

## Notes from the meeting of the Third Sector Network Hub Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 09.30am Room 1, the Gateway

Present:

Steve Cullen (SC) Information, Advice and Social Policy

Wynn Higham (WH) Carers

Paul Storey (PS) Young People

Hasan Kazi (HK) Ethnic Communities

Lydia Thompson (LT) Health

Dave McNichol (DM)

Mandy Taviner (MT)

Matt Davenport (MD)

Children and Families
Learning Disability
Homelessness

James Howes (JHo) Sports Janice Hayes (JHa) Culture

Michael Sheppard (MS)

Dida Goode

Mental Health
Substance Misuse

Chair of meeting:

Steve Cullen (SC)

Minutes:

Helen Parker (HP) Warrington Voluntary Action

**Apologies:** 

Derek Jones (DJ) Disability

Jo Taylor (JT) Third Sector Partnerships

Eileen Fitzgerald (EF)
Stef Woof (SW)
Older People
Infrastructure

Matt Parker (MP)
Lynne Bennett (LB)
Alison Cullen (AC)
Parks and Green Spaces
Town Centre Management
Infrastructure and Volunteering

Item		Action
1.	Apologies	
	Apologies received as detailed above.	
2.	Conflicts of Interest	
	None declared	
3.	Guest Speakers	
	None	
4.	Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising	
	Apologies: DG requested that her apologies for Network Hub meetings for	
	last 3 meetings be noted.	



	Item 8 – News Round Up – Update from WH: WH updated that that theme for the Carers UK annual conference is 'Keeping Healthy and Connected' rather than 'the future of Carers UK'.	
	AC to amend inaccuracies in the minutes, otherwise agreed as a true record.	AC
5.	Action Points Carried Forward SW to check that Listening Ear presentation has been distributed and that papers from PS and MP have been distributed.	SW
	All other action points followed up.	
6.	Health & Wellbeing Board The Health and Wellbeing Board met on 13 <sup>th</sup> September. MS and LT attended.	
	MS updated on the following points which were discussed at the Board meeting:	
	<ul> <li>(i)Media Coverage There are concerns regarding public confidence in our local NHS service, largely due to recent media releases relating to: <ul> <li>The removal of the contract for Warrington Hospital to carry out spinal injuries surgery</li> <li>A letter of concern signed by 16 of 24 of the town's GP practices stating that they have 'lost all confidence' in the leadership of NHS Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group</li> <li>The resignation of the Chair of the CCG Dan Bunstone (due to a conflict of interest between his position of the CCG and his position within Push Doctor and it's links with private sector healthcare)</li> <li>Allegations and the subsequent suspension over the summer of the chief executive of North West Boroughs Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	SC added that there are also concerns that national media releases relating to the above issues have brought Warrington into disrepute. There may be a need to examine and re-think the organisation of the CCG locally.	
	(ii) Health and Wellbeing Strategy The Health and Wellbeing Strategy is being refreshed and a draft is due to go to the Health and Welling Board in November.	
	(iii) Homelessness Strategy There is a new 'duty' to refer individuals to Housing Plus if they are at risk of homelessness / are homeless.	
	(iv) Drug and Alcohol Survey	



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A local street survey has been carried out in relation to the use of drugs and alcohol in Warrington town centre. The results for Warrington could be compared to other neighbouring towns and unfortunately in most areas Warrington rated considerably low. Public Health and the Police Commissioner will be focussing more work on these areas as a consequence of the survey. (v) Social Care Steve Peddie presented a piece of work in relation to Social Care in Warrington and the impact of increased demand for services and reduced funding. The Green Paper for older peoples social care which was due to be published during summer 2018 has been delayed and is now due autumn 2018. SC updated on the following items which need to be considered as part of the development strategy for the town centre: SC Issues regarding general cleanliness of town centre (pavements, (i) litter etc). SC to circulate contact details for WBC officer to contact to report town centre cleanliness issues. Crime and safety – Public safety/feeling safe in places/situations (ii) in town centre; Less PCSO's (now only one PCSO covering town centre and time mainly taken with shoplifting issues in Golden Square); Homeless campsites; Sleeping bags not put into storage; Squatting in old college building. There was a discussion amongst group members in relation to Homelessness in Warrington and the need for proper processes to safeguard vulnerable homeless people. SC explained that there is a need for evidence in relation to these issues ALL and that any feedback from this group should be sent to AC who will forward to the WBC Partnerships Team. **Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board** (i) Stakeholder groups and presentation feedback AC and DMc attended the last meeting where the Masterplan was AC discussed. AC will forward the presentation to the group. SC pointed out that now is the time to ensure that all issues are fed into the discussions/plan. DMc voiced a concern that strategies across Warrington and between

DMc voiced a concern that strategies across Warrington and between sectors aren't linked together. The group discussed this issue and SC pointed out that now is the time/opportunity to ensure that these links are made.

It is recognised that a different approach is needed in order to address issues in the central area. It is also recognised that the third sector has a



	key role to play in informing, influencing and shaping strategy, plans and developments.	
	SC informed the group that Emma Hutchinson from Livewire is on the CNRA Board and has offered that any issues from this group can be fed back to her.	ALL
	(ii)Next meeting 17 <sup>th</sup> October	
8.	Third Sector Policy Group  (i) Next meeting is planned for October.  (ii) Compact Refresh – AC and SW are currently working on the refresh of the Compact. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.  (iii) Assembly/conference – AC is working on plans for this, further information to be circulated.	
9.	News Round-Up	
	<ul> <li>JHo – An Active Warrington Strategy review is planned. Headline indicators are related to three main areas:</li> <li>(i) An audit on children, young people and families has opened up a forum in relation to 'My Life'. There is opportunity to attract/work with other organisations where sport and physical activity may not be their main business.</li> <li>(ii) Avoiding duplication of strategies/networks/forums. Ensuring that as many relevant organisations are involved as possible.</li> <li>(iii) PE and school funding/pupil premiums. Looking at school sport and opportunities. There are currently 3 main organisations leading on this. Sustainability is key.</li> </ul>	
	SC – Universal Credit continues to receive damning reports in the press on a regular basis. It is exascerbating problems in peoples lives. There are significant implications for people if issues do not get resolved. SC and partners have also raised various concerns at safeguarding board around LA appointeeships. Work is ongoing to resolve.	
	HK – Warrington Islamic Association are doing a lot of work with younger people and teachers to educate them about Islam in a positive way. This has been going really well and people are enjoying it.	
	WH –Carer's UK have produced a collection of fact sheets about a range of topics affecting carers. Copies available from WH. WH is attending the annual Carer's UK conference in London on October 11 <sup>th</sup> and will feedback to the group afterwards. Carers Rights Day will take place on Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018. The aim is to bring organisations across the UK together to help carers in their local community know their rights and find out how to get the help and support they are entitled to. <i>WIRED</i> Young Carers service	



have recruited a Young Carers Transition Worker and there will be an event organised in the near future.

LT – Engaging Communities have taken over the Healthwatch contract. Recruitment is currently underway for the Advisory Board and Chair. Recruitment has taken place for a part time Community Lead post. Clare Screeton, Engagement and Information Lead, is returning to work on phased return. Current priorities for the service are Warrington Together; Dentistry in Care Homes and Children and Young People (self-harm and mental health). SC commented that as a sector the feedback to the commissioning group is that the set-up of the new Healthwatch has been very slow. The recommissioning of the service to a new organisation has meant that the existing Healthwatch staff feel that they are 'starting from scratch' rather than being enabled to build on work that has already taken place.

MT – Working on employment for people with a disability but nothing has progressed. Other groups that are linked to the council have not been running. There needs to be a strategic, linked up approach but this isn't currently happening. Board has not met and meetings keep getting cancelled. SC suggested informal chat with Cllr Pat Wright as Portfolio Holder. SC will arrange this. 3/4 years ago this was a vibrant, challenging Board but not anymore. All subgroups have also been cancelled.

DM – A few positive events have taken place recently including an evening at Parr Hall involving various young people speaking about how the Youth Club has changed their lives. The Youth Club also attended the NDA awards and it was really positive that Warrington organisations were represented. The Youth Club is sponsored by Vimto and have just taken part in events and activities to support their 110th birthday including taking 110 cyclists on a 110k journey to raise £110k to change 110 young lives. The third sector cultural group is evolving. Under the Central Area Master Plan DM is a member of the Emotional Health and Wellbeing group and has been invited to attend two other groups targeting mental health. DM is concerned that groups should move forward and progress in a coordinated way so that work isn't duplicated. Holiday Hunger – 200 places were referred to the summer programme by schools. The Youth Zone has been granted planning permission but had to look at an alternative site and so the start date has been delayed to February. Cheshire Community Foundation have released a fund 'Older Minds Matter' but very few applications have been received. WVA have circulated this opportunity several times and will continue to do so to raise awareness with groups.

MD – Forum Housing now have two posts based in Warrington, a Homeless Prevention post and an Outreach Worker. The posts are both based at the Gateway and really want to link with the third sector. MD to circulate contact details. Planning permission for work at James Lee House has been granted. In relation to issues being faced across Warrington, the CCG and DART are looking to replicate a One Stop Shop model that is run in Wrexham. This is just at the idea stage. MD completed a sponsored swim during the summer and raised £850 for art therapy work a James Lee House. Art work was submitted for exhibition at the Contemporary Arts

SC

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MD



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**Dates of Next Hub Meeting** 

Wednesday 24th October - Room 1

Festival and whilst it wasn't successful, James Lee House are planning to exhibit the work later in the year which is a real positive outcome. PS – Verve Place 10 year anniversary celebration event took place in July PS and received really positive press coverage. The Verve has been nominated for a SPARK award, Best Partnership Award, along with Warrington Youth Club. SC suggested approaching the Health and Wellbeing Board regarding an agenda slot to help to raise the profile of the group. MS – 1. Looking at a joint commissioning approach between CCG and Public Health. A starting point for this integrated work is the split of the Central Neighbourhood area into East and West. Based within Warrington Together Team at the Gateway. Still having to push hard for the 'people of warington voice' in relation to this work. It remains that there is still not a work stream to bring forward the collective experience of people who live and work in Warrington. 2. Mental Health Partnerships Board – Each meeting the group is getting stronger and more vibrant. Thank you to Speak Up for their involvement and helping to get relevant agencies to listen. 3. Mental Health strategy refresh is currently taking place and will be a more useable document with more localised control and a more coordinated approach. There has been strong representation from third sector. 4. IAPT is being re-branded as 'Talking Matters'. Delivered by a Sunderland organisation with Making Space doing work locally. 5. Cheshire Constabulary meeting – Majority of officer's time in Warrington is spent on work relating to mental health issues. There is some basic awareness needed of available resources and signposting such as Happy? OK? Sad? JHa – 1. Launching a new Culture Warrington website so there will be the opportunity upload more information from community groups. 2. A Heritage group met in July and will continue, taking forward 'Heritage Open Days'. Demographic is generally aged 50+. Have been in discussions with Historic England regarding a Heritage Strategy and looking at involving Heritage in the development of the Master Plan. 3. Libraries – Talking with colleagues at Livewire regarding looking into possibly creating 'safe places' for people with lower level mental health issues. 4. Put in a bid to loneliness fund, waiting to hear if successful 3. WW1 Centuration project 'Take me back to dear old blighty' with a theme of 'remembrance'. People who have been 'in service' can drop in and there will be a community play. Neighbourhoods team are setting up boxes in luncheon clubs etc for these who want to be involved. 11. AOB - none