

Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum
Wednesday 7th September 2022
9.30am – 12.00 noon



Present:

Julie Dixon (Chair)	British Acoustic Neuroma Association
Ann Monk	BrightLife/Age Concern Chesterfield
Alistair Garrett	Bipolar UK Chesterfield Support Group
Amy Harris	Relate Chesterfield and North Derbyshire
Michelle Drain	emh care and support
Sarah Kerry	Ashgate Hospicecare
Amanda Roberts	Standing Tall Support
Holly Sims	SAIL Derbyshire
Jane Bown	Penderels Trust
Jessica Barnes	British Liver Trust
Jess Myers	The National Lottery Community Fund
Rebecca Shortland	P3
Sue Wheatcroft	Borderline Personality Disorder Support Group
Lorraine Mattis	Community Dental Services CIC
Alison Timperley	South Hardwick PCN
Beryl Clarke	Ashgate Hospicecare
Doris Higginbotham	New Mills Volunteer Centre
Lucy Daly	Derbyshire County Council
Mick Crossley	DORA2017
Robert Pilmore	ARC Primary Care
Polly Yates	Derbyshire Dales CVS
Anna Whitehead	Individual Member

In Attendance

Jacqui Willis	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Kim Grant	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Bryony White	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Alison Gibson	Community Chesterfield
Daniel Jones	Community Chesterfield
Lauren Lupton	Community Chesterfield
Kate Burns	Community Chesterfield
James Starky	Feeling Connected
Debbie Fennell	Feeling Connected
Simon Redding	Derbyshire Dales CVS
Wynne Garnett	VCS Alliance
Deborah Munt	Arts Derbyshire

Apologies

Lynn Tory	Individual Member
Siobhan Spencer	Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group
Barbara Arrandale	Grassland Hasmoor Senior Citizens
Rayella Broomhead	b:friend
Rachel Bounds	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Julia Cook	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Jenny Raschbauer	Community Chesterfield
Natalie Evans	Connect to...
Sarah Challands	Derbyshire Law Centre
Shelley Hinson	Dronfield 2gether
John Tresadern	Lime Grove PPG

1. Welcome

Julie introduced herself as the new Chair of Derbyshire Voluntary Action and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Julie informed attendees that the next Forum would be the AGM as well and would be held on 7th December in person.

2. Derbyshire Voluntary Action Business

a. Minutes of the last Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum held on 11 May 2022

Approved: Ann Monk

Seconded: Jane Bown

b. Matters Arising

DVA are seeking nominations for Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Voluntary Sector Partner Governors. It is a 3 year commitment which offers an opportunity for personal development. If anyone is interested in the role they should contact info@dva.org.uk

3. Community Chesterfield Update

Community Chesterfield have been awarded funding to continue the project for a further 2 years, as a result of this Community Chesterfield will be expanding their offer to all of the University of Derby and not just the Chesterfield Campus.

Some of the areas of work that people could be involved in include:

- Public Health module
- Module Contributions
- Voluntary Sector Placements
- Experts by Experience
- Training and Tea (free to Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire)

Q. Can you clarify that the training is for organisations that work in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire and not just based there?

A. Yes, the eligibility criteria is much more open than it used to be. When you book online via Eventbrite you will be asked to confirm which area you work in.

Sue Wheatcroft suggested safeguarding with community groups as a future training topic.

Sue also added that the University students she has worked with have been eager to learn and it has been very refreshing.

4. Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Alliance Update

Wynne Garnett, Programme Lead, Embedding the VCSE sector in the Integrated Care System

Wynne talked through the main developments.

- Review of VCSE Alliance Form and Function (task group approach)

People felt it should remain a loose network that allows organisations to find out about opportunities and network, and support VCSE reps on different parts.

Difficult for orgs to make right connections in part of system – trialling a task group approach which will take key issues and invite people from system to talk and explore where sector could be involved.

- Integrated Care Board (Committees, agreement)

Constituted part of NHS, that replaces CCG's. There are talks as to whether VCSE should have direct relationship with ICB – close to having a 1:1 relationship. VCSE engagement in two key committees.

- Cross sector strategic group

Looking at annual events that bring together key system leads within VCSE.

- Mental Health/Learning Disability/Neurodiversity Alliance (23rd September)

Established a cross sector alliance. Launch event on 23rd September.

- Local Place Alliances

Parts of the system are around City/Council boundaries.

LPA defined key priorities to work on.

- Hospital Discharge

Event being finalised. There are a range of organisations involved in hospital discharge, could they do more? are there other organisations that could be involved?

- Virtual Platform

How can we compliment cascading information through infrastructure and networks? Future NHS platform relaunched at end of the year, which will provide a workspace for every Integrated Care System. Test platform for VCSE Alliance and link with Joined Up Care Derbyshire platform. Hopefully this will provide an online space to access opportunities.

- Workforce Development

ICS launching work around Workforce Development and how system can support workforce in being more effective. Martin Stanier AND James Cook (Active Derbyshire) will act as the conduit for VCS

- Social Prescribing

Look at challenges and solutions.

Q. How will you ensure you have inclusive representation from the sector? How do we become part of that?

A. The challenge is that there are so many organisations, dependent on infrastructure and networks to cascade information. Do have direct membership route if you email wynnegarnett@googlemail.com

Q. How do you draw the line between disagreeing with something and whistleblowing?

A. Assume that key players within partnership have their own policies.

Maybe needs more thought in the agreement.

Jacqui added that if it a role for infrastructure then DVA would be happy to take that on. Wynne replied that it is worth a discussion with infrastructure so that it is consistent across the County.

5. Social Prescribing Link Worker Manifesto

Deborah Munt, Social Prescribing Development Manager (Culture), Arts Derbyshire

The Social Prescribing Link Worker Manifesto was co-created with Link Workers, artist Kate Genever and Arts Derbyshire, the manifesto is designed to provoke an important debate about what the real potential of Social Prescribing could be.

Read the Manifesto https://issuu.com/deborahartsderbyshire/docs/manifesto_pdf_combined

Watch the Link Worker Manifesto video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFnolLmC9IY>

6. Hurst Farm Regeneration Project

Simon Redding, Community Enterprise Development Manager, Derbyshire Dales CVS

Hurst Farm Regeneration project is a partnership between Derbyshire Dales CVS, the local housing authority and local people to deliver their vision of six inter-linked community enterprises including a community pub/hub/shop, food growing/supply, heritage trail, environmental management, tourism & education enterprises. The vision for the regeneration was developed with local people and the organisations that were already active on the estate.

Simon shared the work that has already been achieved and explained that moving forward the regeneration of the estate will be democratically controlled by residents who will determine what happens. The Regeneration Project will provide the skills and framework for residents to thrive.

7. The Hub @ Low Pavement

James Starky, Feeling Connected Project Manager

James shared some of the activities happening at The Hub, and explained that his approach is to ask people what they would like to do/what skills they have to share.

James sees The Hub as a home for the Feeling Connected project, have Development Workers working across communities in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

8. The Last Photo Exhibition

Jacqui Willis, Chief Executive, Derbyshire Voluntary Action

In support of World Suicide Prevention Day (10th September) The Georgia Bird Foundation and Derbyshire Mental Health Liaison Service are holding an exhibition to raise awareness and hold space for people to talk openly and compassionately about suicide and mental health.

6. Any Other Business

Emh are working in partnership with Chesterfield Borough Council to hold inclusive activities sports taster days at Queens Park and the Leisure Centre. Also have karaoke nights in Staveley and a choir. Information will be shared on a DVA bulletin.

7. Date of next meeting: 7th December 2022, venue TBC