

Minutes of the Thriving Third Sector Steering Group Meeting

6 November 2015 at County Hall, Northallerton

	<p>Present:</p> <p>Jon Carling Amanda Bloor</p> <p>Judith Bromfield Leah Swain David Sharp Mel Bonney-Kane John Sargent Neil Irving Marie-Ann Jackson Richard Webb Julie Hatfield Kathy Clark Claire Lowery Deborah Hugill</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Sue Vasey Hazel Kirby Karen Weaver Linda Slough Ann Byrne</p>	<p>NY&Y Forum (chair) NHS Harrogate & Rural District CCG (until 11.30am) Richmondshire CVS Rural Action Yorkshire North Yorkshire Youth Coast and Vale Community Action Your Consortium NYCC (until 10.50am) NYCC NYCC (from 11 am) NYCC NYCC NYCC (for item 2) NYCC (minutes)</p> <p>Your Consortium Northallerton & District VSA Harrogate and Ripon CVS Selby District AVS Harrogate BC</p>	
1	Minutes of last meeting – 30 April 2015 – and matters arising	Action	
	<p>These were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>The volunteering and workforce development strategies have been finalised and are available on the North Yorkshire and York Forum website. The action plan for the latter is underway.</p> <p>Compact – Judith is chasing up signatories and proposes to put a deadline date of December on signing up.</p> <p>It was noted that meeting items would be taken in a different order to that on the circulated agenda due to the other commitments of officers.</p>		
2	Infrastructure support survey	Action	
	<p>Claire explained that she had been asked to look at the support needs of voluntary and community organisations in the county. A small governance group has been set up which has agreed a specification and methodology. She is currently carrying out short structured meetings with selected organisations to inform the development of a questionnaire to be promoted more widely.</p> <p>It was confirmed that parish councils will be included and that a link to the questionnaire will be circulated when it is available so that organisations can signpost to it from their websites.</p>		

	<p>The length of the consultation was discussed and it was agreed to give as much time for responses before Christmas as possible, as some organisations, especially parish councils, will find it hard to respond over the festive period.</p> <p>The findings of the survey will be brought back to the next meeting of the group</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>CL</p>
3	Review of remit, purpose and name of group	Action
	<p>Following discussions at the last meeting, Neil and Jon had produced a draft proposal.</p> <p>The following amendments were discussed and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of group to be North Yorkshire Liaison Group • Membership – A wider range of public sector organisations to be invited e.g. police and fire. All district councils to be invited. VCS invites to be based upon Strategic Leaders Group member organisations. • Emphasise the mission statement more clearly. • Change ‘Encourage the joint-planning of services which are delivered in partnership between the two sectors’ to ‘Lead and drive the integrated commissioning of services through co-design and co-production between the two sectors’. • Papers for meetings will be published on the North Yorkshire partnerships website unless there is a strong reason for keeping them confidential – to be included in terms of reference <p>The document will be amended and circulated around the group by email for agreement.</p>	
4	Health issues	Action
	<p>Amanda gave an update on relevant health service issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National piece of work by Kings Fund on relationship between CCGs and VCS organisations. Amanda has fed into this work and it is reassuring that partnerships in North Yorkshire appear to be stronger than in some areas. She will share the findings with the group when they are available. • Harrogate joint commissioning framework – approved by the Public Services Leadership Board. This board now has VCS representation on it. • Better Care Fund – different approaches across the county. The main intended outcomes of the fund are not yet being realised and a review is being carried out. • Winter health – pressure is building on services. National funding allocation and planning guidance will be late. Place based plans will be developed. It was agreed that it would be useful to share national communications on this topic. Amanda will send information to Jon for dissemination. 	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>

	<p>Kathy also highlighted that public health have run a bidding process with district councils for funding winter health campaigns.</p> <p>Leah updated the meeting on the 'Warm and Well North Yorkshire' project which has being funded by British Gas Energy Trust's Healthy Homes fund. It will be led by Rural Action Yorkshire, and delivered by over 30 partners covering all 7 districts. It is funded by British Gas Energy Trust's Healthy Homes fund and will run from October 2015 to December 2016, focussing on the colder months and the important run-up to winter.</p> <p>There will be support in a wide variety of areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • practical help to stay warm and well, including minor repairs and the provision of emergency interventions where applicable; • 1:1 training in energy efficiency, energy switching, and applying for Warm Home Discounts; • home visits to households in fuel poverty or deprived areas at risk of fuel poverty • awareness raising of the impact of cold homes on health • training to frontline staff to recognise fuel poverty and be able to signpost for support • registering for Priority Services • providing a Hardship Fund and training on how to apply to this and others available • a one-stop referral system and helpline for service users and professionals • resources, guides, and campaigns to provide inspiration and information on keeping warm and well <p>The project has been awarded £394,000 to deliver this work and will include the piloting of a Single Point of Contact across North Yorkshire. It will form a substantive part of North Yorkshire County Council's Seasonal Winter Health Strategy implementation plan for this winter.</p> <p>It was agreed that links would be made with relevant work in Harrogate.</p> <p>Training can be offered to staff who routinely carry out home visits and who feel it would be useful. Anyone interested should contact Leah.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>All</p>
5	Closer working between VCSE and public sectors	Action
	<p>At the recent North Yorkshire Wider Partnership Conference Jon and Richard presented a vision for closer working between the sectors. This was followed by a number of workshops looking at aspects of this vision - funding, procurement, workforce, volunteering, sharing best practice and co-design. Discussions had also taken place between the VCSE strategic leaders group and NYCC's management board.</p> <p>The main issues, and possible solutions, identified at some of these workshops were discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed to form task groups to progress the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact measurement – to develop a model of evaluation, both qualitative and quantitative. Marie-Ann to organise this and the 	<p>MAJ</p>

	<p>following expressed an interest in being involved: CAVCA, Your Consortium, HARD CCG. Amanda will approach Leeds North CCG to share work they are carrying out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce development – to understand the different roles and qualifications and try to collectively align these across the sectors. The following organisations were keen to be involved: NYFF (Jon Carling), CAVCA (Claire Robinson), Your Consortium (Sue Vasey), HAS (Cath McCarty). Deb will ask Julie Adby if she is able to be involved too. Links to work that the Health and Wellbeing board are doing on a similar topic, led by Simon Cox, will be explored. • Funding and procurement – to develop a common framework with tools and resources which can be signed up to. Judith Bromfield to organise and the following expressed an interest in being involved: HARD CCG (Amanda Bloor), HAS (TBA), Stronger Communities (Marion Tweed-Ryecroft). Leah will share national information on personal budgets. Kings Fund work could also contribute. 	<p>AB</p> <p>JC</p> <p>DH</p> <p>JB</p>
6	Social care issues	Action
	<p>Richard Webb and Kathy Clark shared some current issues in relation to HAS contracts with the voluntary and community sector, including EU procurement rules and their potential impact. These things are being worked through and any feedback from members of the group would be welcomed.</p> <p>Marie-Ann explained that an expression of interest to the European Social Fund had been submitted from North Yorkshire. This was in relation to inclusion and could bring new money into the county.</p> <p>Leah raised the issue of support to businesses for help with employee related mental health issues. Vicky Waterton in Public Health was suggested as a contact.</p>	
7	Any other business	Action
	<p>Julie – Suggested that Emma Thomas, Commissioning Manager for health in CYPS, be invited to attend the group.</p> <p>Leah – the idea of carrying out some innovation workshops came out of the Strategic Leaders' Group meeting with NYCC's management board, and the following were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital (lead - Leah Swain) • Mental health (lead - Mel Bonney-Kane) • Community transport (lead - Marie-Ann Jackson) 	<p>DH</p> <p>LS MBK MAJ</p>
8	Future meetings	Action
	<p>It was agreed to try to find a mutually convenient date in March 2016 for the next meeting, avoiding Fridays.</p>	DH