Southern ROVI Forum - 17th May 2017

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| Attending: |
| Linda Paine Winnett/LPW – HCC | Theresa McMardie/TM –Blind Veterans |
| Julie Duffy/JD | Tracey Patterson/TP - Sight for Surrey |
| Tony Duffy/TD | Pat Harrison/PH –WSCC |
| Alison Pursglove/AP - HCC | Julie Berkley/JB – WSCC  |
| Angie Carpenter/AC - HCC | Melissa Ratledge/MR - WSCC |

1. Sarabec/Peter Mulhall

Peter explained that Sarabec supply many Adult Social Care and NHS teams as well as to private customers.

He demonstrated a range of products for people with hearing loss. These included:

* Door bells/chimes
* Alerts
* Clocks
* TV listening devices
* Mobile phone handsets/ apps and services such as ‘FussFree’.

Details of these can be found in their catalogue.

1. Case Studies discussion

Ideas generated are attached in a separate document with the case studies. Pat reminded us that they could be used for CPD with Rehab Workers Professional Network.

1. Diabetes Management – Tracey Patterson

Tracey said she will send a document with the information given today, to be emailed with the minutes.

She discussed and demonstrated different types of Insulin pens – noting that one in particular is suitable for people with vision loss; this is the ‘UNILET’ pen. Similarly for glucose monitors – there is a talking monitor available free from Apollo Medical or direct from GP’s.

She also reminded us that people who are ‘insulin dependent’ should notify DVLA, if their vision has not already prevented them from driving. They would then be issued with a ‘restricted’ driving license.

More information available at:

[www.Diabetes.co.uk](http://www.Diabetes.co.uk)

1. AOB

JD: check out new product - ‘In your Pocket’ which RNIB describe as “your accessible local newsagent and library delivered to your pocket.” Mobile phone sized device “comes with a subscription to RNIB Newsagent and access to Talking Books, giving customers an unbeatable reading package at just £20 per month.” Info on RNIB website suggests it can deliver audio national newspapers too, which would be really useful for people.

Discussion of products such as Amazon Echo – which can be useful for people to access information/media etc but workers need to be aware of their potential to record home visits – advised to check employer’s/authority’s policy.

LPW: Equipment/resources day at library with Computer Room Services– who produce/sell IT/technology for people who have no sight at all.

Eg scanner for products in shops- scans bar codes to identify products

Suggested that most products can also be sourced elsewhere

[www.comproom.co.uk](http://www.comproom.co.uk)

PH: asked if format for the day suited people?

Discussed future venues and South/East divide