

## **ROSSENDALE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP**

**Friday 20 October 2017 – Futures Park, Bacup, Rossendale**

**Present:** Cllr. B. Ashworth (Chair), Alison Wilkins (RBC Communities), Cllr Amanda Robertson, Rev. Rod Bevan (EDCP/White Horse Project), Angela Hammonds (Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service), Andy Lavery (ELCCG), Paul Hodges (East Lancs CCG), Phil Holden (Rossendale Leisure Trust), Craig Pollard (Lancs Wellbeing Service), Gillian Lander (Children and Families Wellbeing Service, LCC), Wendy Nixon (Mosscare St Vincents), Elaine Butt (Community Restart), Lorna Robinson (RBC Env. Health), Ian Turnbull (Raft), Brian Topping (Dementia Friendly Rossendale) Zarqa Iftikhar (LCC Adult Social Care), Julie McDonald (Age UK), Jessica Renwick (Serco), Jane Riley (Haslingden Community Link), Liz Hamilton (Veterans in Communities), Amir Raki (Caritas), Heather Mullins (RBC), Stuart Winterbottom (Cosy Homes in Lancashire), Lisa Sanderson (BPRCVS), David Rogers (East Lancs CCG), Sophie Thorley & Lauren Tobin (Fairer Power)

**Apologies:** Paul Mason, Tricia Brindle, Steve Rides, Matt Wiseman, Diane Owen, Graham Walton, Helen Homes, Mel Whitehead, Peter Dunn

**Notes from the last meeting** – these were accepted as an accurate record.

### **1. Asylum Seeker Update**

Heather Mullins explained that Caritas are working with Serco, who have the contract from the Home Office as the housing provider for asylum seekers. Amir Raki gave an update on the work of Caritas with asylum seekers. Caritas are a charity linked to the Catholic Church. They run drop in sessions for asylum seekers in Rossendale in Haslingden and Bacup.

Rossendale Council has pledged a number of properties for asylum seekers and to date there are 22 properties and 72 service users in Rossendale. Amir asked people to let him or Heather know if they come across asylum seekers so that they can provide appropriate support, as their addresses are confidential and agencies don't always know where they are housed. Jessica Renwick from Serco advised that she should be used as a contact for asylum seekers.

Heather advised that all agencies working with asylum seekers meet every 2 months, and new organisations who are able to provide support are welcome to get involved.

### **2. Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL)**

Stuart Winterbottom from FireFly gave an update on CHiL. All local authorities in Lancashire are working together on the project which provides warmer homes through insulation, funding for new boilers etc. subject to qualifying criteria. They are constantly looking for additional funding also and have submitted a bid for funding for new central heating systems. They work with all the energy providers.

Brian Topping asked if FireFly staff are dementia friendly trained and advised that he could help with training.

Sophie Thorley from Fairer Power gave a presentation on the scheme which is now available in Lancashire. It was set up by East Cheshire Council in order to ensure that people had access to fairer deals on energy, particularly the most vulnerable who may not wish to switch, or may be on prepayment schemes. They offer the fairest energy price and are partnered with Ovo energy and on average people save money when they get their energy from them. In Lancashire the scheme is branded Red Rose and Fairer Power are looking for support in raising awareness of their service and getting their name known.

(See copy of presentation attached)

### **3. Together a Healthier Future: publication of draft Pennine Plan**

David Rogers from East Lancs CCG explained the draft Pennine Plan (see copy of presentation attached).

The Sustainable and Transformation Partnership (STP) called Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria focusses on national priorities. Within that area there are 5 local delivery partnership areas including Pennine Lancashire Local Delivery Partnership (LDP).

Pennine Lancashire LDP has the Pennine Lancashire Together a Healthier Future Transformation Programme. Pennine Lancashire has over 500,000 people and is divided into 'neighbourhoods' of which Rossendale is one. A document entitled Case for Change came out last year detailing the challenges and the new document creates a vision and makes a number of commitments. It proposes a new model of care based around Me and My Family including My healthy Home and My Healthy Community with sections on: Living Happy, Healthy and Well; Keeping Happy, Healthy and Well; Joined up Care and Support; In-Hospital Care and Support.

Full details of the Plan are on the website [www.togetherahealthierfuture.org.uk](http://www.togetherahealthierfuture.org.uk)

David advised that he is happy to come to talk to groups about the plan during December and January.

The following comments were made:

- Where does dementia fit in?
- Need to encourage community groups to be involved and support them.

- Mental and emotional wellbeing for young people is a huge issue.
- CCG funding for community groups is always short term and generally groups can't apply for the same thing in subsequent years, however many projects take time to develop.
- Transport is key in Rossendale - RBC are to set up a task and finish group to look at transport.
- There is a Pennine Lancs VCS Leaders group which links into other groups and provides an opportunity for people from 3<sup>rd</sup> sector groups to get involved. Liz Hamilton advised that she is happy to be a conduit if people want more information.
- In terms of My Healthy Home, there is a much that local Councils can do e.g. Disabled Facilities Grants, warmer homes, rogue landlords etc. A presentation on Disabled Facilities Grants and how to apply was suggested as a future agenda item.
- The needs of refugees and asylum seekers need to be included.

#### **4. Priorities 2017/18 and actions**

Cllr Ashworth explained that the task and finish group had met and proposed the following priorities, which link into the wider priorities of the Rossendale Community Health Partnership etc.

- Being more active
- Isolation and loneliness (including mental health)
- Smoking

Plus the overarching themes of transport and communication

The successful Pennine Lancashire Sport England Bid which is focussed on inactivity will support these priorities. It is hoped that the Rossendale Health and Wellbeing Partnership can be part of the delivery. Further details of the funding will follow over the next few months.

**Action: H&WB partnership members were asked to send details of current and future projects, services etc. that help deliver these priorities to Alison Wilkins before the next meeting when there will be further discussion.**

#### **5. Partner Updates**

- Brian Topping circulated a leaflet regarding carers and Christmas Day. He also advised that Dementia Awareness Week in Rossendale next year would be 13-19 May, a week earlier than nationally to avoid half term.

- Following on from the presentation at the last meeting on Spice Time Credits, Alison Wilkins advised that Pam Barmby from Spice is now working with RBC on the Living Well Living Better project. She is organising a 12 Days of Kindness campaign in December, through which Spice time credits can be earned for pledging acts of kindness. Pam is happy to visit groups who may want to participate.
- Elaine Butt circulated leaflets detailing new groups including a women's group and peer support groups for OCD and fibromyalgia.
- There will be a community carol service at St Anne's Church, Edgeside on Wednesday 13 December.

## **6. Date of next meeting**

Meeting dates 2018, all meetings 9.30am at Futures Park, Bacup -

- 26 January
- 23 March
- 18 May
- 13 July
- 14 September
- 16 November