

## **ROSSENDALE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Futures Park, Bacup, Rossendale**

**Present:** Cllr. B. Ashworth (Chair), Stephanie Thornton, Tony Sheppard, Heather Mullins (RBC)Cllr. A. Robertson(RBC/First Choice Credit Union), Rev. Rod Bevan (EDCP/White Horse project), Brian Topping (Dementia Friendly Rossendale), Angela Hammonds (Lancashire Fire &Rescue Service), Matt Wiseman (REAL), Andy Laverty (ELCCG), Phill Holden (Rossendale Leisure Trust), Helen Holmes (University of Manchester), Darren Wright (Lancashire Sports Partnership), Diane Owen (Rossendale PPG), Graham Walton (Carers Link Lancashire), Mel Whitehead (Citizens Advice), Alex Carver (Lancs wellbeing service ), Rob Aindow (DWP/JC+), Tricia Brindle (Newground Together), Ronnie Barker (Veterans In Communities), Gillian Lander (Wellbeing, prevention and early help service, LCC)

**Apologies:** Liz Hamilton(VIC), Richard Peters (NWAS), Lorna Robinson (RBC), Ian Turnbull (RAFT)

1. **Notes from the last meeting** – these were accepted as an accurate record - all follow up actions had been completed or were on the agenda.
2. **REAL website** – Matt presented information about the REAL website – slides attached. The model is now being rolled out into Hyndburn – REAL Hyndburn - and then across East Lancashire, supported by ELCCG. ELCCG see these directories as key to their introduction of care navigation into G.P. surgeries along the lines of the West Wakefield model. Reception staff will be trained to use the websites to direct people to alternative sources of advice and information where appropriate. They will start with about 5 services including Pharmacy First and Minor Injuries with the aim of reducing unnecessary G.P. appointments.

Cllr. Ashworth informed the meeting that Rossendale borough Council is launching a new website in August which is much easier to navigate and will have links to the REAL site and vice versa.

3. **Affordable warmth update** – Heather Mullins provided a summary of how the affordable warmth monies were spent last year – attached. The fund is distributed through St. Vincent's Care and Repair who can also access various other external funding to match some of the affordable warmth funding. It is anticipated that funding at a similar level will be available again this year and there were discussions about working together to ensure the right households have access and that agencies were aware of the fund, its criteria and how to refer into it.

#### **4. Priorities - 2017/8**

A number of potential priorities for the next year or two had been identified at the last meeting and a paper was tabled pulling various sources of local health information together for discussion. The meeting split into 5 small groups to discuss which priorities were the most important with particular emphasis on what the partnership could do most effectively, locally, to make a difference.

There was significant consensus from the groups as to the priorities and some overarching themes. All agreed that these priorities should be for at least 2 years to allow time to have influence and see progress.

One overarching theme to emerge was Communication – promoting our individual activities and strengthening relationships and networks.

The two clear priorities to emerge were:

- BEING MORE ACTIVE
- MENTAL HEALTH – including isolation and loneliness

It was also identified that young people and families needed to be woven into any work undertaken or when attempting to influence outcomes in these areas.

One group identified young people's sexual health as important and were assured that services are provided via the Zone in Rawtenstall.

Other issues e.g. the emerging community health partnership will be supported and regular reports received and there will be representation on it from the Health and Wellbeing partnership.

It was agreed that a task and finish planning group will look at the priorities, terms of reference and initial actions and bring this to the next meeting in September. ST to convene.

5. **Safe and Well Visits – LFRS** – Angela presented information about Safe and Well visits – attached. She encouraged partners to make more referrals of any vulnerable people they are aware of.

#### **6. Partner Updates**

- LFRS – working in Rawtenstall at the Zone over the summer holidays as part of family fun days. They will cover water safety and grass fires. Details will be on the REAL website
- ELCCG – Community Paramedic post – Richard Peters for Rossendale – has been extended until September 2017 at the moment.
- LWLB – there will be an Acts of Kindness campaign launched on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Haslingden Community Link and then across Rossendale to reinforce

the messages about neighbourliness and isolation.

The project has also brokered the introduction of 'Extra Time' at the Riverside, Whitworth. This is provided by Burnley FC in the community and is aimed at anyone over 50, 10 – 12, every Tuesday morning. The activities include gently indoor sports, jigsaws, card etc and a chance to socialise. Tony asked that all promote this where they can.

- WPEH Service – Gillian outlined the new service. It is for 0 – 19 year olds (up to 25 if someone has special educational needs) and is a targeted service for people meeting level 2 on the continuum of need. Within Rossendale this service will be based at the Maden Centre in Bacup but will also operate from the Whitworth children's centre, the Zone, Rawtenstall and Haslingden Community Link. Staff are busy promoting the service and seeking referrals from partners. They do work closely with children's social care and they can deliver group work. They want to develop a one stop shop approach to young people's sexual health.
- Lancashire Sports Partnership – Darren is attending the meeting for the first time and would like to explore how to be more involved in delivering the health agenda in Rossendale, particularly around tackling Anti Social Behaviour in young people. He will meet with ST.
- Rossendale PPG – PPGs need more volunteers and there is a vacancy for the PPG representative on the locality steering group. This will be promoted on the Real website.
- Newground are delivering a project, More Positive Together to Together Housing tenants in Rossendale, Pendle and Blackburn with Darwen. This will be delivered from the Annexe at Stubblelee Park in Rossendale and staff will be recruited shortly. Tricia also promoted the Bacup Pride flowerpot trail which was launched at Bacup and Stacksteads carnival. Details on the Bacup pride website.
- Rob Aindow , DWP – colleague Paul Mason is making links with community organisations and raising awareness of anxiety and depression as barriers to work within the job centre. In August he will be observing ESA interviews. There will be a volunteering event in September at the job centre following on from the volunteering webcast undertaken with the council and colleagues from the Volunteering in Rossendale partnership group. Universal credit roll out continues, Rossendale will be some time next year.
- Dementia Friendly Rossendale - DFR have a new logo designed by a local 12 year old boy. On 3<sup>rd</sup> September there will be a memory stroll around Stubblelee Park. The council is helping with the administration of the Safe Places scheme.
- Edgeside and District community partnership is 10 years old this year and there are 10 events planned throughout the summer. Look out for these locally, on their website and on the REAL website.

- Citizens Advice – across East Lancashire CA has been awarded some European funding – building better opportunities – around digital inclusion, specifically in relation to employment. There will be an IT suite at Stubblelee Hall. They have also secured 3 years funding from Esme Fairbairn to look deeper into sanctions and the effect of welfare reforms.  
A key part of CA work is campaigning, gathering evidence of unfair practice etc. In Rossendale and Hyndburn they are currently looking at new criteria for accessing a Blue Badge and problems with accessing the new domestic abuse support service, now delivered through Victims support.
- Carers Link Lancashire – 18<sup>th</sup> August Carers Link are hosting an event at Whitworth waterski centre, open to all Rossendale residents and you can book a ski lesson – free to carers. GW offered to be part of the priorities planning group.

## **7. Any other business**

- 7.1 On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30 Rossendale Leisure trust are hosting a free celebration event at the Riverside , Whitworth, with guest speakers from the council and the Trust and Luke Strong, World cup medal winner, trampoline. Poster attached.
- 7.2 On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July there is an NHS consultation event in the council chamber, Futures Park re healthier futures, all welcome.
- 7.3 Rob Aindow informed the partnership that he has a new job and will no longer be based in Rossendale. He will be replaced by Paul Mason on the Health and Wellbeing partnership. Cllr. Ashworth thanked Rob for his great contribution to the partnership and to the relationships between JC+ and partner agencies. He will be missed.

## **8. Date of next meeting – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**