

Minutes of the Thriving Third Sector Steering Group Meeting

30 April 2015 at County Hall, Northallerton

Present:

Alex Bird	Age UK North Yorkshire
Amanda Bloor	NHS Harrogate & Rural District CCG
Judith Bromfield	Richmondshire CVS
Deborah Hugill	NYCC (minutes)
Jon Carling	NY&Y Forum
Neil Irving	NYCC (Chair)
Marc Mason	NYCC
Milton Pearson	Craven CVS
Leah Swain	Rural Action Yorkshire
Richard Webb	NYCC
Sue Vasey	Your Consortium
Hazel Kirby	Northallerton & District VSA
Richard Weightman	Whitby DAG
Avril Hunter	NYCC
Karen Weaver	Harrogate and Ripon CVS
Marie-Ann Jackson	NYCC
Ann Byrne	Harrogate BC
Mel Bonney-Kane	CAVCA
Annabel Jelley	YNYER LEP
Jan Garrill	Two Ridings Community Foundation
Julie Hatfield	NYCC
Clare Slater	Ryedale DC

Apologies:

David Sharp	NYC
Richard Gunton	North York Moors NPA
Sue Gradwell	NYBEP

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2014 and matters arising

These were agreed as an accurate record.

Children and Young People's Prevention service (NYCC) started on 1 April.

A productive meeting had been held around county council contract procurement on 17 March 2015 and further meetings will be planned.

2. Prevention

Richard Webb gave a presentation on the next steps for prevention which he described as a starting point for discussion with the intention that issues would be worked on jointly.

He explained a little about the background on this area of work within NYCC and detailed work going on to finalise a prevention framework. He also discussed the new NYCC prevention services, including prevention officers, the need to shape the market and future funding models.

Ongoing work through Harrogate Public Sector Leadership Board in relation to joint commissioning was referenced. NYCC is looking to use the joint principles developed through this work to inform a forthcoming review of NYCC prevention contracts.

Key messages were:

- More investment going into Prevention
- Opportunity to take stock of current investment and pump-prime new approaches and 'invest to save'
- Linked to wider discussions about VCS sector development and market-shaping
- Multi-agency and co-produced approaches essential

Discussion included the following points:

- Consultation with the VCS about Harrogate's joint commissioning principles starts shortly
- NYCC joint commissioning model will incorporate a mixture of locality focussed and countywide elements
- Extra interim support might be needed for some voluntary organisation until the new process is embedded
- An audit was carried out on the £2m currently spent by NYCC on preventative services. A way of sharing the outcome of this audit with the services identified in the audit needs to be found.

3. Health and social care issues

Amanda Bloor detailed some key points as follows:

- NHS England has published its Five Year Forward view which details some ambitious new models <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/5yfv-web.pdf>
- Harrogate and Rural District CCG has been awarded vanguard site status within the first wave. The intention is that each vanguard site will take a lead on the development new care models which will act as the blue prints for the NHS moving forward and the inspiration to the rest of the health and care system
- Primary care co-commissioning – several CCGs in North Yorkshire, including Harrogate, have been given full delegation to co-commission GP services. Good governance should ensure there are no issues arising from a potential conflict of interest.
- Joint commissioning frameworks – Harrogate Public Service Leadership Board's work had already been mentioned but similar work is happening in other areas of North Yorkshire.
- Dementia Friendly Harrogate – work is underway on improvements in this area

From a social care perspective, Richard Webb mentioned:

- The Care Act 2014 – came into force on 1 April. A briefing paper is attached.
- Dilnot reforms to cap the cost of care.
- Extra care procurement underway
- Distinctive, valued, personal – why social care matters – the next five years
Published by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services
[http://www.adass.org.uk/uploadedFiles/adass_content/news/press_2015/Distinctive%20Valued%20Personal%20ADASS%20March%202015\(1\).pdf](http://www.adass.org.uk/uploadedFiles/adass_content/news/press_2015/Distinctive%20Valued%20Personal%20ADASS%20March%202015(1).pdf)

- Scarborough and Ryedale visioning event 3 June to look at priorities in that area

Points raised during discussion included:

- Clarification on the role of the Partnership Commissioning Unit
- Update on the Health and Wellbeing Board. A constructive away day had been held and further work to ensure the Board works in a different way in future is underway.
- The Health and Wellbeing Strategy is being refreshed and a draft will be taken to the Board in May.

4. Proposed workshop to look at closer collaboration between sectors

Jon Carling and Alex Bird gave a presentation detailing some work coming out of the voluntary sector strategic leaders group on closer working between the voluntary sector and the public sector. The reasons for closer working, the risks and potential areas to cover were discussed.

It was agreed that a mixed approach of workshop activity and one to one conversations between organisations was the best way to progress this work. It was acknowledged that it would be an ongoing process and that it needed to be manageable. There was discussion relating to the possible use of the Wider Partnership Conference as one of the means of progressing this work.

A task group consisting of Jon Carling, Alex Bird, Sue Vasey and a representative to be put forward from NYCC will progress this. Supporting input from Harrogate and Rural District CCG and the CVSs was also promised.

5. LEP issues

Annabel Jelley gave some background on the LEP's involvement with skills which initially was non-existent. However changes in emphasis have occurred and now there is work looking at NEETs, apprenticeships, unemployed people and those in work. The LEP's strategic economic plan includes an objective on skills and plans are in place for young people, workforce and social exclusion and the unemployed.

Consultation was carried out which has resulted in some clear strands of work.

Annabel is also working on specifications for EU funding including:

- DWP programme to support people into work. This programme will provide key workers to work with people on a one to one basis.
- £7.6m Big Lottery opt in focussing on three areas – skills of individuals, financial inclusion and tackling health barriers
- Community grants programme

6. Stronger Communities – emerging issues

Marie-Ann Jackson reported that many of the issues had already been identified during the meeting which was helpful. These included capacity building, areas of good practice, volunteering and aligning investment programmes. She also highlighted that data management and intelligence was an issue in terms of sharing data and using it more smartly to make it meaningful.

7. Draft Volunteering Strategy

Mel Bonney-Kane gave a presentation on behalf of the strategic leaders group explaining the rationale for the strategy and the vision for volunteering in North Yorkshire. She detailed the principles, aims and specific objectives of the draft strategy and urged people to respond to the consultation by 4 May if they had not done so already.

Marie-Ann Jackson explained NYCC's staff volunteering policy which is launching for people coming up to retirement and which will give people early opportunities to get involved with voluntary organisations.

8. Draft Workforce and Organisational Development Strategy

Sue Vasey explained the vision and objectives of the draft strategy, its purpose being to develop and communicate a shared vision of the development, support and training needs of VCSE organisations and their workforce in order to respond to the changing market place and deliver the highest quality services to communities. The draft strategy is also out to consultation and can be viewed at <http://www.nyyforum.org.uk/page/63>

The final strategy and detailed action plan created will be taken to the VCSE Strategic Leaders Group meeting on the 7 July 2015.

9. Compact Revision

Judith Bromfield asked the group to consider the signatories for the revised compact. Richmondshire DC had been included twice and Ryedale DC omitted – this will be rectified. Neil Irving, Jon Carling and Judith will send a joint covering letter asking for sign up.

NHS providers including hospital trusts were suggested as additional signatories.

It was agreed that further work will then need to be carried out to raise awareness and embed good practice. The Wider Partnership Conference could possibly be used for this purpose.

It was noted that Stronger Communities have built the Compact into its funding process.

10. Any other business

As the meeting had overrun there was no discussion of the following items but they were raised for future consideration:

- Possible change of name for group
- Revisiting terms of reference
- Revisiting frequency of meetings

11. Future meetings

Currently the agreement is that meetings should be held every six months. The next meeting will therefore be arranged for September / October 2015.