

## ROSSENDALE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 9.30, Futures Park, Bacup

### NOTES OF THE MEETING

Present: Andrew Walmsley – Haslingden Community Link/RBC councillor, Simon Monks – Bootstrap, Andree Pomfret – REAL, Rob Aindow – JC+, Graham Walton – Carers Link Lancashire, Andy Laverty – ELCCG, Rod Bevan – EDCP/White Horse Project/St. Anne's, Amanda Robertson – First Choice Credit Union/RBC Councillor/Whitewell bottom community centre, Hester Knox – Lancs wellbeing service, Cllr Barbara Ashworth – RBC Councillor/STIR, Melanie Whitehead, Stephanie Thornton – RBC

1. Apologies for absence – James Thomas, Ronnie Barker, Barry Payton – Rossendale PPG's, Paul Bayes, Mandy Whittaker – Together housing (Greenvale homes), Sue Hopkinson – Maden Centre, Shirley Foster – LCFT, Tricia Brindle – Newground, Bryan Topping – DFR, Dave Mullins – St. Vincent's care and repair, Angela Hammonds – LFRS, Dr. Helen Holmes – Manchester University thrift project
2. Minutes of the last meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – matters arising
  - Heather Mullins reported from the asylum seekers project that the number of drop ins in Rossendale has reduced to one – at Haslingden Community Link – due to poor attendance at the other drop ins. This situation will be kept under review. AL suggested CCG Innovation fund would be interested in supporting drop in activity and a successful model/project could be rolled out across East Lancashire.
  - Barbara Ashworth requested that the minutes and papers from the Health and Wellbeing meetings be put on the REAL website. ACTION; ST to add Matt wiseman to the mailing list and ensure papers are published.
3. Safe and Well visits – Lancs fire and rescue service – this item will be postponed until the next meeting.
4. Affordable warmth

Heather Mullins explained that, once again, Rossendale has Affordable warmth monies to help those in fuel poverty and/or living in cold homes. This will be delivered in partnership with St. Vincent's Care and Repair. A leaflet has been produced. ACTION; ST to send out with the minutes.
5. Bootstrap – Simon gave background and details of services from Bootstrap. The organisation is a charity established in the 1980's originally to help with Business start up. They were, and remain, the prime providers for a number

of national employment initiatives including New Deal. They have specialist programmes working with people with mental health issues. They are now delivering a project in partnership with Age UK and Selnet, funded by European money to deliver a project targeting over 50s and helping them into employment (Age of Opportunities). The project looks to remove barriers and focus on employability and self employment. Bootstrap offer 1-2-1 support for up to 3 years including help with CVs, interview techniques etc. Partners can refer direct to Bootstrap or to Age UK. The target is 1500 people across Lancashire. They are based in Burnley but very happy to run job clubs etc in Rossendale if there is enough demand and suitable premises can be found. Suggestions included the health hub in Rawtenstall and Stubbylee Greenhouses and recovery college.

6. Partnership priorities. – Stephanie explained that Melusi has changed jobs within the LCC re-structure and his replacement for the Rossendale area is Kayt Horsley. There is no tobacco and healthy lifestyles update as Kayt was not present and Ken Masser was also not in attendance. The mental health sub group has not met since the last meeting of the partnership.

7. Partners updates – CCG| -

- Andy explained that the Integrated Neighbourhood Team initiative has been evaluated and was shown to have reduced emergency admissions and re-admissions. A & E stayed the same which is an achievement. CCG is hoping to expand the INT's to have 2 in Rossendale, one for the east of the district and one for the west and to expand their remit to include children and young adults.
- The other CCG initiative – new model of extended GP service has been through an extensive consultation process. The G.P.s themselves are the preferred providers but there are issues with the Federations which need to be ironed out. The priority is the Hyndburn area initially as there are plans to close the Walk in centre there in March 2017.
- Andy also reported on DFR and showed the most recent newsletter. Brain Topping now has Paul Bond and SUE Helmsley as Vice Chairs. Dementia Awareness week was very successful.
- Booklets – Andy explained that he is seeking support from the CCG Comms team to roll out a localised booklet on living well, living better in later life in Rossendale. With localised content this will address most physical and mental health concerns with details of where to go for further information and help. This will be added to the REAL website and should be out within the first quarter of 2017. He will 'road test' the publication with STIR.

- Rossendale G.Ps have analysed data showing a high number of paediatric admissions to A & E after school finishes. They want to pilot a localised observation facility in Rossendale or the border of Rossendale. This has attracted the attention of Pennine Lancs strategic sustainability and transformation programme.

STIR – Barbara explained that they are seeking new members. They have applied for funding to run further tea dances across the valley as they ones run last year were very successful.

NEWGROUND – Newground are moving into Stubbylee Annexe in the New year to run bike workshop sessions and they will be running family sessions using the, to be developed, pump track. Funding has been secured for this.

HASLINGDEN COMMUNITY LINK – Andrew reported on consultation being undertaken to help them meet the needs of their local community. The Link serves people from -9 months to old age, there are coffee mornings, crafternoons, the starting point for Up and Active walks and Friends Reminisce group on Friday mornings. The organisation is looking to develop services for older people.

WHITEWELL BOTTOM COMMUNITY CENTRE – LCC have agreed to an asset transfer of the building to a local committee so the centre will carry on with volunteers. Cllr. Robertson also provided an illustration of the cost of a loan for a washing machine with a high street retailer and the cost of borrowing from the credit union. Partners asked to encourage people to think 'Credit Union'.

EDCP – Next year EDCP will be ten years old and having ten days of celebration showcasing the many activities and services that are connected to the organisation including the White Horse project for young people. This currently has an art project and a healthy eating project which has enabled them to engage for the first time with 2 particularly difficult to reach 17 year old males. Romance academy will start in January with a focus on healthy relationships. The project also works 3 lunchtimes a week with Fearn's school. The church has a new families worker who is developing activities for the local community.

JC+ - Full service Universal Credit will be in place for Rossendale in August 2018 – one of the last places to be rolled out. There will be an emphasis on preparing people for running their account on line. There is a new disability advice consultant supporting the work coaches from March onwards. For Rossendale this is Paul Mason – he can talk to the partnership about his role on a future agenda. He will be pushing organisations to register as disability confident to increase the numbers of disabled people able to access employment. There has been a change to the rules regarding homeless people with health issues who are sanctioned. Previously they could not access hardship money but now they can. From April there will be an apprenticeship levy, companies with a payroll of £3m plus will be levied if they offer no apprenticeships. Barbara asked about plans re under occupancy and pensions –

are there changes to the rules planned. Rob will look for a helpline number for Barbara.

8. Date of next meeting – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017, 9.30, Futures Park, Bacup