**NORTH YORKSHIRE VCSE SECTOR HEALTH AND CARE ASSEMBLY**

**STEERING GROUP MINUTES - 13 March 2024**

1. **Present**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Organisation** |
| Natasha Babar-Evans | Better Connect Ltd |
| Bryony Boyle | Up for Yorkshire |
| Jane Colthup | Community First Yorkshire |
| Lizzie Creighton | Citizens Advice North Yorkshire |
| Francis Elliot | HADCA |
| Helen Flynn | Nidderdale Plus |
| Jill Quinn | Dementia Forward |
| Nick Scott | CoLibra Ltd |

1. **Apologies**

Rachel Allen, Leon Fijalkowski, Liz Lockey, Abbie Rhodes and David Watson

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

These were accepted as a true and fair record of events.

1. **Matters Arising**

None.

1. **VCSE Collaborative Update**

HNY HCP VCSE Assemblies Self Assessment

Jane spoke to a PowerPoint presentation providing a self assessment for the North Yorkshire VCSE Assembly – which she had been asked by the HNY VCSE Collaborative pre-Christmas to provide.

ACTION Nick to circulate the presentation to members.

Local HCP - VCSE Engagement and Reach

**ACTION: *All ISG members to provide a list of VCSE organisations involved in their local networks that comprise the local assembly in their area to demonstrate the breadth of engagement and reach to both the VCSE Collaborative and for Health and Care Partners. Lists to be sent to Nick for collation by Friday 29th March 2024.***

Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out priorities to improve people’s health and

reduce health inequalities and explains how the board will do this. The deadline for feedback on the draft strategy is 31 March 2024 and Information about how to take part in the consultation can be found here:  [www.northyorks.gov.uk/WellbeingStrategyConsultation](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/WellbeingStrategyConsultation).

Jane advised members to look at pages 9-13 which are particularly pertinent to the VCSE sector.

1. **Spotlight on HADCA**

Francis gave a brief history of HADCA, its merger with Ripon Council for Voluntary Service in 2013, its role in incubating projects/organisations such as counselling services which are now part of Just B and Carers projects which are now part of Carers Resource. They currently have fifteen charity tenants in their building – Community House, over 1000 VCSE contacts on their database who receive weekly e-bulletins, two large meeting rooms and two smaller ones, coordinate the Chief Officers and Chairs group and the Connect in Ripon Network which is very active.

1. **Hospital Discharge**

Helen Flynn spoke about Nidderdale Plus’ small six month long pilot project which had provided support for one day a week for Pathway Zero patient discharges who could use volunteer driver. The pilot had been challenging to deliver, due to the lack of communication between hospital management and those at the delivery end of hospital discharge. The issues relate to trying to design a system that is based around the crisis end of things and the NHS’s just in time approach. Hospital discharges continue to experience considerable delays – usually linked to medicine sign off.

1. **Care at Home Workforce**

Elizabeth McPherson and Julie from Carers Resource are involved in this work.

Nidderdale Plus is just about to start a two year partnership which is all about wrap around support at home to mitigate condition/health deterioration. They are to employ a new Service Navigator role (20 hours per week) alongside an extra five hours for their Digital Champion Coordinator.

1. **Local Health Care Partnership Updates**

Natasha Babar Evans spoke about the WorkWell Programme - an early-intervention work and health support and assessment service, providing holistic support to overcome health-related barriers to employment, and a single, joined-up gateway to other support services. She highlighted the introduction to Gary Sainty at the VCSE Collaborative that Jane Colthup had brokered and how helpful he had been.

**ACTION: *Natasha to send the link to the York St John University Report on the Impact of Short Term Funding to Nick for circulation.***

Frances reported how she is continuing to work with Dena Dalton to continue lobbying for a seat on the Harrogate HCP.

Bryony outlined a new Community Led Health project being resourced through Health Inequality Funding focussed on Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) which has enabled them to employ two Community Health and Wellbeing Officers who will each work with 100 – 150 households using a whole household/holistic approach to engage, navigate and signpost. The recent launch attracted fifty people, but there is pressure to deliver given the 12 month contract.

**ACTION: *Bryony to provide an update at the next meeting.***

Jill up dated the group on the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board meetings.  Some had been changed or cancelled and Jill felt that the agendas were very much pre set.  The role of voluntary sector representation is not really very clear and she is going to arrange a meeting to address this.

1. **Any other business**

North Yorkshire Mayoral Candidate Hustings

Jane highlighted the Mayoral Candidate Husting event taking place on 16th April 2024 between 10.00 am – 12.00 pm at York CVS and how this is an opportunity to raise VCSE related questions.

York St John Community Research Grant opportunity

Nick flagged the Community Research Grant opportunities with York St John which she had previously circulated. See: <https://www.yorksj.ac.uk/research/institute-for-social-justice/community-research-grants/>

Jill Quinn said they had previously had a community research grant from York St John and were currently finalising a Knowledge Transfer Project with Leeds Beckett University for a 2-3 year research project to get a major new project/development off the ground.

Digital Switchover

Concern was shared about the lack of preparedness in connection with the telephone digital switchover beginning in the Autumn and the potential for those most vulnerable and isolated to be left unconnected and alone.

Helen said that Paddy Chandler was leading on this for North Yorkshire Council. The question was where is the money for community communications and preparations to support this coming from?

County Durham Approach to Wellbeing

Nick flagged Durham’s Approach and the document she had previously circulated which is being used with all public health contracts with a view to being rolled our cross the ICS.

**ACTION: *Nick to recirculate the document to members with a context note.***

Patient Engagement Network

Frances asked for clarification as to the role and remit of this group whose next meeting is on the 22 May.

**ACTION:** ***Dena to clarify this group’s role and remit.***

Village Hall Week

Jane reminded members that Monday 18 – Sunday 24th is Village Halls week.

For more information see: <https://acre.org.uk/campaign-save-the-date-village-halls-week-2024/>

<https://acre.org.uk/campaign-save-the-date-village-halls-week-2024/>

VCSE Expo

Jane reminded members of the VCSE Expo in Hull on 22 April. See link here: <https://www.yorkcvs.org.uk/invitation-to-join-the-humber-and-north-yorkshire-vcse-expo-on-22-april/>

**Dates of Future Meetings**

17th April 2024, 10. 00 1m – 12.00 pm Online

12th June 2024, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm In person – venue to be decided

21st August 2024, 10.00 1m – 12.00 pm Online

16th October 2024, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm In person – venue to be decided

4th December 2024, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm Online