

Minutes of the Thriving Third Sector Steering Group Meeting

20 May 2013 at County Hall, Northallerton

Present:

Judith Bromfield	York & North Yorkshire LSDO
Avril Hunter	NYCC
Neil Irving	NYCC (chair)
Hazel Kirby	Northallerton & District VSA
Milton Pearson	Craven CVS
Carol Renahan	NY&Y Forum
Sue Vasey	Your Consortium
Katie Bland	Harrogate & Rural District CCG
Lorraine Laverton	NYCC (minutes)
Bryon Hunter	NYCC
David Ita	Healthwatch North Yorkshire
Bob Carter	Cloverleaf Advocacy

Apologies:

Alex Bird	Age UK North Yorkshire
Ray Busby	NYCC
Tina Chamberlain	RAY
Kate Senior	Craven District Council
Leah Swain	Rural Action Yorkshire
Mike Webster	NYCC

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2013.

These were agreed as an accurate record.

Update on transport: Work is ongoing via the Creative Change Team based at NYYF concerning 'mapping and gapping' transport provision.

2. Skills and Employment update

The Group considered a paper by Sue Vasey. This highlighted the main challenges for VCS in North Yorkshire including;

- Apprenticeship Reform – may significantly reduce VCS involvement with return to a model based on classroom delivery.
- Restrictions for traineeships – programme aimed at 16-19 year olds and excludes 20-24 year olds that were in the original consultation document
- Complex geography of the LEP – Cross border LEPs need to be taken account of.

The paper went on to list key issues within North Yorkshire that were identified at a meeting of major stakeholders in April 2013. A Task and Finish group from major stakeholders is to be set up by the NYCC Chief Executive to take the issues forward.

Comments raised during the course of the meeting were as follows:

- The difficulty obtaining statistics for the age group 18 – 24 years
- Changes are happening nationally
- The need for leadership on development of a local strategy
- Voluntary sector highlighting the issues to local MPs

AGREED:

- 1. That Sue Vasey will update members of the Group on relevant developments.**

3. The Compact

The Group discussed the current status of the Compact.

Comments were invited on people's opinion of the current Compact, its usefulness and what might be an appropriate way forward.

Comments included:

- There appeared to be a lack of enthusiasm for the Compact in its current form
- That the adoption of the national Model would be more appropriate due to cross border working.
- There would be benefit to focussing on the development of relationships
- It would be useful for the VCS to come together to define the approach

AGREED:

- 1. That Carol Renahan and Judith Bromfield will arrange a meeting of VCS to develop an approach for revising or replacing the North Yorkshire Compact.**
- 2. That the approach is shared with this Group prior to the next meeting.**
- 3. That the view of the Group is that any future North Yorkshire Compact should be based on the National model.**

4. Healthwatch

Bryon Hunter gave the Group some background to the contract for Healthwatch and advocacy services and introduced David Ita of Healthwatch and Bob Carter of Cloverleaf Advocacy.

David Ita gave an overview of Healthwatch across the County and advised the Group that library surgeries would be held at least twice a month in different areas of the County. These would be an opportunity to gather information but to also recruit volunteers who would go on to be involved in 'readers panels', 'community engagement' and 'enter

and view' for example. (Volunteers would receive training for the 'enter and view'.)

David went on to inform the Group about the development of a Directory of Services that will in the future be linked to Google maps. Milton Pearson mentioned this was something that had already been done with the Bradford Healthwatch and the Airedale & Wharfedale CCG

Bob Carter of Cloverleaf provided leaflets and posters for the Group to take away and advised the Group that Cloverleaf were independent of the NHS and was there to support people who reside in North Yorkshire no matter where they receive treatment.

5. Work Programme and Future Meetings

Next meeting scheduled for 10.00 am on 23 September 2013 at County Hall, Northallerton.

Potential items for the agenda were discussed and agreed subject to availability:

- Compact – proposal from VCS for replacing or revising the North Yorkshire Compact
- Social care challenges – invitation to Helen Taylor to provide an update, possibly including public health
- NHS challenges – invitation to Amanda Bloor to provide an update
- The new economic environment of cuts to public sector services and the opportunities / challenges for communities – Neil Irving to provide an update on developing thinking within local authorities
- Big Lottery Funding – invitation to Regional Manager, Caroline James to provide an update

6. Any Other Business

Katie Bland asked if there were any key messages to take back to CCGs. There were two questions Katie was asked to take back with her:

- Q1 What understanding do the CCGs have of the Compact?
- Q2 Are there any examples of good practice from the pilot schemes of the relationships between CCGs and the VCS?