

**Derbyshire Voluntary Action**  
**Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**



**Present:**

Heather Fawbert (Chair)	Fairplay
Roland Brown (Vice Chair)	Individual Member
Sarah Franklin	Gamcare
Andrew Beaumont	DHCFT Governor
Tony Hedley	Holme Hall Unite
Jess Myers	National Lottery Community Fund
Jackie Carpenter	Derventio
Emma Ward	Action
Barbara Arrandale	Grassland Hasmoor Senior Citizens
Orla Smith	DHCFT Governor
Julie Drury	Chesterfield Fibro
Sue Wheatcroft	Derbyshire Borderline Personality Disorder Support Group
Simon Redding	Monkey Park
Alison Hardman	Bolsover Together
Bev Parker	Rural Action Derbyshire
Jonathan Simcock	Derbyshire Dales CVS
Ann Sullivan	Deaf & Hearing Support
Julie Dixon	British Acoustic Neuroma Association
Lydia Jane	Standing Tall
Amy Harris	Relate
Anita Ollerenshaw	Rhubarb Farm
Ann Monk	Bright Life
Yvonne Cohen	Age UK Derby & Derbyshire
Jane Wells	Junction Arts
Victoria Burrows	Lloyds Bank Foundation
Andria Birch	BCVS
Philippa Buchanan	Inspirative Arts

**In Attendance**

Jacqui Willis	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Alison Gibson	Community Chesterfield
Charlotte Higgins	Connect to...
Kate Burns	Community Chesterfield
Bryony White	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Julia Cook	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Viv Lisewski-Hobson	Community Chesterfield
Natalie Evans	Connect to...
Kim Grant	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Debbie Fennell	Feeling Connected
Cassy Fitzharris	Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust

**Apologies**

Al Garrett	DORA 2017/ Chesterfield Bipolar Support Group
Lynn Tory	Individual Member
Joanne Gordon	Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team
Audrey Carlin	Tinnitus Chesterfield and ND Tinnitus Support Group
Wendy Munro	Macmillan
Alison Loydall	NEDDC
Bev Crighton	University of Derby
Joanne Frost	Derbyshire Community Transport
	Chesterfield TimeBank

## **1. Welcome**

Heather welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2. Derbyshire Voluntary Action Business**

**a.** Minutes of the last Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum held on 21st July 2021

The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Ann Sullivan      Seconded: Roland Brown

**b.** Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

**c.** Project Updates

Julia Cook shared an update on the organisational structure of Derbyshire Voluntary Action showing how the current projects DVA run are organised.

Mental Health Liaison Service and VCS Infrastructure are continuing the work done for the past 30 years; representation at a strategic level, engaging with the voluntary sector, info sharing, grant administration etc.

Feeling Connected offers 1:1 social connectedness support to Chesterfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire. The Hub@ Low Pavement in Chesterfield is providing a space to deliver face to face support. Have flourishing partnerships with Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust and Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Plans for Connect to... service to provide support young people, new parents and men aged 30-50.

Community Chesterfield is a partnership working with the University of Derby harnessing assets of both partners for mutual benefit. Aspiration is to continue project for a further 3 years.

## **3. Organisational Resilience**

**Victoria Burrows, Development Associate, Lloyds Bank Foundation**

Victoria explained that the organisational resilience programme came from the desire of the Foundation to support small charities to diversify their income. A programme has been developed that focuses on looking at all areas of an organisation. The programme is still at the pilot stage, calling on funders and commissioners to think about how they can support resilience – means not giving short term funding or project funding.

The Forum participated in an interactive activity asking 'Why is resilience important to your organisation?'

There followed a discussion about what organisations saw as their purpose and their value, and how identifying these can help an organisations resilience.

## **4. Charities Together**

**Jane Yeomans, Derbyshire Carers (Carers)**

**Bev Parker, Rural Action Derbyshire (Digital)**

**Simon Redding, Monkey Park (Community Hubs)**

**Philippa Buchanan, Inspirative Arts (Help for Helpers)**

Jacqui explained that Charities Together funding came from the Derbyshire Community Health Services Charitable Fund which was awarded from the Captain Tom Foundation. Themes were identified, groups formed and nominated leads were chosen.

**Jane Yeomans, Derbyshire Carers (Carers)**

Key aims are the health and wellbeing of carers, identification of carers, and particularly with BAME carers looking at stigma and misconceptions about caring, barriers to accessing right help.

First year of funding will provide two workers that will be tasked with mapping and engagement of existing groups and hidden groups in community. From that proposals and tools will be developed, key aim of improving training and awareness raising with health and social care staff.

Carer Commissioner Jude Boyle is heavily involved, as a consequence whatever is commissioned going forward is culturally appropriate in all settings and communities.

Working in collaboration with Derby Community Action and Links CVS, start commence recruitment of workers.

### **Bev Parker, Rural Action Derbyshire (Digital)**

RAD asked to lead on bid because running Digital Champions for some time and have aspirations to develop digital hubs.

Bev shared some statistics on the digital divide in Derbyshire, all Derbyshire districts are worse than the national average of people not using the internet.

There are three aspects to the project: digital champions, access to devices and broadband, working with voluntary organisations to train staff and volunteers in digital skills to support people.

Currently recruiting project lead, next steps to set up working group and agree delivery plan.

### **Simon Redding, Monkey Park (Community Hubs)**

Providing a local place to gather for friendship and purpose strongly improves community resilience, social capital, connections and allows for new activities to start.

Community hubs spans gardens, community cafes, church organisations etc.

Monkey Park agreed to take the lead and facilitate a network of community hubs that can look after each other.

Planned work includes a mapping exercise across the County, enabling visits between Hubs, ensuring most of the funding goes to the Hubs themselves.

Hope to create a membership network that provides peer support in the longer term.

### **Philippa Buchanan, Inspirative Arts (Help for Helpers)**

Steered by a partnership of Inspirative Arts, Relate Chesterfield & North Derbyshire, Derbyshire County Council, Stay Well in Derby City and South Derbyshire CVS.

Work will look at us a sector rather than at clients the sector supports. Recognising that during the pandemic the voluntary sector stepped up when the statutory services did not. About looking after the mental health and wellbeing of staff and volunteers in the third sector.

Work involves 4 key areas:

1. Change commissioning /funding practice – make sure where funds are offered that proactively encouraging funders to include part budget to look after staff and volunteers delivering work
2. Work with Trustees to recognise importance of responsibility of looking after staff and volunteers
3. Deliver direct services e.g. clinical supervision, peer led support, peer to peer support.
4. Recognise lots of orgs working in field of wellbeing, some organisations could be paying other orgs to deliver services e.g. away days, clinical supervision or skill swapping

## **5. DVA @ 30**

Derbyshire Voluntary Action has been supporting health and wellbeing related voluntary and community sector organisations in North Derbyshire since 1991. In 2021 we want to celebrate the achievements of the last thirty years and show how we can continue to support and strengthen our local voluntary sector

- Introduction from Jacqui Willis, Chief Executive, Derbyshire Voluntary Action

DVA was borne out of a recognition that representation of health, care and wellbeing isn't an easy thing to do. It needs a lot of specialist knowledge, time building trusted relationships, patience and resilience. Over 30 years North Derbyshire Voluntary Action, NDVA and now Derbyshire Voluntary Action has delivered a quality of service that is well recognized and respected. And most importantly it is still relevant to yourselves, its members, and our statutory colleagues.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action has grown over the years, learned a lot, formed partnerships - yet our aims and vision remain consistent. Derbyshire Voluntary Action believe in being **Open, Inclusive, Trusting, Developing and Community focused**. We will always be that **link, liaison, intermediary and campaigner** - sitting alongside, and working in partnership with yourselves and communities.

- Short presentations from local groups supported by DVA funding
  - Junction Arts (Jane Wells)
  - Holme Hall Unite (Tony Hedley)
  - Rhubarb Farm (Anita Ollerenshaw)

- DVA 30 Celebration

Everyone is invited to a Christmas celebration on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm – 9pm at Technique Stadium in Chesterfield. Tickets will be available through Eventbrite.

## **6. Any Other Business**

There was no any A.O.B.

## **7. Date of next meeting – to be confirmed**