

## NOTES OF THE ROSSENDALE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017, Futures Park, Bacup

Present: Cllr. B. Ashworth (Chair), Stephanie Thornton, Tony Sheppard – Rossendale Borough Council, Caroline Jarvis – Spice, Ailsa Cormack – G.P. Irwell practice, Andy Laverty – East Lancs Clinical Commissioning Group, Andrew Walmsley – Haslingden Community Link & Children’s Centre/RBC, Paul Bayes – GVH/Together Housing, Eilean Aindow – North West Ambulance Service, David Isherwood – First Choice Credit Union, Rob Aindow, Paul Mason – DWP, Mel Whitehead – Citizens Advice, Graham Walton – Carers Link, Ian Turnbull – RAFT Foundation, Liz Hamilton – Veterans In Communities, Brian Topping – Dementia Friendly Rossendale, Elaine Butt – Community Restart/Lanashire Care Foundation Trust, Zoe Ogden – Lancashire Adult Learning, Tricia Brindle – Newground/Together Housing, Helen Holmes – University of Manchester, Angela Hammonds, Emma Harrison – Lancashire Fire & Rescus Service, Hester Knox – Lancashire Wellbeing service, Dave Mullins – St. Vincent’s care and repair

Apologies: Ronnie Barker, Diane Owen, James Thomas – Rossendale PPGs, Shirley Foster – LCFT, Cllr. Amanda Robertson - RBC/First Choice Credit Union, Matt Wiseman – REAL, Steve Rides – East Lancs Transforming Lives, Rev. Rod Bevan – Edgeside & District Community Partnership/White horse project, Ken Masser – Rossendale Leisure Trust, Kayt Horsley – Lancashire County Council/Public Health.

### **1. PAEDIATRIC PILOT - Dr. Ailsa Cormack, G.P. Irwell medical practice and Chair of the East Lancs Union of GPs.**

Dr. Cormack explained the role of the East Lancs union which is a group of practices who have joined together in an organisation called a Federation to provide services in a better, more efficient way. And to attract and retain staff. All Rossendale practices belong to the Federation.

There followed a presentation on the development of a pilot in Rossendale to work better with local children and improve their health and prevent unnecessary urgent care/A & E visits. **PRESENTATION ATTACHED.**

There will be a workshop later in the year and organisations from across the sectors will be invited.

### **2. CCG UPDATE – Andy Laverty**

Andy informed the partnership that from next quarter there will be 2 Integrated Neighbourhood teams for Rossendale – one at the moment – one for the East of the borough and one from the West.

The Federation of Rossendale G.P.s is making progress towards the development of 8am – 8pm access to a G.P. service. The Rossendale health and wellbeing partnership will be involved in consultation on this. In East Lancashire the first priority area for this will be Hyndburn as the walk in centre there is scheduled to close in 6 months' time.

### **3. PAUL MASON – DWP DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT ADVISER**

Paul is based in Rossendale and Clitheroe, one of 300 new advisers across the country. Initially the work will be coaching other staff – work coaches to take account of any disability issues that a client may have – mental or physical. The definition of disability for this purpose is long term and substantial. Work with coaches should lead to less inappropriate claimant commitments. He can sit with staff during interviews and be part of case conferences and put on training to respond to need e.g. building confidence. Paul will be dealing with G.P.s, and other health professionals. ST suggested accessing the ELRC for their mental health awareness courses for DWP staff.

Paul is also responsible for a big national initiative – DISABILITY CONFIDENT- which replaces the 2 ticks scheme and encourages employers to be more committed to helping employees with disabilities in the workplace.

### **4. SAFE AND WELL VISITS – Emma Harrison – LFRS.**

Emma explained that the fire service have been successfully working on prevention for over 10 years and now want to look at how to contribute to the wider health agenda. The services' priority will always be fire safety but they do get into thousands of properties and want to make every contact count. Thus the safe and well visits. These were initially piloted in Manchester , Staffordshire and Shropshire and now rolled out wider.

The checks consider diabetes, social isolation and loneliness, home security, mental health, trips and falls and winter warmth. People access the checks through the MASH hub. They are targeted at the most vulnerable. The checks are currently carried out 1 in 4 watches. It is a trial now and ends at the end of the month. It will then be evaluated and rolled out to all staff by the end of the year. All staff are going through Dementia Friendly training.

DM asked who the LFRS refer to for warmth enquiries and asked that they come and talk to his team about the safe and well visits. St. Vincent's offer security packages and temporary heaters where necessary.

### **5. PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES**

The Partnership needs to consider its' priorities for the next 12 months. It was suggested that the Rossendale health profile is circulated and people think about

county wide and local health priorities, to be decided at the next meeting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

It was suggested that we identify a representative for the partnership from the Wellbeing, Prevention and early help service as Sue Hopkinson has moved on to a post in Burnley. **AW will find out who this might be and forward to ST.**

## **6. NWAS – Eilean Aindow**

There are big changes in NWAS in the next 12 – 18 months. Burnley ambulance site has now closed and land has been identified on the general hospital footprint.

In Rossendale, the hub at Ilex mill ambulance site and the Stacksteads site are merging. The new site will be Waterfoot Police station. Ambulance staff will book on and off at Waterfoot which means they spend more time in Rossendale.

The current stand by points in Rossendale are at Bacup fire station and Rawtenstall fire station.

There are 10 ambulance sites in East Lancashire and 4 already share with either the Police or the Fire and rescue service. This has been mutually beneficial.

## **7. PARTNER UPDATES**

**Newground** – the pump (bike) track in Stubbylee Park will open on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm. It is also the Great British Spring Clean this weekend involving many local organisations, particularly Civic Pride and town prides. Advertised in the free press and on council website with invitation for local people to join in.

**Dementia Friendly Rossendale** – Dementia Awareness week is 14 – 20<sup>th</sup> May and there will be many activities during that week including trips on the East Lancs railway which proved so successful last year. There are also now ‘Safe Places’ in Rossendale including shops and offices which will display a badge and logo. People accessing the safe place can use a telephone or just have a quiet space. This is also for people who are anxious or have learning difficulties.

**Greenvale homes** – there has been a big reorganisation and the identity ‘Greenvale homes’ will be slowly phased out and known as Together Housing. There will be a team of 4 sustainability officers for Lancashire – **ST to invite to next Partnership.**

There will still be a presence in Rossendale and, eventually, staff will move into the new offices in Rawtenstall as part of the Spinning Point development.

**VIC** – is running a project called Changing Futures funded by ESF/BLF which involves recruiting a Transformational Coach – Terry Morley, 1 day a week to work

with their participants and help them towards the labour market. VIC is also a finalist in 'Soldiering on' awards in London at the end of the month.

**Helen Holmes – University of Manchester** - Helen is hosting an event on 8<sup>th</sup> June at Friends Meeting House, Manchester bringing together organisations under the banner of her austerity research looking at Social inequality, exclusion and sustainability. A booklet will be produced and a website.

**Richard Peters – Community Paramedic.** The community paramedic is a new post funded until the end of March. NWAS have extended this for 3 months to allow for more evaluation. The purpose of the post is predominantly demand reduction looking at frequent callers and nursing homes.

**JC+** - Rob explained that the JC+ and DWP site transformation will not affect Rossendale. Colne and Darwen will be affected in East Lancashire and this will be rolled out over the next 3 or 4 years.

There is to be a Jobs Fair at Bacup Methodist hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, from 10 – 2, in conjunction with the MP, Jake Berry. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of this event which has proved very successful, 40 employers will be there.

Universal Credit is changing all the time. Lots of policy changes at a high level. It will be rolled out over the next 12 to 18 months, Rossendale will be towards the end of this timetable, 2019.

**Haslingden community Link and Children's centre** – the new model under the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help service begins in April 2017. Some Children's Centres have closed. Andrew will look for a contact for Rossendale for the new service to present to the next Partnership on the changes. LCC will use HCL but not clear what that will look like.

**Lancashire adult learning network** – there is a Learning at work week – 15 – 20 May. Zoe can adapt and provide training to suit all organisations around health and wellbeing.

**Citizens Advice** – Mel Whitehead is the new Co-ordinator for the crisis support project for people in financial crisis – no food, no fuel, no money and also includes help with budgeting etc. Further free training is also on offer on benefits – ESA, PIP, JSA, and energy best deals.

8. **Date of next meeting** - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 9.30, Council Chamber, Futures Park,. Bacup

