

## Minutes of the North Yorkshire Liaison Group Meeting

22 March 2016 at County Hall, Northallerton

	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Neil Irving Simon Hills Leah Swain David Sharp Jo Ireland Mike Maiden Karen Weaver David Watson Marie-Ann Jackson Richard Webb Kashif Ahmed Mark Taylor Sue Vasey Sam Alexander Hazel Kirby Kathy Clark Claire Lowery Deborah Hugill</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Amanda Bloor Ann Byrne Alex Bird Mel Bonney-Kane Judith Bromfield Milton Pearson Emma Thomas</p>	<p>NYCC (chair) NY&amp;Y Forum Rural Action Yorkshire North Yorkshire Youth Scarborough BC North Yorkshire Police Harrogate and Ripon CVS North Yorkshire Sport NYCC NYCC NYCC NYCC Your Consortium Your Consortium Northallerton &amp; District VSA NYCC (from item 6 onwards) NYCC (for item 2) NYCC</p> <p>NHS Harrogate &amp; Rural District CCG Harrogate BC Age UK North Yorkshire Coast and Vale Community Action Richmondshire CVS Craven CVS NYCC</p>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting – 6 November 2015 – and matters arising</b>	<b>Action</b>	
	<p>These were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>There were no updates on actions recorded for Amanda Bloor as she was unable to be at the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the Winter Health conference had been held the previous week and that the voluntary and community sector were well engaged in this area of work.</p>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Infrastructure support survey</b>	<b>Action</b>	
	<p>Claire gave an update on the result of the online survey which is part of an infrastructure support review. The review is aimed at assessing the needs of customers of this support, focusing on current and future demand and is not a measure of the quality of current providers. It will inform future procurement.</p> <p>148 responses were received, with a good coverage from across the county. The most common reason for accessing support was funding advice. Other headline results were discussed and it was agreed that this was useful</p>		

	<p>information which could contribute to the review. However, it is clearly not the whole answer and Claire confirmed that she would be doing more work on the review to include other research and feedback.</p> <p>Sue said she would share the headlines of some diagnostics work done by Your Consortium.</p> <p>It was suggested that links were made to the LEP to understand what support needs they are likely to fund.</p>	<p><b>CL</b></p> <p><b>SV</b></p> <p><b>CL</b></p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Health and social care issues</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Richard gave an update on current issues.</p> <p>Budget allocations for local government and the NHS have now been made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NHS has for the first time a 5 year budget scenario. Allocations for the NHS in North Yorkshire have been poorer than expected and CCGs will be looking for savings. Acute care will be treated as a priority. There are challenging negotiations ongoing about the Better Care Fund.</li> <li>• NYCC has received some transitional relief and rural service delivery assistance but is still £14m worse off than predicted. The Council tax rise to fund social care will raise about £21 m but implementing the minimum living wage will cost about £15m so there will be little extra money. £3.5m has been taken out of the Public Health grant over the next 3-4 years. Public health budgets are currently being scrutinised to make savings in all areas. It is likely that the biggest savings will be on the big contracts. The impact will be felt from 2017/18 onwards. It was suggested that the savings are a substantive item on the next meeting agenda.</li> </ul> <p>Vanguard in Harrogate district – first pilot area will be in Knaresborough, Green Hammerton and Boroughbridge.</p> <p>Ambition for Health – This is in place in Scarborough, Ryedale and Bridlington. It costs of three strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy lives</li> <li>• Care at home</li> <li>• Sustainable hospital services</li> </ul> <p>Department of Health funding for this will run out in the next couple of years so there will be a need to rethink.</p> <p>Mental Health strategy has been launched. NYCC has signed up as a Mindful Employer and would encourage others to do the same.</p> <p>Winter Health strategy was also launched in the previous week.</p> <p>Changes in housing benefit will affect supported tenancies and extra care housing, which may be an unintended consequence but could have a large impact in North Yorkshire. NYCC are lobbying Government on this issue.</p> <p>Richard asked for feedback from the meeting about working with Public Health and new services such as Living Well.</p>	<p><b>DH</b></p>

	<p>There was disappointment expressed that money was again being diverted from prevention services. Anecdotal feedback was provided on Living Well which suggested that relationships are positive but that there was a need to iron out some issues.</p> <p>Leah highlighted some issues over rural health checks and suggested a review would be appropriate. The provider has no understanding of the farming community and there are frustrations emerging. The Yorkshire Agricultural Society are already providing health checks. Richard will raise the concerns with the Director of Public Health.</p> <p>The Care and Wellbeing Fund was mentioned in relation to social impact bonds and it was agreed that this might be something which the group might be able to use to conduct a trial of that approach in North Yorkshire.</p> <p>It was agreed that a small group should be put together to look at this in more detail – Sam Alexander and Kashif Ahmed both expressed interest. Alex Bird was also mentioned as a potential participant. Kashif will circulate a paper he has written about social impact bonds.</p>	<p><b>RW</b></p> <p><b>RW</b></p> <p><b>KA</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Prevention</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Kashif gave an update on the current prevention contracts and commissioning intentions for the future. It is intended to retain current services, by extending lower value contracts where possible and re-procuring where this is not possible. Reviews of contracts will then take place, probably starting in May.</p> <p>He confirmed that information giving timescales and next steps would be provided.</p>	<b>KA</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Progress on closer working between sectors</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Updates were given on pieces of work agreed at the last meeting of the group:</p> <p><b>Impact measurement – Marie-Ann Jackson</b></p> <p>Work to compile information about various frameworks and models has been carried out. Wellbeing tools are being considered. Public Health also held a very useful internal seminar on health economics where the benefit of good case studies was considered. The next stage is to set up sub-groups of the Stronger Communities Board and invite interested participants. Mel Bonney-Kane and Amanda Bloor had previously expressed interest. Your Consortium, North Yorkshire Sport and Kashif were also keen to be involved. Mark Hopley or Ellen Cross may also be interested as they have previously done some work in this area.</p> <p><b>Workforce development – Sue Vasey</b></p> <p>Strategy has been developed and work is ongoing to progress this across the sectors.</p> <p><b>Funding / procurement – Sue Vasey</b></p>	

	<p>Sue and Judith Bromfield have agreed that this piece of work and another which Sue was leading on will be brought together and this will widen the focus to include the NHS. They had met with Kevin Draisey from NYCC which has highlighted some issues which he is exploring further.</p> <p>Deb asked for clarification on the scope of the work, on behalf of Ann Byrne of Harrogate BC who was unable to attend the meeting. Ann wished to know if it would include developing any definitions of social value and a framework to support this. Sue undertook to discuss this with Judith.</p> <p>Neil suggested that it would be good to provide information on progress to the Wider Partnership Conference.</p>	<b>SV</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Progress on innovation workshops</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Digital – Leah Swain</b></li> </ul> <p>Work on this is likely to start in April. Advice has been sought from the Innovation Unit and Nesta. Leah will produce a paper to define the scope of the work and agree with Gary Fielding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mental health - Mel Bonney-Kane</b></li> </ul> <p>Mel was not able to attend the meeting so an update was not available. Kashif was interested in being involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community transport - Marie-Ann Jackson</b></li> </ul> <p>A restructure at NYCC, triggered by the retirement of Richard Owens, means that community transport will now be under the remit of Ian Fielding. There has been consultation with the sector about new products and some branding work is being commissioned to generate more audience and reduce the perception that community transport is only appropriate for those with health and social care needs. There was a comment that minutes and communications from consultation groups used by NYCC were not widely shared and this made it difficult to understand some of the issues. Marie-Ann and Neil undertook to raise this with Ian Fielding.</p>	<p><b>LS</b></p> <p><b>NI/MAJ</b></p>
<b>7</b>	<b>North Yorkshire Wider Partnership conference 2016</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>The theme for the conference will be the refreshed joint health and wellbeing strategy and the event will be on 21 October. Ideas for workshops or speakers should be forwarded to Deb.</p> <p>The VCS Q&amp;A session has been held for 3 or 4 years and Neil asked the group for feedback on whether it was useful, whether it should be continued or whether any changes should be made. The group agreed that they liked the open nature of the session and would want to see it continued. There was a discussion about timings and ways of increasing attendance.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Hazel mentioned that Northallerton and District Voluntary Service Association is changing to a CIO and will be named Hambleton Community Action.</p>	

	<p>Karen updated the group that three organisations in Harrogate had been successful in achieving Local Sustainability funding: Age UK NY, Harrogate Easier Living project and Disability Action Yorkshire.</p> <p>Age UK NY and Age UK Knaresborough are investigating a possible merger.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Future meetings</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>It was agreed to hold a meeting towards the end of June to follow up progress on closer working. Deb will send out a Doodle poll. She will also ask the leads for the work strands if there is any way they could use time within the meeting to move their work on.</p> <p>Sue offered a meeting room at Chain Lane in Knaresborough for the next meeting. Deb will liaise with her about this.</p>	<p><b>DH</b></p> <p><b>DH</b></p>