

Health, Social Care and Wellbeing voluntary sector planning group meeting

4 November 2021, 1.15pm-3pm

Notes

Attendees

- Lowri Griffiths, Marie Curie
- Donna Coyle, Wales Coop Centre
- Zoe Richards, Learning Disability Wales
- Helen Smith, St Johns
- Clair Swales, PAVO
- Claire Morgan, Carers Wales
- Lewis Clark, Ty Hafan
- Wynne Roberts, Interfaith
- Gemma Lelliot, CTA
- Faye Patton, Care and Repair
- Dan Roberts, Wales Coop Centre
- Simon Jones, Mind Cymru
- Lisa Kenny Gough, Red Cross
- Kate Young, All Wales Forum
- Simon James, Interlink
- Thomas Davies, Macmillan
- Thomas Pinder, Leonard Cheshire
- Roxanne Treacy, Coproduction Network
- Clare Rudall, Business in the Community
- Benjamin Savage, St Johns
- Debbie Shaffer, FTWW
- Kate Griffiths, Red Cross
- Sean O'Neill, Children in Wales
- Fateha Ahmed, EYST
- Sarah Roche, RVS
- Rebecca Hill, Public Health Wales
- Rebecca Masters, Public Health Wales
- Daniela Stewart, Public Health Wales
- Jim Widdett, Social Care Wales
- David Cook, WCVA
- Sally Rees, WCVA
- Ruth Marks, WCVA
- Lucy Wilkins, WCVA

Minutes and actions from last planning group meeting of July 2021

On system change, Sally noted meetings with Welsh Government around next steps following the White Paper.

Action

- *WCVA to share update on this as soon as possible.*

Presentation: The Welsh Health Equity Solutions Platform - Rebecca Hill and Rebecca Masters, Public Health Wales.

Action

- *WCVA to share presentation. Group to examine questions and send responses to Dave by 1 December 2021, who will collate and return to Public Health Wales.*

Presentation: Social Care Wales and Healthcare Education and Improvement Wales joint mental health workforce plan – Jim Widdett, Social Care Wales

Group commented on the positive themes coming through, and the importance of the strategy showing the skilled and professional voluntary sector workforce.

Actions

- *Jim to send themes document to WCVA. WCVA will circulate to group, who will send their thoughts directly to Jim.*
- *Simon James to contact Jim regarding Welsh Government Black and Minority Ethnic Communities group looking at mental health.*

Updates

- Volunteering Wales strategic grants

Ruth highlighted some of the organisations who have received these grants. Kate commented on Red Cross' experience applying for the grant.

- Role of the National Third Sector Social Care Manager

Sally outlined her new role seconded to Welsh Government. Sally updated the group about ongoing discussions around future resource. The group will be involved and updated as appropriate.

- Voluntary sector/Welsh Government work on winter pressures

Sally noted WCVA's work with the sector and Welsh Government on how the sector could support the NHS over winter, with funding until the end of March 2022. Concerns remain about provision of care and support to disabled children and families, direct payments, and arrangements for young people moving to adult services. The group commented it was important to be prepared for next and future winters too, and that the mental health workforce is under strain. In some areas,

people are not turning up to community activities, due to fears around COVID. Simon Jones suggested work on a system to avoid the sector being sucked into last-minutes situations with little capacity to address them. Ruth said this would involve collaboration, WCVA hasn't the capacity to do this work itself. Kate Young noted the Minister for Social Justice's comments about potentially closing community buildings to keep people safe from COVID, but this would harm the vulnerable.

Recap of Task and Finish group session to plan agenda for future Ministerial Meeting/Further planning for this Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda for next Ministerial Meeting

The Social Services and Wellbeing Act

- The importance of the Act, and the sector's role in it to support prevention and early intervention
- Ensuring wellbeing, and the sector's role in supporting wellbeing, are integrated into health and care services

Funding

- Ensuring involvement of the sector in the detail and rollout of the Revenue Investment Fund.

The group noted need for clarity from Minister on match funding, and avoiding funding cliff edges on 31 March. Debbie noted the need for clearer messaging on how the Act applies to health as well as social care. Kate said we need to apply learning from last winter to future winters, using the principles and values of the Act which were dropped during the pandemic due to the need to act fast.

Action

- *WCVA to circulate case study template to gather good practice case studies under the Act. Group to return studies by 1 December 2021.*
- *Group members to let Dave know by Monday 22 November 2021.*
- *Group email exchanges will take place between 1-7 December to help structure the Ministerial Meeting.*

AOB

Simon Jones highlighted Mind Cymru's report on mental health resilience from a community development perspective.

On behalf of the group Kate Young thanked Sally for all her work across this and other networks and wished her well for her secondment. Ruth Marks acknowledged

the gap that Sally would leave and that we look forward to working with her in her new role