

## **ROSSENDALE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. 9.30am. Futures Park, Bacup, Rossendale**

**Present:** Cllr. B. Ashworth (Chair), Alison Wilkins (RBC Communities), Cllr Amanda Robertson, Andy Laverty (ELCCG), Craig Pollard (Lancs Wellbeing Service ), David Mullin (Mosscaire St Vincents), Elaine Butt (Community Restart), Lorna Robinson (RBC Env. Health), Ian Turnbull (Raft), Jackie Flynn (RBC), Rebecca Whitcome (LWT), Trisha Brindle (Newground), Jane Morris (CAP), Matt Wiseman (REAL), Paul Mason (DWP), Kelly Roscoe (DWP), Rebecca Evans (Age UK Lancs), Pierro Capitelli (ELGGG), Farhat Chaudhary (ELCCG), Gillian Lander (Child and Family Wellbeing), Angela Hammonds (Lancs Fire and Rescue), John Verity (Age UK Lancs), Tony Sheppard (Reach-IT), Lisa Sanderson (CVS Community Connectors), Pam Bromley (Spice Time Credits).

**Apologies:** Julie McDonald (Age UK), Jane Riley (Haslingden Community Link, Trisha Brindle (Newground), peter Dunn (CVS) Rob Bevan (Edgeside Partnership), Chris Lee (Public Health), Richard Peters (NW Ambulance Service), Mark Spedding (Inspire), Helen Holme (Manchester Uni), Phil Holden (Rossendale Leisure Trust), Graham Walton (Carers Link)

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

### **1. One Digital – John Verity Age UK Lancashire**

John is the project worker for One Digital. This project works with people over 50, and engages them in discussions around digital technologies. The project aims to engage 3000 people in these conversations and to provide some sort of training or support to 1000 people. 200 digital champions are to be recruited to support older people. The project has had many initial meetings with groups and individuals. Volunteers are now located in some GP surgeries in Burley and Blackburn to support people to get on line to access GP services, and this could be rolled out to Rossendale GPs if there is any interest from them.

John can be contacted at: [John.Verity@ageukbwd.org.uk](mailto:John.Verity@ageukbwd.org.uk)

**ACTION: JF to circulate project information to the partnership**

**AL to support John with access to Rossendale GP's**

### **2. Note of the last meeting**

Accepted

### **3. Reach-IT - Tony Sheppard Citizens Advice**

This project is funded through Building Better Opportunities and targets economically inactive or unemployed people in Rossendale and Hyndburn.

The project works with individuals to see if lack of digital skills is an obstacle to employment. The project supports people to undertake the 'Learn my Way' IT training package on line, with further training opportunities once this is undertaken. This project is also recruiting digital champions to support new learners. These should be people who have completed all 5 modules of the 'Learn my Way' course.

The project has laptops that it can bring to local community venues for training.

Tony can be contacted at [reachit@rossendalecab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:reachit@rossendalecab.cabnet.org.uk)

**ACTION: All- pass referrals through to Tony**

### **4. Food First/reducing malnutrition**

This is a CCG supported project that is working to reduce malnutrition in East Lancashire, focusing initially on Rossendale. The project offers advice, support and training to health care professionals, carers, support staff and patients on food fortification and malnutrition screening. The project includes a dietician working with local GP's.

The project is encouraging less use of 'sip drinks' and improved diet. The project has almost completed training for Rossendale Care Homes.

**ACTION: JF to circulate leaflet with more information and contact details**

**ALL encouraged to promote the project and refer into it**

### **5. Draft Action Plan**

The summary of the actions that the group are taking to deliver the three health priorities of the partnership have been written up and circulated.

The Rossendale Strategic Health Partnership is now writing an action plan and the information from this project will be fed into that plan. Once it is completed the plan will be discussed at this meeting to see how this partnership can support its delivery.

It was noted that the members of this partnership were undertaking many project to support the aims of increasing activity and improving mental health, but very few to reduce smoking.

## **6. Together a Healthier Future (standing item)**

The primary care aspects of the Healthier Together project will be circulated with the note of the meeting. It is a lengthy document and it was suggested that the Executive Summary would be helpful to most people.

The CCG primary care strategy has now been launched and will also be circulated.

A CCG voluntary sector event was held earlier in the week.

**ACTION: JF to circulate reports**

## **7. Rossendale Strategic Health Partnership**

This partnership has changed its name from the Community Health Partnership. The last meeting of the RSHP included a presentation about the Excess Winter Deaths Overview and Scrutiny task and finish day. Outcomes from this included GP's identifying vulnerable people and referring them to the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams, and developing an over 75's nursing team to do home visits and assessments.

## **8. Partner Updates**

- Jane Morris introduced the work of Christians Against Poverty. This is a national charity now working in Bacup. They provide debt counselling and support as well as support with other related issues including fuel poverty, housing and food poverty. The project encourages individuals to make self-referrals to encourage commitment. The project also has 20 volunteer befrienders who can support people and connect them into the wider community. Jane is happy to meet with other groups and organisations to promote the project.

**ACTION: JF to circulate project information with the note of the meeting**

- Kelly Roscoe, Employer Advisor from Job Centre Plus is looking to work more closely with partner organisations. She has already developed links with Reach-IT and Citizens Advice, working with people aged over 50. Paul Mason is focusing on Disability Employment Allowance and getting people back into employment. They are working with Vedas in Rawtenstall Library helping people access digital support.

A discussion followed about the need for more community access to computers and free wi-fi. The Maden Centre offered access to computers and the internet, and the opportunity to work with Reach-IT was offered.

- Gillian Lander from Child and Family Wellbeing based at the Maden Centre announced a Family Fun Day for 20 targeted families. The centre is focusing on the 30% most deprived communities in Rossendale. They have issued a questionnaire to families asking what support is needed by them. The service still operates services in 515 and the St Bart's Children's Centre, Whitworth one day a week as well as at other venues including Haslingden Community Link and The Zone in Rawtenstall.
- MSV have attracted an extra £238k into Rossendale to compliment Cosy Homes funding, and are able to support people with heating issues. Their minor aids and adaptations contract has been extended. They are supporting the Fairer Power scheme which helps people find the cheapest fuel deals.
- Lancashire Wellbeing Service is now working closely with the job centre and has taken on a wellbeing worker to support the project. Rebecca described the Pendle GP referral scheme and suggested this could be rolled out in Rossendale after evaluation.
- Lancashire Wildlife Trust Myplace project is offering weekly activities for economically inactive people in Stubbylee park, Bacup
- Age UK Lancs now has more funding to continue the integrated care programme supporting people leaving hospital
- REAL: Matt explained how the large pink button on the first page of the website can be used to update information.. REAL now have community volunteers in Rossendale neighbourhoods trying to find out more about activities that can be featured on the website. He suggested that places where there is free Wi-Fi could be grouped together on the website so that this information could be found more easily.
- First Choice Credit Union will be moving from Bacup Road to Kay Street in Rawtenstall. They have a new phone number 01706 215082. There will be an upstairs room available for use.
- White Horse Project, Edgeside which works with young people age 11-18 now has core funding for at least another year. They have computers that can be used during the day.

## **9. Any other business**

None

## **10. Dates of next meetings**

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

- 18 May
- 13 July
- 14 September
- 16 November