

Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum

Wednesday 15th February 2023

9.30am – 12.30pm

Online via Zoom



AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Derbyshire Voluntary Action Business

a. Minutes of the last Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum held on 7 September 2022

b. Matters Arising

3. Predatory Marriage and the campaign to reform marriage laws

Daphne Franks

Daphne Franks shares the personal story of her mother Joan Blass, and the campaign to reform marriage laws and procedures to protect people with who lack the mental capacity to consent to the marriage.

Joan Blass was 91 years old and living with severe vascular dementia and terminal cancer. After her death in March 2016, her family found out that a much younger man, aged 68, had secretly married her five months previously. She never knew that she was married. These events have had a devastating effect on the family both emotionally and financially.

4. 10 Minute Slot - b:friend

Rayella Broomhead, Project Coordinator

b:friend aims to reduce social isolation for older neighbours in the community by pairing them with a volunteer befrienders who will safely visit or call each week.

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5. Citizens Advice and the support they can offer

Gillian Sladen, CEO, Citizens Advice North East Derbyshire

Hear from Citizens Advice about the support and services they can offer around money advice, debt advice, cost of living support and more.

6. Illegal Money Lending

Vinnie Jarman, LIAISE Officer, England Illegal Money Lending Team

The England Illegal Money Lending Team investigates and prosecutes illegal money lenders while providing specialist support to victims of loan sharks.

7. Any Other Business

Date of next Forum – 17th May