

## Rossendale Health and Wellbeing Partnership

**Friday 12 February 2016 9.30 am  
Council Chamber, Futures Park, Bacup**

Present: Barbara Ashworth (Chair); Stephanie Thornton, RBC; Ronnie Barker, Mid Valley PPG; Andrew Walmsley, Haslingden Community Link & Childrens Centre; Amanda Robertson, First Choice Credit Union, Whitehorse Project, RBC; Paul Bayes, Green Vale Homes; Rachel Whippy, Citizens Advice Rossendale; Ian Whittaker, Newground Together; Bev Garrity, DWP; Denise Barlow, Lancashire Police Early Action; John McIvor, Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service; Diane Owen, Bacup PPG; Alicia Hills, Lancashire Wellbeing Service; James Thomas, Whitworth PPG; Melusi Ndebele, LCC; Pauline Taylor, Green Vale Homes, Wellbeing co-ordinator; Brian topping, Dementia Friendly Rossendale; Andy Lavery, East Lancs CCG; Liz Hamilton, Veterans in Communities Barry Payton, Haslingden PPG; Ian Turnbull, RAFT Foundation; Chris Roberts, St Vincent's Homecare and Repair; Dennis Thomas, Seniors Together in Rossendale.

Apologies: Helen Holmes, University of Manchester; Rob Aindow, JCP; Anne Oliver, Age UK; Jane Hall, Rossendale Hospice; Peter Dunn, BPRCVS

	<b>Action</b>
<p>1. Introduction</p> <p>Barbara Ashworth welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that she chaired the meeting in her role as the council's Portfolio Holder for Health. Other delegates introduced themselves.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Diane Owen was not on the list of attendees (and also not on the distribution list).</p> <p>Page 3 – Should read East Lancashire Patient Partnership Board.</p> <p>Page 1 – Auto enrolment was introduced in 2015.</p> <p>Page 2 – Pensions – should read: Pension deferral rules are changing. Under existing rules, pensioners who choose to delay claiming their state pension can either take a lump sum payment or an increased weekly amount depending how long they delay claiming. Under the new state pension rules from April 2016 – they will only be able to get an increased weekly amount. The lump sum option has been removed.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>4. Speaker: Lancashire Wellbeing Service: Alicia Hills</p> <p>Alicia gave an overview of the service. The aim was to reduce demand on A&amp;E and GP practices and help people with preventable health conditions manage</p>	

<p>better.</p> <p>Referrals from Primary Care, Early Action Team and a wide range of partner agencies. The service covers all the LCC area. Criteria to qualify for the service include low level mental health issues, socially isolated, etc. There are currently 2 Wellbeing workers in Rossendale. They work out of Veterans in Communities, the Recovery College and the Irwell medical practice.</p> <p>A referral form and service brief will be circulated.</p> <p>Feedback is given if a referral is not appropriate for the Wellbeing Service, or the client is referred on to another agency.</p> <p>Issues re feedback were discussed. Alicia will follow up re referrals from the Fire and rescue service. Issues re carer's support were discussed. Any feedback will be broad and not include specific detail. Consent will come with the referrer. Issues re timescale of the project discussed and they will look at getting the best package for each case with other support possibly longer term.</p>	<p>ST</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>5. Speaker: Cosy Homes in Lancashire – James Summerville</p> <p>Presentation attached. Leaflets were made available.</p> <p>Issues re fuel poverty and households that currently have no central heating were discussed. Most of the services are means tested and/or based on the age of the house.</p> <p>Cllr Ashworth shared her experience of calling CHiL as someone not on benefits. She had to prompt to receive accurate information. James will follow this up.</p> <p>The issue of benefits checks discussed - James to speak with BG outside the meeting. Rossendale take up currently low. CHiL will not do cold calling.</p>	
<p>6. Discussion: Health Priorities for Lancashire 7. Structure, membership of the Rossendale Health and Wellbeing Partnership</p> <p>Paul Walker led the workshop. He is working for Rossendale Borough Council on a temporary basis on several projects including health.</p> <p>A steering group has met to do some early thinking about the best way forward for the partnership including structures and frequency of meetings as well as actions for the year, based on current priorities.</p> <p>Melusi Ndebele, LCC, gave a presentation on Public Health Priorities. They are</p>	

Tobacco, healthy lifestyles and mental health and wellbeing.  
Across all ages to fit with the transforming lives agenda – Start well, Live Well, Age Well.

All underpinned by improving community resilience. And early action, prevention.

Andy Laverty, CCG outlined current priorities for the CCG.

1. Integrated Neighbourhood Team. This is a new initiative - Lead clinician Dr Hilary Waite and hosted by Rossendale Hospice. Patients will be identified by G.P.s as meeting the INT criteria and then referred in. Each patient will have a case manager.
2. New models of Primary Care: Feedback from patients highlighted priorities as – easy access, local access, evening/Saturday morning access, own or local GP.

CCG are currently looking at several models. The model will be run as a pilot with ongoing consultation. It will be up to GP practices to run the project collaboratively.

Waterfoot had been identified as the centre of Rossendale so new service may be based at the surgery there. Not yet decided.

Issues around use of Rawtenstall Hub were discussed.

General points made included LCC had identified smoking on the increase – what was the demographic?

Also need to be mindful of alcohol/substance abuse fuelled crime.

There was a problem in East Lancs around the illicit supply of tobacco particularly identified by the Fire and Rescue Service. This leads to more fires as these types of cigarettes do not have a component within them which allows them to stop burning.

The Partnership needs to understand what is available now in Rossendale against the outlined priorities. To find out what each agency would like to see and thinks are the priorities. We can share the information and have workshops at the next meeting to develop the work. This will also inform the structure of the partnership, frequency of meetings etc.

Stephanie to contact each member for information using a short pro forma.

Paul Bayes highlighted the fact that the original aim of the group was Financial Inclusion and felt that the partnership should not lose sight of that. BA acknowledged the role poverty plays in poor health.

<p>8. General comments/update - Community Link is hosting the launch of the new REAL community services website Directory for Rossendale. Invitations have gone out to PPGs, etc. Launch Friday 26 February 2016 – lunch at 12.30 pm with presentation at 1.00pm. Anyone who would like to attend contact Community Link.</p> <p><b><u>Agreed that Minutes could be shared with PPG members.</u></b></p> <p>Green Vale Homes have launched a community van travelling to Rawtenstall, Whitworth and Waterfoot – for accessing Green Vale Services and Be-With-Us. Initially the van will run for six months.</p> <p>Beverley Garrity informed the meeting that the lower benefit cap proposed in the post-election budget to include Carers Allowance had now been dropped from the bill.</p> <p>DWP will be starting an awareness campaign about DLA finishing and claimants to apply for PIP. This was having a big impact on Citizens Advice and other advice services. There doesn't appear to be a problem with the DWP Home Visiting Service capacity at present and they can help with form filling.</p>	
<p>9. Date of next meeting:</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> of April 2016</p>	

The meeting closed at 11.35 am.