

DRAFT MINUTES OF SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM

11.00am, Tuesday 07 March 2017

Council Chamber, The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD

Present

Cllr. Karen Cooper (KC)	SNC (Chairman)
Rob Tracey (RT)	South Northants Volunteer Bureau
Sandra Husbands (SH)	Consultant in Public Health
Rajwinder Gangotra (RG)	Service Development Relationship Manager, Public Health
Nikita Wiseman (NW)	Project Officer, Public Health
Ann Bodsworth (ABW)	Joint CEO, Northampton Women's Aid
Peter Lynch (PL)	Health and Wellbeing Board Business Manager
Louise Tarplee (LT)	Nene CCG
Julia Halliwell (JH)	Nene CCG
Peter Allen (PA)	Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils
Gina King (GK)	Volunteer, Health Watch Northamptonshire
John Soto (JS)	Independent Living Service Manager, British Red Cross
Alan Burns (AB)	Partnerships and Policy Officer, Daventry District Council

Apologies

Dr O'Neill-Kerr (OK)	Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Stuart Mallett (SM)	Nene CCG

Not Present

Stephen Marks (SM)	Public Health
Ian Davies (ID)	SNC
Phillip Stevens (PS)	Nene CCG/GP
Julia Johnson (JJ)	Locality Support Manager, Nene CCG
Julie Shepherd (JS)	Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Ann Warner (AW)	Sponne School
Kelly Ednie (KE)	Grand Union Housing
Sarah Bakewell (SB)	Northampton Women's Aid
Frances Billingham (FB)	First for Wellbeing
Natalie Bass (NB)	First for Wellbeing
Theo Hayward (TH)	Brackley MIND/Hub Children's Cafe
Becki Groom (BG)	Grand Union Housing

Officers

Kevin Lerner (KL)	Community Infrastructure Officer, SNC
Nicola Riley (NR)	Shared Community Services Manager, SNC
James Taylor (JT)	Health and Wellbeing Officer, SNC
Stuart Wheeldon (SW)	Team Leader, Health Protection, SNC
Laura Osgathorp	Homelessness Strategy Officer, SNC

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Item 1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies - Cllr. Karen Cooper</p> <p>KC welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.</p>	
Item 2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes of the 6th December meeting were approved. Updated trend data from RG will be circulated with the minutes to add context and comment to previously circulated trend data.</p>	RG
Item 3.	<p>The work of the British Red Cross in Northamptonshire - John Soto</p> <p><i>An introduction to the work of the Red Cross, and potential opportunities for collaboration locally.</i></p> <p>JS introduced the fundamental principles of the Red Cross.</p> <p>Independent living projects are called different names in different counties; First Call / Support at Home / Rapid Response.</p> <p>In 2010 Rapid Response was launched in Northamptonshire. The initiative aims to resettle elderly people who don't have family members to support them when they leave hospital. Those who use the service set their own goals and are offered practical person-centred support for 8-12 weeks, from help shopping or using the bus to making phone calls. If service users are signposted to other services they are followed up to ensure they are in touch with the correct person or organisation.</p> <p>Volunteers are managed by project workers. There has been some difficulty in volunteer recruitment, with about 20 recruited so far across Northamptonshire and Leicestershire.</p> <p>There were 20 referrals in February. The future of the Rapid Response programme is to build the service as more volunteers are recruited. JS is looking for collaborative working opportunities. JH and JS to discuss contact with the collaborative care team.</p> <p>Following questions on self-referrals, capacity and funding, JS explained that people can self-refer and that there is some spare capacity, although volunteers are very busy. Core funding is provided by the Red Cross and CCGs commission services locally.</p> <p>KL asked whether there are any volunteers in South Northants. JS said that there are not, and that there are also relatively few referrals at the moment. It is something of a 'catch 22', as capacity is needed before referrals can be actioned.</p> <p>JS was asked to provide figures on referrals in South Northants and any data on the intervention's impact on reducing resubmission to hospital.</p>	<p>JS and JH</p> <p>JS</p>

<p>Item 4.</p>	<p>Homelessness Prevention Action Plan - Laura Osgathorp</p> <p><i>An update on the development of an action plan for South Northamptonshire.</i></p> <p>LO introduced the 2017 South Northants Homeless Prevention Action Plan. It is anticipated that there will soon be a statutory duty for local authorities to have a strategy to reduce homelessness. There will also be a duty for other public agencies to refer to the SNC.</p> <p>In the future there will also be stricter rules on clearing rental arrears before someone can get offered new accommodation. There is an acknowledged lack of appropriate housing in the South Northants area, and many private landlords are not willing to accommodate low-income tenants. There is a need for more shared housing for those affected by the forthcoming benefit changes.</p> <p>There were 80 applications for housing in 2016, was about 50 in 2015. SNC accept a duty to house from a much lower number.</p> <p>ABW explained that there are currently no refuge places available. Housing is a major issue as people in need often struggle to find four week's advance rent and rental arrears easily accumulate.</p> <p>AB said that people are struggling with rental gaps due to benefit cuts. He feels effective case-management is needed to track vulnerable families.</p> <p>The next South Northamptonshire Homelessness Prevention Action Plan Network Meeting will be on 9th May, 10am to 12pm at The Forum; all welcome.</p>	
<p>Item 5.</p>	<p>Northamptonshire County Council's prioritisation framework - Sandra Husbands</p> <p><i>An update on the consultation to establish a prioritisation framework, and options to increase community engagement, to achieve optimum feedback.</i></p> <p>SH explained that she was commissioned in April 2016 by the Northamptonshire County Council Chief Executive to develop their prioritisation framework.</p> <p>Prioritisation is not about rationalising per se, and can be used in times of feast or famine. It helps ensure population wide decision-making. There are four conditions for an effective priority setting process; logical, clear set of values and principles, a transparent process, and public involvement / stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>SH explained that people can take part by completing the survey, attending a workshop, and publicising through our own networks.</p> <p>Survey details here;</p> <p>https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Prioritisation_Stage2</p> <p>PA said that Town and Parish Councils meet once a month. Therefore they need a one - two month lead time to attend consultation events.</p>	
<p>Item 6</p>	<p>Blueprint workgroups - Nicola Riley</p> <p><i>Update on the healthy lifestyles action plan.</i></p>	

	<p>NR explained that there is a need to change blueprint outcomes and activities to get a coherent action plan for the next 2 – 3 years. There are now the right people around the table for the sub-groups to deliver.</p> <p>RG said that outcomes for the Healthy Lifestyles sub-group need to be changed and circulated.</p> <p>JT to compile feedback and circulate revised outcomes.</p>	JT
Item 7	<p>Organisational round-up</p> <p><i>Summary of current projects and information that will benefit other partners.</i></p> <p>RT explained that the village network bus is very well used by many organisations; Age UK Oxfordshire, credit unions, NHS sexual health etc. It will be used for mobile flu jabs for two surgeries in the future. The bus can be branded to meet each organisation’s needs, (i.e. not SNVB only).</p> <p>RG explained that NW will attend the forum in the future, representing public health.</p> <p>ABW said that Northampton Women’s Aid have received funding to employ a project worker in South Northants.</p> <p>PL explained that a county wide H&WB board evaluation is coming up. There are also development days coming up on adverse childhood experiences and end of life care (29th March at The Forum).</p> <p>LT said that Nene CCG are ratifying a ‘Competent engagement strategy’ to ensure the CCG engage with the population effectively. Often effective engagement is difficult. JH said that public engagement groups are often poorly attended.</p> <p>PA explained that NCALC can disseminate information to all Parish and Town Councils through their monthly e-magazine.</p> <p>GK said that Healthwatch Northamptonshire are conducting their own research on homelessness.</p> <p>AB suggested that the SN and Daventry forums could work better together. Meeting with KL to be arranged to discuss further.</p> <p>SW explained that SNC and CDC are promoting a Workplace Wellbeing Charter and a “Eat Out Eat Well’ award.</p>	KL
Item 8	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>11am – 1pm, Tues 13th June 2017, the Committee Room, The Forum, Towcester.</p>	