

## Health and social care planning group meeting

2 December 2020, 10am-11.30am

Minutes

### Attendees

- Christopher Williams, Age Alliance Cymru
- Matthew Williams, Welsh Sports Association
- Gemma Lelliot, Community Transport Association
- Amanda Everson, CWVYS
- Sarah Capstick, C3SC
- Simon Jones, Mind Cymru
- Donna Coyle, Wales Coop Centre
- Zoe Richards, Learning Disability Wales
- Debbie Shaffer, Fair Treatment for Women in Wales
- Kate Young, All Wales Forum
- Gethin Rhys, Cytun
- Bethan Edwards, Marie Curie
- Elen Miles, Older People's Commissioner
- Helena Herklots, Older People's Commissioner
- Faye Patton, Care and Repair Cymru
- Dan Roberts, Wales Coop Centre
- David Cook, WCVA
- Ruth Marks, WCVA
- Sally Rees, WCVA
- Suzanne Mollison, WCVA
- Fiona Liddell, WCVA

### Presentation from Helena Herklots, office of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales

Helena's presentation covered the Commissioner's focuses during the pandemic; action to hear voices from care homes, and the abuse of elderly people.

Suzanne noted the need for victims of abuse to be able to stay in their own homes. Simon commented about the impact of the pandemic on the mental health of older people. Helena said that the consequences have been massive, and mental ill-health in older people is not as recognized as in other groups. She agreed with Kate that there needs to be a shift in terms of support and recognition for carers of all ages.

Helena would be pleased to keep in touch with any members on any of these matters.

Helena left the meeting.

Chris noted that it is important to get people's confidence back to return to the community, including visiting care homes. However, some people are still confused around rules about going out.

Fiona said that national solutions often conflict with local plans.

Matt said that rarely do comms colleagues from statutory organisations meet with the sector to understand the pressures on our networks. Ruth suggested connecting with comms colleagues from many organisations with the Third Sector Partnership Council.

Suzanne, Simon and Gemma all expressed interest in further dialogue with the Commissioner's office.

#### *Action 1*

*Circulate Helen's presentation and Elen's contact information to group.*

### **Update on new health and social care alliance**

Sally commented that this group has previously discussed need to have a new alliance to draw in wider health, social care and wellbeing sector and other key stakeholders. She has discussed this with other sector members, including in housing, and the Head of Policy of the health and social care alliance in Scotland. She floated questions of WLGA and Welsh Government involvement and how an alliance would fit with existing structures. She suggested a design session with the group and more in-depth conversations. Kate suggested the alliance should just meet once or twice a year. Simon asked how the alliance would remain cohesive if it got too large. Ruth noted the existence of other groups including Building a Healthier Wales and Cymru Well Wales and would discuss with Sally and Kate the benefits of various groups to maximise partnership working whilst seeking to minimize duplication.

#### *Action 2*

*Kate, Ruth and Sally to discuss this issue further and report back to group.*

### Preparation for January 2021 Ministerial Meeting

Dave explained that the Health Minister had cancelled the January meeting. WCVA has asked for a meeting with the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Care and/or the Minister for Mental Health, Wellbeing and Welsh Language.

The group agreed to write a letter to Welsh Government covering:

- The sector's response to the pandemic.
- The impact of the pandemic on children, young people and older people's physical and mental health
- The need to ensure people are confident to go back into the community as the vaccination programme begins and completes – noting that the legacy of the pandemic won't disappear once everyone is vaccinated.
- The training sector workers may need relating to the vaccination programme
- That Welsh Government needs to engage with the sector early in the vaccination programme to ensure the sector is part of planning of the vaccination programme and beyond
- The role the sector can play in ensuring we get WG's vaccination messaging out at regional and local levels.
- What the funding situation may look like after April 2021
- And to push again for a meeting in January or February.

*Action 3*

*Dave to draft letter and share with group before finalising to send to Welsh Government.*

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Kate discussed need for carers to be vaccinated at same time as those they care for. Sarah said C3SC and GVS have been in contact with sector services about vaccinations. Sally said Social Care Workers had a list of 12000 workers who should be prioritized, but this won't include all the volunteers.