good company too."

"Bannockburn was nice, we had a lovely meal."



"I look forward to coming to the project. It gives my wife a break and some time to herself. I enjoyed Christmas and the summer outing."