

**Notes from the meeting of the Third Sector Network Hub  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, 09.30am  
Room 1, the Gateway**

**Present:**

Alison Cullen (AC)	Infrastructure and Volunteering
Derek Jones (DJ)	Disability
Wynn Higham (WH)	Carers
Stef Woof (SW)	Infrastructure
Paul Storey (PS)	Young People
Steve Cullen (SC)	Information, Advice and Social Policy
Dave McNichol (DM)	Children & Families
Lydia Thompson	Health
Dida Goode (DG)	Substance Misuse
Mandy Taviner (MT)	Learning Disability
Eileen Fitzgerald (EF)	Older People
Michael Sheppard (MS)	Mental Health
Matt Davenport (MD)	Homelessness
Lynne Bennett (LB)	Town Centre Management
Janice Hayes (JHa)	Culture

**Chair of meeting:**

Alison Cullen (AC)

**Apologies:**

Hasan Kazi (HK)	Ethnic Communities
James Howes (JHo)	Sports
Matt Parker (MP)	Parks and Green Spaces
Jo Taylor (JT)	Third Sector Partnerships

Item		Action
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received as detailed above.	
2.	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> None declared.	
3.	<b>Guest Speakers</b> None. SC requested to invite: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ampara - The service provides support to anyone who has been affected by suicide, including members of the deceased family, a partner, friends, work colleagues, or the 'found by person'.</li> <li>• Shirley Williams Independent Safeguarding Chair looking at targeted work with the sector.</li> </ul>	

	<b>AC to coordinate</b>	<b>AC</b>
4.	<p><b>Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising –</b> The minutes were agreed as accurate and will be uploaded on WVA website. The Hub noted the sad passing of Jan Holding and wished sincere condolences to her family</p>	
5.	<p><b>Action Points/Follow Up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MS to circulate 'Living Well' report</li> <li>• JSNA summary to be circulated. SC noted JSNA actions not yet completed, Officers using community centres to represent the community rather than the third sector.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Sub Sector News and Updates</b></p> <p><b>MP</b> (via email notes) Playing Pitch Strategy – Planning Policy has undertaken a review of the draft documentation in order to provide future needs assessments based on current population projections. However, it is acknowledged that the Strategy will be updated in line with the emerging Local Plan Housing target when this is confirmed as part of the annual PPS review process. An Executive Summary has also been produced. The next stage is to conduct public consultation prior to submitting the strategy to the Executive Board for approval. Timelines TBC. Fields in Trust have recently published some new research to demonstrate that parks and green spaces across the United Kingdom provide people with over £34 billion of health and wellbeing benefits per year. The report was released at the same time that Fields in Trust launched their new five-year strategy Green Spaces for Good - including a foreword from the charity's President, HRH The Duke of Cambridge, who sets out the strategic focus on protecting, supporting and championing parks and green spaces for future generations to enjoy. The full research report, a summary and our new strategy document are all available to download <a href="http://www.fieldsintrust.org/our-strategy">http://www.fieldsintrust.org/our-strategy</a></p> <p><b>EF</b> Updated on OPEG and end of life care at the hospice. SC suggested there should also be reference to care homes, not just the hospice. WH suggested need for consideration to people who have gone home for end of life care. OPEG is still running but is in need of a new committee or a new model of delivery to ensure a voice for older people. AC suggested OPEG could access older people through the voluntary sector. There isn't a need for outlay on office, phone line but for expenses for OPEG members carrying out engagement with older people. MS stated that Warrington Together has a proportionate focus on older people and having their voice is important. LT mentioned the people's panel will be utilised to gather views of residents. NHS and WBC are not always listening to the voice of older people. Issues such as the need for more hospital beds will always be a need due to ageing</p>	

population but there is still a need for the voice on many other preventative issues.

**JH**

Public Health England have established Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance reporting that museums /heritage has a place in supporting a healthy nation. Also noted, the Sankey Hub has a suite of opportunities for intergenerational activities. Hub discussed potential project activities for the Newtown 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary i.e. activity highlighting increase in care homes, connecting with ladies ethnic yoga group, Gulliver's world, 70s reminiscence boxes, Birchwood Tennis club is also 30 years old.

**MS**

WDP & WCL coming together with children and adult mental health services current transition is poor and a more joined up approach is needed. Warrington Day Centre is now out for tender, CCG and WBC are jointly commissioning the service with a significantly reduced budget and there is the usual short time frame. Speak Up have engaged with current service users , therefore the spec is more relevant than 3 years ago and there is an expectation of partnership working outside of the building and not solely 9-5 activity. There was much interest at the information event, however the value is £147,000 so likely to be a drop of in interest.

**WH**

Shared the Carers newsletter. Carers strategy 2018-21 is due to be launched. Carers UK linking in with other Carers organisations including Alzheimer's etc. and launching new UK wide Carer passport to prove individuals are carers. WH expects Warrington to link their local emergency carers card to the new passport, WH has passed this to Julie Smith. WH has come across carers that can't access counselling due to spec in contracts, this needs to be fed back to the council. IAPT is a long wait and people don't wait, this needs to be kept on agenda at MHPB and other relevant boards.

**DJ**

Delivered 'Managing Adult Social Care' training at St Werberghs re: new technology, adaptive technology, there has been mixed participants, in the main very operational. WDP are making changes and updating their technology. Smaller groups are doing good work, but navigation is becoming increasingly difficult for social workers , the need for individual roles as care navigators is complex. DJ commented that awareness related to household technology and safeguarding, is important. i.e. gps trackers, alarm mats need to be checked. Attended first meeting of task and finish group set up by Margi Butler supporting people with mental health issues into employment. Stats in Warrington are low for people accessing employment with MH or LD.

DAD week info will be sent out this week.

<p><b>LB</b>          BID board meet in August and decisions about sub-groups will follow.</p> <p><b>MT</b>          Pip has sent letter to Teresa May regarding consulting with people with LD. Main concern raised was related to 'cut backs' and what this means. Pip has sent invite to TM to meet client group.          Funding for 1 years post – Friendships and Relationships Worker, to realise social and leisure opportunities for people with LD. The post will involve working with social workers to coordinate support for the benefit of the individual.</p> <p><b>LT</b>          Quality accounts well attended with 5 Trusts, public and St Rocco's. Healthwatch are currently pulling together one report. Warrington Together are collating quantitative data to inform their work, Hub recommended they should be gathering qualitative information and can use info many of us already have. MT suggested Warrington Together are starting to realise this.</p> <p><b>DM</b>          WYC linking in with Chester University on new project for 7-12 year olds and 18-24 year olds working with schools across Cheshire. Planning permission for the Youth Zone has been agreed, and work is expected to be completed by end of 2019 early 2020. Concerns raised about WBC youth service and approx. 25 young people with LD being bounced between tier 3 &amp; 4 services. There needs to be a clear pathway and opportunities for prevention and keeping out of tier 4.</p> <p><b>PS</b>          Shared information on the scale of youth homelessness, for 16 and 17 years olds, <b>PS will distribute full report.</b></p> <p><b>MD</b>          8 beds going to planning committee, this has been ongoing for almost 3 years. Room at the Inn now receive funding on a monthly basis due to multiple due diligence requirements not yet in place. There is a new-capped sum for supported accommodation. The Salvation Army is campaigning against people paying from their assets and issues of people in older age renting. The new Homeless Reduction Act is commitment to help before people become homeless, there will be no significant change in Warrington as partners are already working towards this. Warrington is successful at keeping rough sleeping figures down. Over 50 local authorities have prohibited areas for rough sleeping; Warrington only prohibits street drinking and spice.</p> <p>Universal Credit continues to challenge the homeless community. SC commented that Universal Credit is difficult for managing cases for homelessness and reviewing cases.</p>	<p><b>PS</b></p>
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	<p><b>SW</b> Culture Commission, the next stages have commenced taking forward recommendations to establish a strategic board, a culture consortium (operational board) and task and finish groups. GDPR has been a significant amount of work with groups supporting them to review and update policies and implement privacy notices. Safeguarding Adults Forum are now being informed of all the groups accessing safeguarding training delivered by WVA. There is an opportunity for the Forum to refer groups/individuals to the training if required.</p> <p><b>SC</b> Working on deductions for over payments especially on tax credits (significant rates on Universal Credit). SC gave an example of an overpayment from a 2 year period requiring 2 separate appeals for each consecutive year. Self employed people on Universal Credit on low incomes due to number of hours working are being penalised. June is Scams Awareness Week, it's not solely the elderly but also the vulnerable of any age. Citizens Advice will come out and talk to groups. Safeguarding Board discussed police and banks looking at irregular activity such as numerous charity Direct Debits. Safeguarding Executive Board informed of Council appointeeships and people not receiving monies as needed. Appointee charge with the council has increased by 100%. WCL currently charge £15 council charge has increased to £40. Housing Partnership has been revamped with more landlords attending, this has highlighted that there is no register of adapted properties.</p> <p>Libraries – Stockton Heath is progressing, Burtonwood with the post office and Lymm is establishing a community and business hub.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b> Next meeting is 31<sup>st</sup> May</p>	
8.	<p><b>Central Neighbourhood Area Renewal Board</b> Next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> July</p>	
9.	<p><b>Third Sector Policy Group</b> Next meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> October AC updated on Adult Social Care and Challenges event – positive feedback from commissioners and participants, it was the start of a dialogue although there needs to be interim meeting of the sub-commissioning group to take forward any next steps. AC to keep Hub updated.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> There was no other business</p>	
11.	<p><b>Dates of Next Hub Meetings</b> Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Room 1 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Room 1</p>	