

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of COMPLEMENTARY THERAPISTS IN HOSPICE and PALLIATIVE CARE

### 11th Annual General Meeting

## 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### University of Warwick, Coventry

#### **MINUTES**

Chair, Christine West, opened the11<sup>th</sup> AGM at 9.30am and welcomed delegates and committee members.

- 1. The minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> AGM were accepted unanimously as accurate and correct by those present who had also been at the 10<sup>th</sup> AGM in 2010 at the University of Warwick, Coventry. There were no matters arising.
- 2. Members of the executive committee then presented the annual review of the Association.

#### 2a Membership

The data on this year's renewals was collated up to the end July 2011.

There were 98 unit members and 49 individual members. Volunteer therapists continue to increase on the previous year.

Units were again asked to provide data regarding number of therapies given. 31 units (32% of the unit membership) provided the data which gave a total of 69,258 treatments in the year 2010. This is almost double the treatments recorded in 2009. Data was supplied by 24 Hospices, 5 Cancer Support Centres and 2 Hospitals. This ranged from 7 treatments by one unit to over 10,000 (the figure for a large cancer hospital). The average number of interventions a year was 2,234. Areas of practice were - Day Hospice 84%, IPU 77%, OPD 73%, Community 49% and other 11%, this included Staff, Bereavement and Drop In.



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### 2b Working together

NACTHPC continues to work together via the Regional Groups, CT Leads group meeting, The Link Newsletter, the Website, Conference and Face book comptherapy@groups.facebook.com

Research is ongoing within the Group Membership in areas such as Aromatherapy, Chair Massage, Acupuncture, breathlessness, anxiety, fatigue, Audit and Quality of Life.

Plans for the Future include:

Updating "Writing Policies, Procedures and Protocols" and the National Guidelines.

Continue data collections.

Developing Role Profiles, Regional and CT Leads Group and Special Interest Groups.

### 2c Treasurer's report

Islay Grieve gave details of the accounts.

The balance brought forward on 1st April 2010 was £9,257.

Accounts for year end 31st March 2011:

Income: £14,980

Expenditure: £13,410 giving a surplus for the year of £1,570

Balance carried forward at 31.3.11 was £10,827

### 3 Election of Officers: None standing

Thanks were given to Jenny Gilbert who had to step down mid-term for personal reasons.

### 4 Any Other Business

No further business.

Christine West closed the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association at 10am on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

Minutes taken by Michele Gordon.