

NORTH YORKSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
ADULTS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP &
HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES THEMATIC PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING HELD ON

7 September 2009

Grand Committee Room, County Hall, Northallerton

Present:

- Derek Law, Corporate Director, ACS, North Yorkshire County Council (Joint Chair)
- Peter Brambleby, Director of Public Health, NHS NYY (Joint Chair)
- Sukhdev Dosanjh, Assistant Director – Performance & Change Management, ACS, North Yorkshire County Council
- Peter Burgin, Regional Public Health Group, Department of Health (GOYH)
- Mike Gibson, Performance and Change Manager, ACS, NYCC
- Seamus Breen, Assistant Director – Commissioning & Partnerships, ACS, NYCC
- Carol Gibson, Directorate Support Team, ACS, NYCC
- Rob Salkeld, Chair, Older People’s Partnership Board
- Julie Blaisdale, Assistant Director, Library and Community Services, NYCC
- Katie Needham, Consultant in Public Health, NHS NYY
- Sue Vasey, Chief Officer, North Yorkshire Learning Consortium
- Rachel Maw, Health Improvement Manager, NHS NYY
- Judith Knapton, Head of Commissioning (Vulnerable People Services), NHS NYY
- Gill Cashmore, Chief Officer, Selby District AVS
- Judith Bromfield, Chief Officer, Richmondshire CVS
- Martin Connor, Chef Executive, Selby District Council
- Helen Black, Chief Executive, NYFVO
- Peter Chapman, Head of Service, Craven District Council
- David Watson, Executive Director, North Yorkshire Sport
- Linda Heywood, Volunteer, Voice of Ripon Project / Age Concern
- Pippa Turner, Coordinator, Voice of Ripon Project / Age Concern
- Brenda Dixon, Chair OPRG, Harrogate, Older People’s Partnership Board
- Roland Crooke, Regional Forward Team, MoD

Apologies:

- Helen Christmas, Health Improvement Manager, NHS NYY
- Lynn Webb-Thorius, Director Hambleton / Richmondshire Carers Centre
- Debbie Breatcliffe, Education Officer (Adult Learning), NYCC
- Paul Lightfoot, Director of Care Services, Broadacres Housing Association
- Dawn Saxby, Harrogate Borough Council
- David Archer, Scarborough Borough Council
- Bob Curry, NYFVO

ASP 26/09 Welcome and apologies

Apologies were recorded and attendees introduced themselves.

ASP 27/09 Minutes of last meetings & matters arising

It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meetings of the ASP and HCTP will be reviewed at the next individual meetings of the groups.

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ASP 28/09 MoD Military / Civil Integration Main Board programme

Roland Crooke gave a presentation on the MoD's Military / Civil Integration programme and highlighted areas of common interest for the military and the NYSP Thematic Partnerships.

Recent and ongoing factors affecting the community include a strategic change in focus for the army, with some brigades becoming more permanently based at Catterick Garrison, while soldiers regularly serve away from their families, e.g. Afghanistan. This has led to increased interest in the quality of schools, healthcare and other areas of support for families, in which the MoD is keen to work increasingly with partners.

The Catterick Forward programme is an example where major regeneration of accommodation facilities has taken place; the recently opened leisure centre and library at Catterick is an early example of partnership between the MoD and NYCC/ACS.

The Military Civil Integration Project Board meets regularly and is currently looking at six areas of work which link with NYSP priorities:

- Housing
- Health – negotiations are opening for co-operation with the PCT on primary healthcare, looking at two- way support and sharing premises, also currently hosting the out of hours service at Catterick Garrison
- Children and young people
- Mental health – Providing support for local IAPT (Improving Access to Psychiatric Treatment) franchise – support for battlefield stress
- Safety and security – liaison with local and MoD police to tackle alcohol-related and violent incidents. Note that the local population age profile is different to the rest of North Yorkshire.
- Economic impact of military presence – 35,000 service people in North Yorkshire, plus civil servants and contractors. A study is underway to measure the impact of the military presence.

The partners of service people often take short term work with employers on and around the garrison. The MoD would like to offer better quality work in the longer term. SB considered whether people would be encouraged to settle in the area into their 30s and 40s, possibly bringing older relatives with them. He advised that there is a shortage of domiciliary care staff in the Richmond and Catterick area. RC and SB will discuss the idea of a jobs fair in the area to maximise skills and attract a younger workforce.

SB/RC

RC also noted that there is a branch of Darlington College on the garrison, which is underused, and agreed that it would be helpful to let more civilians know what is available at the garrison.

With reference to mental health, DL advised that ACS and the PCT have a responsibility here and asked about current arrangements. RC confirmed that the MoD has systems in place which provide mental health support and treatment during service and immediately afterwards, but better connections are needed with what services are available when servicemen become civilians. Further discussion on this was suggested.

DL/SB/
RC

ASP 29/09 Older People's Partnership Board – Loneliness and isolation amongst older people

Pippa Turner gave a presentation on the findings of the survey on loneliness and isolation amongst older people, carried out by the Voice of Ripon project on behalf of the Older People's Partnership Board.

The survey was carried out to identify gaps in existing service provision to older people living alone in order to make recommendations for future service provision.

The survey found that older people were better supported in rural areas with a sense of community than in Ripon itself. People would not choose to take up the 15 minute drop in, preferring longer and more meaningful contact. Lunch clubs were very valued, but most of them are closed during school holidays. Issues raised included task oriented care, where workers 'don't have time to chat', and fear of the future.

Recommendations following the survey include increasing face to face contact, e.g. with a befriending service, keeping lunch clubs open throughout the year, including holidays, and providing a service for loss and bereavement or a network to identify need and support. People need to feel valued.

The partnerships discussed whether the findings are typical of North Yorkshire as a whole, and concluded that these concerns are fairly universal, with two-way relationships being of value in preventing emotional loneliness.

SB noted the potential impact of the economic downturn on low level services, which are needed for prevention, and called for more investment in early intervention. It was also suggested that consideration be given to how church and faith groups could be better utilised in shaping community support for older people.

A fuller report will come to the ASP in due course.

ASP 30/09 Local Transport Plan

Andrew Bainbridge gave a presentation on the developing Local Transport Plan (LTP3) for 2011-2016. The LTP is reviewed every five years, and the county council is currently commencing preparation of what will be the third LTP.

This year there seems to be more flexibility to set a local agenda (rather than meeting national priorities) and to work more closely with partners. A consultation document for phase 1 of LTP3 is now available and organisations are invited to respond, and to participate in further consultation events to be organised in 2010.

The partnerships discussed issues for LTP3 including:

- Linking with ACS transport review and the personalisation context;
- Ensuring everyone can access transport, including those with physical and sensory impairment, and considering how questions are presented to capture feedback on this;
- Links with community transport;
- Economic partnership and access to jobs;

SD

- Encourage use of transport to encourage physical activity;
- Linking with spatial planning and improving the built environment – Peter Brambleby suggested AB make contact with Dr Bruce Willoughby, the PCT lead on green issues.

AB

AB advised that an officer working group, led by John Laking, is in place within the business and environmental services directorate, with links to other directorates and partners.

Formal responses to the consultation will be taken up to October, with further feedback still being accepted up to January 2010.

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ASP 31/09 The Thriving Third Sector in York and North Yorkshire

The partnerships considered a report on the third sector in York and North Yorkshire, focussing on the important contribution the sector makes to the health and wellbeing of communities. The third sector is a significant employer in North Yorkshire, employing more than 10,000 people. Themes covered include supporting independence, health prevention and promotion, supporting people back to employment and training, and rural community transport schemes.

HB advised that more detailed reports could be provided on any areas covered in the report if required.

The partnerships thanked HB for an important report and acknowledged the contribution of the third sector in the sub region. All of the recommendations were endorsed, and it was agreed that more data from the LAA would be welcomed, and the two partnerships would advise separately on which areas they would like to receive further reports.

HB

SD asked whether the debate has begun regarding efficiencies in the third sector. HB advised that there is a national network; government money “Real help for communities” has been administered. The third sector conference is held on 27 November, and will be an opportunity for all sector colleagues to consider how to work together better, although the consensus is that they are already working ‘up to the line’ without room for savings.

SV referred to national policy, with the voluntary sector seen as a way of delivering services in future, and advised this would not be sustainable without solid investment.

ASP 32/09 Sport and Physical Activity

The partnerships considered a report on the progress of increasing participation in physical activity and sport in North Yorkshire against the SCS aims and LAA targets. The 2010/11 stretch target is 27.1% of adults participating in 3 x 30 minutes of moderate intensity sport / physical activity per week.

North Yorkshire Sport is working with partners to increase the number of people taking physical activity to meet these targets, including a range of interventions at local level, and figures are increasing against those recorded for 2008/09.

The report recommends more joint working and calls for continued investment during the economic downturn as part of preventing increased pressure on other services, such as education, health and employment and training.

The partnerships discussed how sport and physical activity are dealt with – who has responsibility for which and how funding for physical activity is distributed. It was noted that sport receives three times more funding than physical activity, although money is available for physical activity and a lot of work is taking place, e.g. exercise referral schemes, but not all of it is formally commissioned.

This subject will be discussed further at the Big Tent Event.

ASP 33/09 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment refresh

The first North Yorkshire JSNA and the seven district JSNAs have now been completed, and planning for the refresh is underway.

The partnerships supported an approach which fully engaged individual Local Strategic Partnerships to ensure a more locally meaningful exercise.

Peter Brambleby noted that the North Yorkshire JSNA is included on the NICE website as an example of good practice, and copies of the annual public health report “Finding the mission for commissioning” on CD were circulated.

SB

ASP 34/09 LAA2 Q1 2009/10 Performance reporting and finance update

ASP performance is on course to meet all targets. The 2010/11 target for Telecare has already been achieved.

The pump priming grant allocation is forecast to have been spent by the end of March 2010. The NYSP will be discussing the possible ways in which any Performance Reward Grant will be used.

SD gave feedback from the CQC Annual Review Meeting held on 7 August, which included greater focus on public health, particularly the evidence base. It was agreed that ACS and PCT colleagues would need to work closely together next year to provide strong evidence in this area.

**SD/KN/
RM**

KN gave an update on the HCTP out-turn against target for smoking during pregnancy, which remains in the balance. There have been problems commissioning a service, and a local stop smoking service for Scarborough has now been secured for one and a half days per week. Work with midwives in the area is continuing.

ASP 35/09 Any other business

The NYSP Wider Partnership Conference will take place on 15 October at Pavilions, Harrogate.

ASP 36/09 Dates and times of the next partnership meetings

Meetings have been arranged for:

- Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership
4 December at 10am
Millennium Room, The Regen Centre, Landing Lane, Riccal, Selby,
YO19 6PW

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- Adults Strategic Partnership
21 December at 10.30am
Meeting Room 2, County Hall, Northallerton

In addition to a regular autumn business meeting, it was agreed to hold a joint strategic planning meeting for the two partnerships, to be held in spring 2010. This will take stock of joint priorities and produce an action plan for the following two years.

If you have any enquiries about items on the minutes please contact Carol Gibson, 01609 535852 or email carol.gibson@northyorks.gov.uk