#### Notes from the meeting of the Voluntary Sector Network Hub

#### Wednesday 24th May 2017, 09.30am

#### Room 1, the Gateway

**Present:**

Michael Sheppard (MS) Mental Health

Derek Jones (DJ) Disability

Stef Woof (SW) Learning and Skills

Alison Cullen (AC) Infrastructure

Steve Cullen (SC) Information, Advice and Area Management

Paul Storey (PS) Young People

Lynne Bennett (LB) Area Management/Town Centre

Lydia Thomson (LT) Health and Social Care

Matt Davenport Homelessness

**Chair of meeting:**

Steve Cullen (SC)

**Apologies:**

Gemma Johnson (GJ) Culture

Mandy Taviner (MT) Learning Disability

Hasan Kazi (HK) Ethnic Communities

James Howes Sports

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Apologies**Apologies were received as detailed above. |  |
| **2.** | **Declaration of Interest**None declared. |  |
| **3.** | **Guest Speakers** Diane White – Warrington Wellbeing Presentation circulated. The new service has seen 93 new referrals in April and 53 in first 2 weeks of May  CAB has delivered training to WW staff. Diane invited other organisations to update/train staff on their services. Hub agreed need for ongoing partnership work, linking Wellbeing team with third sector and focus on outcomes rather than outputs and shared evaluation.  |  |
| **4.** | **Notes of the Last Meeting –** Amendment from replacement to referral on work programme. Notes were accepted as a true and accurate record by the Network Hub. |   |
| **5.** | **Action Points/Follow Up Reports to do : none**   |  |
| **6.** | **Health & Wellbeing Board**Doesn’t meet until 25th May – full report at next Hub. Chair for accountable care organisations not yet appointed. Reiterated Network Hub and WVA should be the conduit for communications with the third sector.  |  |
| **7.** | **Warrington Partnership** Next meeting is due July Terms of Reference under review for the new board with revised membership to take a lead on the “Strong and Resilient Communities” elements of the Warrington Health and Wellbeing strategy.SC stated importance of Hub members being represented within new membership. Still require clarification of new Chair for WP as Russ Bowden is new Deputy Leader.Concerns raised about Crime and Safety Partnership which fed into WP losing impetus without Katherine Fairclough or Doug Ryan  |  |
| **8.** | **Neighbourhoods:** East, West and South now disbanded. Central Board will continue under name new similar to that of Warrington Partnership, which may cause confusion. The new Central Board will be chaired by elected member and focus on tackling inequalities, Hub agreed Central Board should have wider representation from third sector. SC to report back to next Hub with ToR for central Board. Concerns raised about neighbourhoods funding being coordinated by elected members and accountability. AC to look into new process for neighbourhood fund.  | SCAC |
| **9.** | **News Round-Up**LB- Town Centre is no longer part of neighbourhoods and has a number of sub groups culture. Transport and regen. Concern has been raised about area round the skittles and level of people congregating for numerous reasons i.e. chuggers, sales and groups. NAT meeting of 219 respondents 70% in favour of borough wide alcohol SPO. Police raised concern about waiting lists for mental health services. And MH services won’t come out to police cells; this is stretching police and third sector services. AC to invite Richard Spedding to MHPB.  **SC-** Eleanor Blackburn leading on reconvened Welfare Reform next meeting is July.SC to ensure PS is invited as changes to Universal Credit affects young people. Still glitches with ESA and previous benefits system, need to recognise number of people not work ready who would benefit from volunteering, cultural activities etc. SC updated on review of CAB services and commissioners are asking other services to do more to ease referrals but SC stated they shouldn’t as this an put clients in worse situation. **AC -**updated on volunteer strategy refresh to be a borough wide pledge to promote, support and encourage volunteering across the town. **SW**- Vol Fest well attended, 90% of follow ups confirmed they have found volunteering activity of interest, positive feedback from the 27 exhibitors will be an annual event and link in with WVA contract. LT- HW is looking for new board members as they need to diversify and have trustees from third sector HW is now a CIO. An event was held focused on quality accounts from health LT to circulate report. Now working on HW England priorities and on out of hospital transformation board. LT to circulate new patient flow improvement plan. PS – provided brief update on THRIVE addressing young people’s mental health moving from tiered model to person centred approach. Promotion and Prevention developing a toolkit for young people to generate conversation. National initiatives are 13 reason on Netflix and the blue whale app PS to circulate. MD – Homelessness prevention funding has provided employee to be hosted James Lee House. YMCA has been closed since March 22nd. 38 beds (8 beds is equivalent to the night shelter) have been approved for James Lee House and will be ready in September, during the interim JLH cant host external groups with the closure of YMCA during this period there is a gap in day time provision, it is important that the homelessness commission continues for at least another 6 months to address this. AC to ensure this is on the agenda at the Warrington Partnership. MS- LD framework stand still period is now over 5 million for supported living schemes with 4 organisations in the new framework Warrington Community Living, Macintyre, Dimensions and Community Integrated Care. There has been no legal challenge; concern that Mencap is no longer in the framework SC has had conversation regarding service users and personal budgets. MS raised issue that timeframe has slipped by WBC with a 16 week implementation expected to be delivered in 8 weeks. Also, issue for service users and continuity due to changes in service provision. Hospitals now delivering e-learning on supporting patients with learning difficulties. MS to forward detailed complaints to LT relating to cases of people with learning difficulty accessing hospital services. DJ - Safe Places scheme has ended due to lack of funding and support. Safe Places needs to be removed from all local strategies and reports where it is currently cited. MS to take to MHPB & LD forum.DAD is 16th July Concerns raised about groups looking to WDP for umbrella insurance which they can’t provide. AC to follow up as WVA have now developed a community event toolkit. DJ also noted that Fearnhead Community Centre is closing for a refurb, AC to check out dates.  | SCACAC |
| **10.** | **Policy Group** To meet on 31st May. The Better Care Fund is to be raised at Policy Group, to look at how interested parties can come together and the need to scrutinise why ongoing funding is automatically allocated to current service delivery without wider considerations or feedback.  |  |
| **11.** | **Assembly update**Really positive feedback in terms of the event being a platform for problem solving , providing an opportunity for groups to share issues, experiences, access support and take projects forward. Next steps will be for WVA to support project ideas to implementation if appropriate.  |  |
| **12.** | **Local Compact**Nothing to report – refresh of the compact is within WVA operational plan for 2017/18.  |  |
| **13.** | **Any Other Business**Network Hub AGM – it was agreed that WVA to send out election papers and notifications of roles up for election. Following the AGM the terms of reference will be updated to align with refreshed and/or new strategic boards and identify new sub sectors.  |  |
| **14..** | **Dates of Next Hub Meetings**Wednesday 21st June, the Gateway followed by Hub AGM.  |  |