

## **Health, social care and wellbeing planning group meeting**

**8 September 2020, 10am-11.30am**

### **Microsoft Teams**

#### **Attendees**

- Amanda Everson, CWVYS
- Sarah Capstick, C3SC
- Simon Jones, Mind Cymru
- Kate Young, All Wales Forum
- Hamish Laing, Swansea University
- Gethin Rhys, Cytun
- Chris Williams, Age Alliance Wales
- Karen Cherrett, Coproduction Network for Wales
- Lowri Griffiths, Marie Curie
- Dave Cook, WCVA
- Ruth Marks, WCVA
- Sally Rees, WCVA
- Suzanne Mollison, WCVA

#### **Apologies**

- Simon James, Interlink
- Adrian Roper, Cartrefi Cymru

#### **Minutes and actions from previous meeting**

Minutes are accepted by the group

#### **The Intensive Learning Academies – Hamish Laing, Swansea University**

Hamish did a Powerpoint presentation. It introduced the Intensive Learning Academies, what they do, what they are, how graduates will lead on health and social care in Wales.

He is keen to increase awareness of ILAs, which are expected to begin work in January 2021. He asked group members to think who in their organisations could take up these opportunities. Scholarships are available.

Responding to questions, Hamish said the ILAs are working with Healthcare Education Inspectorate Wales and Social Care Wales. The programmes will inevitably come to look at leadership for change, aligning with compassionate leadership. He is keen to link ILAs with the Coproduction Network. Governance of programmes is being set by Welsh Government, and providers will be encouraged to look at impact and outcomes. No programmes will teach particular tech innovations, but they intend to incentivize and accelerate adoption of technologies. He understands the frustrations of the sector

not feeling an equal partner in various forums – he excited to have third sector, social care and life science learners all learning together and understanding contributions each makes to pathways of care.

Ruth noted the sector could potentially host ILA students on secondments.

*Action:*

1. *Circulate presentation and Hamish's contact details to group.*

### **Recap of previous Ministerial Meeting**

Ruth noted need to be sharp on combination of offers and asks.

Sally said that the Connected Communities strategy could link to work around inspiring impact and the Coproduction Networks work on better evaluation.

Kate said that a lot of work set up to manage Covid-19 felt like it was being done in parallel to what was done before. We need a conversation about what element of Covid work should be kept and what was relevant to Covid and now needs to become a generalized model.

Sally noted the Stabilisation and Reconstruction Group and the need to dampen down any return of too much red tape and bureaucracy. She will mention the importance of Connected Communities at the next meeting.

Karen said that simply being the voluntary sector doesn't mean that we're always the right conduit for our communities. The Covid crisis led to communities engaging with each other with no support whatsoever, and only began to falter when agencies offered help.

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### **How can regional and national agendas feed into each other?**

Sally said there is a need to look at a more robust and navigable pathway for the sector, including grassroots organisations, to report upwards, including perhaps an alliance of alliances, whatever is easiest to feed into.

Karen said a visual setting out connections would be useful.

Group discussed the old Alliance of Alliances and how it worked – looking at key major priorities for the next six months, which the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing group would look at in more detail and take to the Ministerial Meeting. It helped us define our asks at Ministerial Meetings.

Sarah has had conversations with Simon James on getting health and social care leads together. Communications up and down the chain are not working effectively. There is a meeting on 22 September which will discuss this.

Ruth reminded the group about the 2021 elections – we could have a different government or be working with a different Minister soon. It could be a good time to try something new, either now or after the election.

Lowri said that government has not been mindful about the impact Covid has caused on sector fundraising, yet the sector will be hugely important as providers post-Covid. Ministerial Meetings can be a talking shop and leverage in other institutions is what really gets work done. We need to prioritise and get work done. The Connected Communities agenda is very important.

Chris said the group is sometimes too wide-ranging in what it asks – we need to look at specifics.

Simon said Ministerial Meetings are useful providing there is follow-up from officials with dialogue. In the next Assembly term, the most important thing is to crack the idea of the sector being equal partners at forums and meetings, along with keeping sustainability on the agenda.

Ruth noted the Social Partnership Council could be a valuable way into government next term.

#### *Actions:*

3. *Seek next Ministerial Meeting date with officials.*
4. *Revisit already-begun work on mapping of networks, with a visualisation*
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#### **AOB**

Amanda commented that voluntary sector youth workers had not been given key worker status, so had not had any form of health or wellbeing support. The education sector has had this, but that isn't necessarily where young people wish to receive support.

**Next group meeting: Tuesday 2 December, 10am-12pm.**

**Next Ministerial Meeting: TBC**

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