



# Voluntary Sector Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Planning Group

Tuesday 18 May 2022  
10am-11.45am  
Microsoft Teams

## AGENDA

### Attendees

- Kate Young, All Wales Forum
- Suzanne Mollison, WCVA
- Joanne Maksymiuk-King, Race Council Cymru
- Matthew Brindley, Hospice UK
- Clair Swales, PAVO
- Fateha Ahmed, EYST
- Kate Griffiths, Red Cross
- Lewis Clark, Ty Hafan
- Wynne Roberts, Interfaith Council
- Ross Evans, Kidney Wales
- Gemma Lelliot, CTA UK
- Faye Patton, Care and Repair
- Donna Coyle, Cwmpas
- Rhian Stangroom-Teel, Leonard Cheshire
- Joshua Reeves, Leonard Cheshire
- Nia Lloyd-Roberts, Betsi Cadwalladr Uni Health Board
- Tracy Jones, Ty Hafan
- Rhian Davies, Disability Wales
- Nicola Evans, Welsh Government
- Helen Smith, St John Cymru

- Dan Roberts, Cwmpas
- Fiona Liddell, WCVA
- Zoe Richards, Learning Disability Wales
- Judith Stone, WCVA
- David Cook, WCVA

### **Presentation - The Disability Equality Taskforce**

Rhian and Debbie gave their presentation about the work of the Taskforce. An Action Plan will be created. They are keen to encourage engagement with the Taskforce, and to understand more about the National Care Service. Group discussed barriers relating to transport and lack of advocates for BAME families. Debbie concerned that the impact of COVID-19 on disabled people is not being recorded or evaluated compared to other groups.

Wynne suggested one way to get in touch with disability groups within health services is to contact Local Health Boards and ask for details of the Board's Disability Champion.

*Actions:*

- *Debbie, Nicola and Kate to talk outside of the meeting re the National Framework for Social Prescribing.*
- *Group members to email [policy@wcva.cymru](mailto:policy@wcva.cymru) if they have any other links or insight to share regarding this work.*

### **Presentation - The Social Prescribing Framework**

Judith noted WCVA's previous session on the Social Prescribing Framework, which included several Welsh Government officials.

Nicola gave her presentation on most recent work and the latest version of the Framework. Key themes include referral pathways, leadership and governance, sustainability, workforce, tech, common understanding. A consultation document is expected to go out in June, and public facing events to take place. Group noted the need for stability within the framework, and fears there may be a 'medicalisation' of the framework via the health sector.

*Actions*

- *Those interested in the presentations from WCVA's previous session, please email [policy@wcva.cymru](mailto:policy@wcva.cymru).*
- *Ben Lloyd (WCVA Policy Manager) to continue to engage with sector on this work, and engage with Nicola as part of this process.*

### **Minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes accepted.

Judith is working with Sally Rees at Welsh Government to set up a meeting between officials and national third sector organisations to look at the challenges and opportunities relating to how national organisations engage with regional structures.

### **Updates:**

#### *National Framework Technical Group*

This group was established by Welsh Government to implement follow-up on the social care White Paper. The Technical Group will inform development of policy and legislation, and advise government on technical aspects of policy development. The first meeting focused on Terms of Reference. The second looked at commissioning. A series of Task and Finish Groups are being set up to progress specific workstreams. CAVO will be the representative on the planning and performance group. WCVA will sit on the governance and scrutiny group. Other groups look at rebalancing the social care market, integrated service delivery, and engagement and voice. Kate noted that she is a member of the citizen voice group, and Donna is a member of the re-balancing the market group. Representatives will keep this group up-dated with developments.

#### *The National Care Service*

Kate attends meetings about the setting-up of the NCS. The group has been tasked to think of high level practical steps. There are subgroups around citizen voice, workforce, systems delivery and paying for care. The importance of volunteering is being looked at, as is the role of unpaid carers and Direct Payments.

Group expressed need to be sure there will be a significant engagement process in how it progresses. It discussed issue around cost of living, and how many volunteers may be forced to reduce or stop volunteering in order to take on more paid work – this would impact core services.

Group decided it wishes to discuss work around the NCS with the Minister when the opportunity arises. Kate noted this would be preferable in autumn, when initial report has been released.

#### *Actions*

- *Group members to email [policy@wcva.cymru](mailto:policy@wcva.cymru) if they are members of other strategic groups that they think we should know about.*
- *Kate and Fateha to talk about unpaid carers.*

### **Update on the Waiting Well initiative**

Fiona to share information with group by email.

### **Update on National Third Sector Health and Social Care Manager post**

WCVA is in the process of securing a contract with someone – details to follow.

### **Speakers confirmed for 6 September meeting**

- Matt Jenkins, Welsh Government, on winter pressures
- Sarah Lusty, Welsh Government, on rebalancing care and the work of the National Technical Group

## **AOB**

### **Action:**

- *Circulate information regarding sector involvement in new Home First workstreams on urgent and emergency care planning.*

11:45am: Close

### **Next meeting with Minister and Deputy Ministers**

TBC

### **Next group meeting:**

Tuesday 6 September 2022, 10am-12pm