



# Third Sector Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Planning Group

2 December 2019, 10am-1pm

## Attendees

- Christopher Williams, Age Alliance Wales
- Donna Coyle, Wales Coop Centre
- Lisa Kenny Gough, Red Cross
- Simon Jones, Mind Cymru
- Simon James, Interlink
- Gwyneth Sweatman, Marie Curie
- Catriona Williams, Children in Wales
- Emma Burke, Leonard Cheshire
- Matthew Brindley, Care and Repair Cymru
- Judith Stone, WCVA
- David Cook, WCVA
- Suzanne Mollison, WCVA
- Sally Rees, WCVA
- Fiona Liddell, WCVA

## Apologies

- Rhian Gibson, Velindre Hospital
- Andrew Templeton, Cardiff YMCA
- Kate Evans, Welsh Sports Association

- Noreen Blanluet, Coproduction Network for Wales
- Ruth Marks, WCVA
- Bethan Webber, Home Start
- Adrian Roper, Cartrefi Cymru
- Andy Glyde, Cancer Research

<b>Action point</b>	<b>Action – see full minutes for more detailed description</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
1.	<i>Circulate Fiona’s presentation</i>	Dave	Dec 19
2.	<i>Link Fiona with Social Care Wales staff, Simon Jones and Matthew – further details below</i>	Fiona/Suzanne/ Simon Jones/ Matthew	Dec 19
3.	<i>Chase up Rebecca Cicero re sector representation on Social Care Wales planning group.</i>	Sally	Dec 19
4.	<i>Group members to contact Dave if they have items they would like to give to a third sector forum rep</i>	All	As and when
5.	<i>Group to suggest ideas to Dave of locations for July 2020 Ministerial Meeting</i>	All	By end Jan 2020
6.	<i>Circulate workforce pay survey</i>	Dave	Dec 19
7.	<i>Draft structure of a Ministerial briefing paper on Workforce development and send to Working Group for additional content. Finalise and submit to Welsh Government on week of 6 January 2020</i>	Dave	Dec 19

### **Welcome, introductions and previous minutes**

Minutes are accepted. Sally to chase up Rebecca Cicero re Action 3.

There was a quick conversation about the make-up of this group and the need for the key stakeholders to be involved eg third sector RPB members, national grant recipients, third sector reps on national strategic groups etc. Judith noted the survey about the group that was circulated a fortnight ago and said WCVA is talking to Welsh Government about what sort of network they would find useful.

Welsh Government was expected to announce last week the Sustainable Social Services Grant awards but applicants had received notice that there was a delay. Group assumed this was due to purdah, but felt if that was the case Welsh Government should have said so. Judith confirmed that Ruth Marks is seeking clarification.

### **Presentation – Fiona Liddell on Helpforce**

Fiona outlines what Helpforce is and does – further details within the slides circulated with these minutes.

*Actions:*

*Suzanne to link Fiona with contacts from Social Care Wales' Education Team*

*Circulate Helpforce presentation to group*

*Simon Jones and Fiona to link to discuss volunteer-led mental health models vs commissioned services.*

*Matthew and Fiona to link to discuss how Care and Repair Cymru can work with Helpforce.*

**Issues to take to Ministerial Meeting of 22 January 2020**

Group talked about volunteering and the workforce. It noted that there are promises within A Healthier Wales to make volunteering a strong part of the workforce, but this isn't becoming a reality.

The group would like assurance from the Minister that the volunteer workforce is being recognized and resourced. Group would also like to ask Minister why the sector is often asked to spend money at the last minute within the financial year without being allowed to carry it over – there is no time to effectively plan how to use this money and goes against the coproduction element of the Future Generations Act.

Group discussed the need for long-term funding, not a new funding stream each year with different guidance.

Group talked about need for a map of all the people/forums members should engage with to identify what issues should be taken where. Map would show governance mechanisms, descriptions of remit and the third sector rep who sits on each group.

Matthew suggests after mapping exercise, the group draws up a list of five items it should focus on overall, with just one going to each Ministerial Meeting.

Lisa highlighted emergency department work with Welsh Government as a good example of collaborative work where the third sector plays a positive role in an acute NHS setting.

The group will need to comment on the January Budget.

Further discussion to be had during Working Group segment of meeting later.

*Actions:*

*Group members to contact Dave when they have an item they feel should go to a Ministerial Meeting or some other forum to find which third sector rep they should contact.*

## **Planning for July 2020 Ministerial Meeting – visiting another organisation**

We need to know if the Minister or Deputy Minister are coming, or both.

*Action:*

*Group to email thoughts on venue to Dave. Suggest something with some public sector funding, including paid staff and volunteers.*

## **Feedback from third sector members on key partnerships**

Adrian Roper – National Commissioning Board and Foundational Economy board

Board has focused on Brexit preparations. A Commissioning Network has been established for commissioners to share issues and learning. It may be open to third sector inputs.

Welsh Government has given a grant to ADSS and Wales Coop Centre to do mapping work on Section 16/Social Value organisations.

Adrian Roper – Foundational Economy

Welsh Government Challenge Fund is [supporting 52 experiments, 12 of which involve social care](#). A Community of Practice for these experimenters is to be formed.

Ruth Marks – Transformation Fund board meeting

The most recent meeting focused on housing and health links. Each Health Board area now has at least one transformation programme in hand.

Catriona Williams – National Social Services Partnership Board

The most recent meeting concerned Brexit. Information about Brexit is not reaching people who will be affected.

*Actions*

*Find out when meetings of these groups are and give group a chance to input.*

*Circulate Sally's survey on workforce pay rates*

## **AOB –**

Suzanne noted the Wales Safeguarding Procedures App. [www.safeguarding.wales](http://www.safeguarding.wales).

Catriona is retiring – Children in Wales will send another representative to the group from February 2020 onwards. Judith is leaving on secondment for a year.

## **Health Social Care and Wellbeing Working Group**

December 2 2019, 1pm-2pm

### **Attendees**

- Judith Stone
- David Cook
- Sally Rees
- Simon James
- Simon Jones
- Matthew Brindley
- Catriona Williams

The aim of the meeting was to finalise the agenda items for the Ministerial Meeting of January 2020.

The main agenda item will be 'The role of the paid and unpaid voluntary sector workforce'

This will cover:

**The strategic context** – how the third sector and community services are referred to in the Social Services and Wellbeing Act, A Healthier Wales and Welsh Government thinking on the Foundational Economy

**The state of the workforce** – including statistics from the Data Hub; differences between structured volunteering and informal volunteering; the sort of roles within the third sector that are paid.

**Action required** – build the capacity of the workforce

**Asks** – both the sector and Welsh Government have to be satisfied that the third sector is involved in the development of the workforce strategy. The sector should be within the Terms of Reference. How can the sector work with Welsh Government to be involved in the implementation of the strategy. A timescale should be set out for the development of this work, with meetings arranged between the sector and Welsh Government.

*Also on the agenda:*

**Funding issues** – without strategic planning the sector can't deliver on A Healthier Wales or the Social Services and Wellbeing Act. Recap points about need for long-term funding and not being asked to spend money close to end of financial year. Give examples of this last point and also examples of good funding practice – e.g. from Red Cross.