

Minutes of the North Yorkshire Liaison Group Meeting

30 January 2017 at Carlton Lodge, Carlton Miniott, Thirsk

	<p>Present:</p> <p>Neil Irving Simon Hills David Sharp Vicky Young Karen Weaver Alex Bird Kashif Ahmed Laura Harris Jan Garrill Kathy Clark Hazel Kirby David Watson Kevin Ward Natasha Almond Leah Swain Marie-Ann Jackson Deborah Hugill</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Amanda Bloor Jo Ireland Richard Webb Sam Alexander Julie Firth Joanne Crewe</p>	<p>NYCC (chair) NY&Y Forum North Yorkshire Youth Harrogate BC Harrogate and Ripon CVS Age UK North Yorkshire NYCC Your Consortium Two Ridings Community Foundation NYCC Hambleton Community Action North Yorkshire Sport Selby AVS North Yorkshire Police Rural Action Yorkshire NYCC NYCC</p> <p>NHS Harrogate & Rural District CCG Scarborough BC NYCC Your Consortium NYCC NHS Harrogate & Rural District CCG</p>	
1	Minutes of last meeting – 22 March 2016 – and matters arising	Action	
	<p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>Alex raised a query about public health grant and whether it had all been spent. Kathy undertook to find out and share the details.</p> <p>Marie-Ann gave an update on a service review of NYCC's community transport function. So far this has concentrated on mapping the current position, including input from providers. Future shaping of the offer will include engagement with wider stakeholders.</p>	KC	
2	Mental health	Action	
	<p>Kashif gave a presentation about the multi-agency mental health strategy, the priority areas, joint commitments and strategic outcomes. The intention is that these should span across the whole mental health system rather than just the crisis services. He outlined some of the actions which would be undertaken as part of achieving the outcomes and the performance framework around this.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the work in Scarborough around the Scarborough pledge. This has been endorsed and supported by central Government with designation as one of twelve "opportunity areas" in England.</p>		

	<p>The mental health forums were also discussed and it was noted that the current network is fragmented and partial. The point was made that the purpose of groups needs to be very clear and that there is not funding available to directly support them, although in kind support could certainly be offered. Work is underway to consider how to get people engaged in alternative ways and reaching users of services will be prioritised. The issues that lack of a representative board can create were discussed.</p> <p>The issue of NHS strategic transformation plans (STPs), in which mental health is included, was raised, The fact that there are three STP footprints across North Yorkshire is a problem for social care and there is a need to find something which will work across the whole county. Links are being made with the mental health strategies of neighbouring areas and there is a commitment to carry out work at a local level where this is most effective.</p> <p>There was a specific query in relation to a particular service user group which will be followed up by Kathy.</p>	<p>KC</p>
<p>3 NYCC/CCGs competitive grant process for support of voluntary organisations and volunteering</p>		<p>Action</p>
	<p>Neil explained the background behind the recent competitive grant process following on from a review of the current arrangements in line with best practice. A survey was carried out with a wide range of voluntary organisations and the help given by the sector as part of this was very much appreciated. The finalised process was a three year competitive grant for infrastructure work across the whole of the county, and a bid led by Rural Action Yorkshire (RAY) and North Yorkshire and York Forum (NYYF) was successful. The emphasis now will be on working to ensure a smooth transition.</p> <p>Leah explained that there will be a new company formed from a merger between NYYF and RAY. The new service will be operative from 3 April and strong support will be available to the sector. A governance support office post will be in place. It was agreed that the specification for the grant would be circulated around the group.</p> <p>Karen circulated a statement from the North Yorkshire Alliance of local support and development organisations stating their disappointment that their bid had not been successful but accepting the outcome and committing to a smooth transition to the new provider. Neil thanked Karen for the statement and confirmed that there was a willingness to discuss the situation without undermining or changing the outcome.</p> <p>In response to a question about when the new service model would be available, Leah made it clear that, as she had a duty of care to staff, her first priority at this time was to settle the TUPE issues and for this to happen information was needed from all the current providers. The new service model would be available as soon as possible afterwards.</p> <p>Alex expressed her thanks on behalf of the wider sector to the current providers.</p>	<p>DH</p>
<p>4 NYCC council plan and MTFS</p>		<p>Action</p>
	<p>Neil updated the meeting on the budget and council plan for NYCC. There is no major change of direction and the budget is as predicted last year. Both the plan and the budget will be going to the Council's Executive on 31 January and to full Council on 15 February. The proposal is for a council tax increase of 1.99%, and a social care precept of 2% each year for three years. Responses to an online survey and citizens' panel questionnaire support this approach.</p> <p>The council plan structure has been amended to include a section combining the council's key ambitions, high level outcomes, priorities for the next four years and recent progress.</p>	

	<p>Link to Executive papers (meeting on 31 January 2017) - http://democracy.northyorks.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=18&meetid=3308</p> <p>Link to County Council papers (meeting on 15 February 2017 – papers will be published five days before the meeting) – http://democracy.northyorks.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=17&meetid=3297</p> <p>There was a query about the Better Care Fund and Kathy responded that the Council is still waiting for guidance from central government which was expected in November. It is appreciated that this is having a knock on effect for local organisations.</p>	
5	Connecting communities	Action
	<p>Marie-Ann updated the meeting on a project which is being led by the Assistant Director, Technology and Change at NYCC, Robert Ling, and governed by the Stronger Communities Board. This involves understanding, testing and measuring the impact of a variety of new technologies on some of the issues presented by loneliness and isolation in a defined community. It came out of discussions organised by Lincoln Sargeant and some specific challenges in rural areas.</p> <p>The intention is that the project is outcomes led rather than technology led and officers are talking to a particular community about the possibility of being a pilot. A community with good infrastructure has been chosen to remove barriers at this stage. Anyone with ideas or offers of support was asked to contact Marie-Ann.</p>	All
6	Suggestions for future agenda items	
	<p>Future agenda items were considered and the following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social prescribing – Laura offered to share some modelling which had been done around social prescribing. Selby AVS could also contribute to the presentation around their local model which is working well. This was agreed. • Living Well – an update identifying gaps etc. was suggested. • Community insight modelling – work is being carried out by Public Health and others based around loneliness and isolation. This may be ready to report progress in time for the next meeting. <p>Deb will find a date in June for the next meeting and contact people who have offered to present items.</p>	DH
7	Any other business	Action
	<p>Wider Partnership conference – it was confirmed that the conference would be held this year on the morning of Friday 3 November and would have the theme of inclusive growth. It was also confirmed that the NYCC Community Awards would be continuing in 2017</p> <p>Two Ridings Foundation will manage the shale wealth fund. The pilot provides £100k in the Kirby Misperton area.</p> <p>Action plans for the My Neighbourhood areas in Harrogate are being reviewed. Work is progressing on collaboration across the sectors in the district. HBC will be moving offices to Knapping Mount in June.</p> <p>Stronger Communities now have a provider framework list with about 50 providers currently on the list. Some of these offer quite specialist services and partners are able to access the list.</p>	

	<p>There is an opportunity for new providers to join it every three months and providers are mainly local. For more information contact mark.taylor@northyorks.gov.uk</p> <p>RAY and NYFF will be merging to form a new company subject to final board agreement.</p> <p>The platform for the countywide community directory is in place and has been tested. Information is currently being uploaded and then there will be more testing. It will go live as a Beta site to allow snagging before finally launching. Marie-Ann will make sure that an update about the current situation is circulated.</p> <p>North Yorkshire Sport has been successful in its bid to the Innovation Fund for a mental health football project for adults (18+).</p> <p>The police are looking at a multi-agency volunteering role which could cover a variety of issues around early intervention.</p> <p>Your Consortium is looking to bid to the LEP growth fund around social inclusion.</p> <p>RAY is working on a bid to Sport England for a local pilot to increase physical activity. NYCC, district councils, CCGs, forestry organisations, national parks and relevant voluntary sector organisations are involved. A community approach will be taken and it may focus on older people approaching retirement.</p> <p>There was an update on integration plans for health and social care. NYCC is working with CCGs, although some discussions are further advanced than others.</p> <p>Some discovery work is taking place around the commissioning of certain NYCC social care services and an update will be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Corporate Director for Children and Young People at NYCC, Pete Dwyer, is retiring in the summer and the process for recruiting his successor has begun.</p>	<p>MAJ</p>
8	Future meetings	Action
	<p>David was thanked for hosting the meeting and it was agreed to hold the next meeting in June 2017.</p>	<p>DH</p>