

Action Points/Notes

Shropshire VCS Assembly Board

Meeting with VCS Task Group members 9am – 11am

VCSA Board members only 11am – 1pm

9 July 2014

9.00am, Council Chamber, Shirehall

Attended

Board and VCS Task Group Members		
Jackie Jeffrey	Chair, VCS Assembly	JJ
Linda Cox	Shropshire Community Transport Consortium	LC
Heather Osborne	Shropshire Older People's Forum	HO
Nicola McPherson	Health & Social Care Forum	NMcP
David Currant	Green Shropshire Xchange	DC
Jean Robinson	PAN Disability Forum	JR
Laurel Roberts	Northern Area Representative	LR
Julie Tustin	Shropshire Providers Consortium	JT
Sonia Roberts	Shropshire Providers Consortium	SR
George Candler	Shropshire Council	GC
Hillary Paddock	Housing Support Forum	HP
Maxine Betts	Shropshire Infrastructure Partnership	MB
Louise		
Robin Durham	Criminal Justice Forum	RD
Cllr Gwilym Butler	Shropshire Council	GB
Guest Speakers		
Ruth Boyd	NHS	RB
Sam Tilley	Shropshire CCG	ST
Tina Wigfall	Shropshire CCG	TW
Neil Evans	Shropshire Council	NE
Adrian Johnson	Shropshire Council	AJ
In Attendance		
Sarah Dodds	VCSA Coordinator	SD
Pauline James	VCSA Support Officer	PJ
Ruth Turner	Strategy, Research & Performance Support Officer	RT
Elaine Griffiths	VCSA Coordinator	EG

Apologies

Apologies received from Kate MacDonald, Rachel Wintle, Marion Youens, Clive Wright, Cllr Lee Chapman.

Item

1. **Welcome, introduction, apologies**

JJ welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made.

The above apologies were noted.

Minutes of the last Joint Meeting

Were agreed as a true and correct record.

6. **Building Health Partnerships**

SR gave a briefing on progress to date:

- Phase 1, Partnership and exploration; implementation and facilitation.
- Phase 2, Project clarity 'Maps of Maps'; development of aims and objectives; portal to bring together databases and service information (with no intention to replace what has already been done).
- Directory sub group developed in November, there have been three meetings to date.
- A Steering Group is now in place. The group initially looked at protocols of how to work together (membership includes VCS Assembly, CCG and Shropshire Council).
- For some months the group looked at hosting 'Maps of Maps' on 'Looking Local' a public sector media based system. The group decided that this platform was not right for the project.
- Specialist support has been brought in to offer advice on specialist requirements needed and new options are now been considered.
- Sam Hine has now joined the group to project manage and deliver elements of work.
- Pilots in Cornwall are in place but still in the development phase. This learning will help Shropshire.
- Next Steps – more to project implementation.
- Bi-monthly updates will be provided via the VCS Assembly news.
- Next Stakeholder event been planned for Summer 2014 or after the holiday period.

7. **Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Social Inclusion**

Sonia provided the following update:

- A relationship with the Marches LEP has been developing in response to EU Funding.
- 2015 new round of funding available for 7 years.
- 27 LEPs - Marches is one of the largest LEPs geographically.
- The Marches LEP has a new plan and priorities (see website).
- The VCS, through the Social Inclusion Group and Stakeholders has

informed the Strategic Investment Strategy.

- The Social Inclusion group has developed an Evidence Base – research in the area on social inclusion and needs and a separate document with evidence from the VCS and its role.
- The Social Inclusion group recognises the need from the VCS to link to other sub groups not just Social Inclusion. For example there is a strong link into skills and employment.
- Compact principles have been signed by the LEP to support engagement.
- The structure of the group is robust with a good mix of the 3 areas.
- There is a need for a CLLD sub group (Community Led Local Development) and some meetings have been held but guidance is now required.
- Peter Roach from Bournville Village Trust is the LEP lead for Social Inclusion.
- Funds need to be match funded and Big Lottery is likely to offer match. Sonia spoke around some of the work required with Big Lottery and issues being identified.
- Achievements to date include: 5 events, monthly meetings, bi monthly communication, 2 research projects etc.
- Next Steps will include a look at Social Value, Social Innovation and Equalities.

Some questions were raised including questions around the impact of increasing referrals and whether this was a common pattern. Other questions covered the way VCS bodies would bid for funds (not yet known). Sonia offered to feed comments back.

Action

- SR to feed in VCSA comments.
- SD to send out slides.
- SD or KM to emphasis attendance at Craven Arms events.
- Advertise through VCSA newsletter.
- Any evidence or issues to be sent in for consideration by the Social Inclusion group.

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KM
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All

2. Building Community Capacity

Adrian Johnson introduced himself and spoke about his 25 years at Shropshire Council. His current work looks at how people can be supported to maintain independence and avoid social exclusion. He is building partnership with others including the Long term conditions sub group, Sam Tilley and Sal Riding.

There are increasing needs and challenges including dementia and an aging population.

The work is tied into the GP Community and Care Coordinators project and Compassionate Communities.

Professionals can't meet demand. People are living longer. Health conditions and social isolation are impacting on all of this. There is a need to maintain independence and ensure contact with communities. Aims include reducing admissions to hospital, reducing GP appointments etc.

It is recognised that there is a need to increase community capacity, coordinate statutory agencies and help the VCS organisations to engage. Work is taking place around specific GP practices in the North, South and Central areas. Identified Craven Arms, Radbrook and Wem. There is a link to Locality Commissioning Ageing Well work in Wem.

Adrian finishes in September. He would like a core group around each GP Practice and to involve the VCS in this. There is a meeting on the 24 July with Housing, RCC, Adult SC, Town Council.

Questions

- ST – developing and maintaining independence, means there is a need to start early with young people.
- GB there is a need to ensure the work is linked into other work areas such as the community hubs work.
- HO encouraged conversations with Senior Citizens Groups.
- LC spoke about the importance of considering travel to services and community transport and provided an example of issues in Helena Lane.

It is not yet known who will take over the lead from Adrian.

Action

- Meeting 24 July Hilary with represent the VCSA and allow wider representation.
- AJ to note the VCSA would like more seats on the group for boarder representation.

HP

AJ

3. Future Fit

Ruth Boyd gave a presentation about Future Fit and provided an update on the programme (*A copy of the presentation was circulated to the Board after the meeting. For a copy of the presentation please email ruth.turner@shropshire.gov.uk*)

Ruth highlighted the below pressures on the NHS and partner organisations:

- Aging society.
- Long term health conditions.
- Increased expectations and advances in medicines and technology.

The Future Fit programme brings together patients, medical staff, NHS leaders and local authority partners to analyse how services are currently used and compare with the best medical practice across the UK and beyond. By using the outcomes from this Future Fit will develop options for how services can be improved in order to deliver excellence for the future.

NHS England and the CCG had agreed to get together to talk about these issues, and to engage with staff, the public, Doctors and Nurses, to collectively decided how to address these issues.

RB advised that the work would be led by local people who understand the issues. A health professional would lead the change with engagement from the public (rules to apply).

- Formal consultation will take place after general election in 2015.
- Rachel Wintle VCSA representative.
- Ruth will send updates as engagement opportunities arise.

10.30am NE joined the meeting.

Action – SD to circulate web link for Clinical Design Report/ Future Fit.

Action – RB to circulate details of events when available via SD/KM.

SD
RB/ SD

4. CCG Update

- **5 year strategy**
- **Better Care Fund**

ST gave a presentation on the CCG's 5 year Strategic Plan. (A copy was circulated after the meeting. For a copy of the presentation please contact ruth.turner@shropshire.gov.uk)

The below points were highlighted:

- Draft Strategic Plan was submitted in June.
- Joint plan with both Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin CCG.
- In consultation with wider partners.
- Plan is based on three core elements of activity; the Better Care Fund, Future Fit and mental health modernisation.
- 2 year operational plan.
- Challengers are aging population; long term conditions; high expectations of care; local challenges; life expectancy; over 65's; rural, from acute to community.
- Workforce challenges – rural profile and travel distance issues.
- Not enough money – skills, equipment, technology, specialisms.
- Vision – quality, reducing health inequalities, partnership, engagement.

Better Care Fund

ST provided an update on the Better Care Fund. The Better Care Fund is an opportunity to transform the local health and social care landscape.

- Committed to focus on four overarching principles; prevention; early intervention; building community resilience; independent living.
- Developing the capacity of services in the community.
- Looking at avoiding hospital admissions and shorten length of stay in hospital. Transferring health to Social Care.
- Build on the Bolster arrangements.
- Shared plan overseen by Health & Wellbeing Board.
- April 2015 will see the official start. 2014 is transition year.
- Year 2 £21 million (current fund £9 million).
- Money to come from existing contracts.
- Performance measures in place to link up the data.
- Payment on performance.
- Preventative measures will bring about the most change along with early intervention.
- Care Home advanced scheme/Integrated Community Service.
- Living independently for longer.

Better Care Fund uses existing structure plus a few additional groups, Service Transformation Group, Finance and Contracts.

Next Steps – Financial modelling and re-submit plan.

Action - SD to assist with VCSA representation on BCF.

SD

8. Social Value Framework

NE joined the meeting and gave an overview of the draft Social Value Framework. The Framework is to guide Council Officers and members on how to embed Social Value into the council's commissioning and procurement activity. The framework sets out what Social Value means to the council, how it can help us to deliver on 4 outcomes and priorities and how we will apply in practice. The Framework also sets out how the council will achieve the greatest possible impact on behalf of Shropshire residents. It identifies how customer outcomes are linked to the council's priorities and suggests measures, milestone or specific indicators by which Social Value can be demonstrated.

HO raised the question that the framework had been driven by the council's outcomes and questioned if there would be the opportunity to seek the views of other organisations that would be effected.

NE advised that this work was currently been developed.

The Board requested Case Studies to see how social value works in practice. NE advised that case studies would be built up in time. In the interim he

would be happy to talk to Forums individually.

Action – Board members are asked to feedback comment on the Framework asap and the final document will be released September/October.

All

**9. A) Actions from the last meeting
B) Matters Arising**

All actions from the last meeting had been completed and there were no matters arising.

10. Representations – review

JJ talked through a paper which highlighted the wide representation for the VCSA Board/Forums at meetings.

Representation from the VCSA is required for Safeguarding Adults and Connecting Shropshire.

Action –PJ to seek new representation.

PJ

11. Forum and Representative Reports

JJ read through the main points from the Forum reports. Board members noted all recommendations and additional representational reports.

12. Sustainability Fund Consultation

A paper was circulated, the Board members were asked to feed comments back to SD so that a consultation response could be made for Shropshire.

Action – SD to circulate paper electronically and collate comments.

SD

13. Learning from Information, Advice and Advocacy (pre-commissioning engagement and tender process)

To be deferred to the next meeting.

Action – SD to ensure item on the agenda for October's meeting.

SD

14. Chair and Vice Chair's Report

- **Change meetings**
- **Request from WM Police**
- **Health and Wellbeing Board**

JJ provided the below update

West Mercia Police - Superintendent James Tozer is interested in looking at how troubled families (including those not on the troubled families programme) can be supported through mentoring and the VCS. There is the

possibility of some money for mentoring. JJ asked Board members for any comments.

Transformation Challenge Award Our Community Hubs

Project Summary – work in partnership to review and rationalise local assets to provide better outcomes for local communities and individuals at less cost.

JJ advised that she had been sent this bid and asked to sign the expression of interest on behalf of the VCS as an integral partner. JJ advised that she decided not to sign the bid as she had only received it just before the closing date and had not been involved in, or consulted in, the development of the bid on behalf of the VCSA and had not been able to feedback to the VCSA Board to confirm support. Also JJ advised that as she had only seen the summary of the bid she was unsure what the VCSA were supporting as an integral partner. Since initially declining to sign the bid JJ advised that she then met with Neil Willcox, and talked through concerns. She had then agreed to sign because it could potentially represent an opportunity for the VCS and the VCSA are keen to work in partnership with Shropshire Council.

JJ advised that Neil agreed to give her a copy of the original bid and she asked that the bid included an amount of money for VCSA capacity.

JJ advised that she has now signed the Bid as a supporting partner, but has advised the Council that this will be the last time the VCSA supports a bid if they are not involved from the start of the process, if they are requiring VCSA formal support.

Action – JJ to circulate original bid to Board members.

JJ

15. Team Update

The Team had provided a written update on the key projects and work areas being delivered. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions but due to time constraints the work completed was not discussed.

16. Need for an Additional Meeting (UDG)

Date of next meeting
8 October, 9am – 1pm, Council Chamber

Close