Board of Trustees – October 2015

At their meeting in York on 24 October, 2015, the Board of Trustees welcomed newly-elected trustee Lindsey Lonsborough. She was duly appointed to be the trustee representative on the Healthcare Research Advisory Panel (HRAP).

Richard Coleman remains as Vice Chair while Mike Ranson will take on the role of Honorary Treasurer and Chair of The Finance and Audit Committee after Anne Bulford stood down. She was thanked by the Board for all of her work on behalf of the Association.

Janis Parks was appointed Honorary Officer and Chair of the Engagement Committee.

Sandra Smith was also thanked for her work as Chair of the Engagement Committee for the past two years.

Other highlights of the meeting included:

South Wales MND Care Network Grant Renewal

This renewal application was fully supported and recommended by the care committee and approved by the Board.

Young Volunteers’ Strategy

The Association’s plans to encourage more young people to get involved in volunteering were fully discussed.

The Association’s Director of Engagement, Chris Wade, reported that some progress had already been made and groups of young people had discussed volunteering and young ambassador schemes. He reported that organisation targets had been set and that a report would be presented to the Engagement Committee in March.

Andy Fowell expressed his congratulations for the work that was being undertaken and the Chair commented on the difference that having young people involved was already making at local level.

Evaluation of the AV Network

Chris Wade updated the Board on the surveys which have been conducted by two organisations.
He reported that 92% of people with MND and 91% of carers felt well supported by AVs. The statistics were positive and showed the importance of the AV network. The Association will now look at the infrastructure which is supporting them.

The Board was also asked to approve the appointment of the Right Honourable Nick Gibb MP as Patron of the West Sussex South branch of the Association, which received unanimous approval.