

Members of SURG

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Service User Reference Group

Are you a Service User/Survivor Group involved with Mental Health in Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bath & North East Somerset?

If so, have you heard about SURG — The Service User Reference Group?

**Effective Involvement
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Who We Are

The Service User Reference Group is made up of service user/survivor groups throughout Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bath & North East Somerset which are covered by Primary Care Trusts.

To become a member of SURG, after the initial first 2 meetings, you must be a representative of a user/survivor group/organisation, then someone can only attend if they have been elected by their group/organisation.

Contact details of the person running user/survivor group/organisation will need to be divulged so that a letter can be sent to confirm the names of the people becoming members of SURG, with their group/organisations agreement.

Only 2 members from each group/organisation can become members of SURG. Elected user reps are expected to take responsibility for meaningful participation. For a membership form, please contact SURG on the details at the end of this leaflet.

We occasionally hold user-led events—the last being a successful conference which was a joint event with SUNS (Swindon User Network) at The Fry Centre, The Cadbury Factory, Keynsham, Nr Bristol.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a carer at meetings but you can bring along a carer in needed.

SURG meets every second Wednesday of the month at Bristol Mind. For directions or disability access call Bristol Mind on 0117 980 0370.

Our Aims

- To promote meaningful user empowerment and involvement in the old Avon area—particularly collective advocacy.
- To provide quality information on national and local mental health issues and services.
- To raise shared issues with mental health service managers and staff.
- To share ideas and views with each other about what helps.
- To provide support and encouragement to groups which seek to improve services offered to people who experience mental distress.
- We aim to be as representative as possible.

We are open to groups/organisations representing service users/survivors of voluntary and statutory services. SURG welcomes members of user/survivor groups/organisations who are interested in joining SURG.

Please Note:

Everyone attending SURG meetings shares responsibility for ensuring that they are safe, friendly and welcoming to all.

Behaviour which upsets people will not be tolerated