

NORTH YORKSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

ADULTS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

21 December 2009

ACS Conference Room, County Hall, Northallerton

Present:

- Sukhdev Dosanjh, Assistant Director – Performance & Change Management, ACS, NYCC (Chair)
- 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
- Bob Curry, Partnership Manager, NYFVO
- Alan Jenks, Head of Housing, Harrogate Borough Council
- Sally Anderson, Safeguarding Adults Policy Officer, ACS, NYCC
- Lynn Webb-Thorius, Director Hambleton / Richmondshire Carers Centre
- Paul Lightfoot, Director of Care Services, Broadacres Housing Association
- Chris Anderson, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Alyson Down, North Yorkshire Police Community Safety

Apologies:

- Derek Law, Corporate Director – Adult and Community Services, NYCC
- Peter Brambleby, Director of Public Health, NHSNYY/NYCC
- Debbie Breatcliffe, Education Officer (Adult Learning), NYCC
- David Archer, Scarborough Borough Council
- Rose Norris, Head of Service – Partnerships and Commissioning, Selby District Council
- Julie Blaisdale, Assistant Director – Library and Community Services, ACS, NYCC

ASP 37/09 Welcome and apologies

Apologies were recorded and attendees introduced themselves.

ASP 38/09 Minutes of meetings held 8 June 2009 and 7 September 2009

The minutes from the meetings held on the 8 June and 7 September 2009 were agreed as a correct record and will be circulated.

Matters arising from minutes of meeting held 8 June 2009

ASP16/09 DWP self assessment toolkit on whole systems working for prevention

SB advised that no support had been forthcoming from the voluntary sector for the self assessment toolkit.

ASP18/09 Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) draft self assessment

MG confirmed that workshops will be held Jan-Mar 2010 for reviewing, information gathering and best practice. There are differing views about the

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future of the CAA but it is expected to continue for the next year at least.

ASP21/09 Funding for Older People and PSI Partnership Boards

SB will invite the chair of the Physical and Sensory Impairment (PSI) Partnership Board to join the ASP.

ASP23/09 Third Sector Consultation

SB reported that all third sector responses have now been received and a paper will be published.

Matters arising from minutes of meeting held 7 September 09

ASP28/09 MoD Military / Civil Integration Main Board programme

SB advised that ACS are working with the MoD to introduce veterans' champions across organisations, aiming to help them access public services.

ASP33/09 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment refresh

Responses are starting to come in from Local Strategic Partnerships.

ASP 39/09 "Total Care" Partnership Referral Scheme

The partnership heard a presentation from Chris Anderson regarding an initiative recently piloted in the Harrogate and Ripon area where the fire service has worked with adult social care partners to identify vulnerable people in the community who may need support. The scheme was based on a Beacon Open Day held by Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council and their "First Contact" initiative. As a result of the pilot in the Craven district, over 120 care staff have been trained and 90 older people have received fire safety advice and equipment.

The proposal is to extend the concept to a multi agency facility in use across North Yorkshire, involving police, fire service, care services, voluntary sector and wider county council services, as well as any other similar agencies offering services relevant to vulnerable or older people. The scheme in the Craven area received an award for best risk management initiative from North Yorkshire County Council. An information leaflet has been developed including information and contact numbers and there would be some training for staff providing the information. Referrals would be made between agencies via a single support mechanism.

The partnership was supportive of the scheme, and SB suggested it could be tied in with other similar initiatives currently being developed, including a "hot spots" campaign and some self assessment work with libraries. CA agreed to follow up on this in development. AD advised that the police were keen to be involved with the scheme. SD suggested there were obvious links with the work of the Safeguarding Board and suggested CA could attend a Safeguarding Board meeting.

Regarding timescales, CA advised that development work would continue following comments received at this meeting, and a paper will come back to the ASP in six months with an implementation plan and proposals. The partnership discussed the benefits of the scheme and the balance between concern for

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people, noticing potential problems, and the need to respect privacy, data protection issues, etc. Comments also included noting the links with fuel poverty, and the need to engage GPs.

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The partnership endorsed the proposal and the recommendations. SD and CA will discuss ways forward.

ASP 40/09 NYSP Update

MG gave an update on behalf of Diane Parsons, Senior Policy and Partnerships Officer, on the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008/18 and the Local Area Agreement 2008/11. These will both be refreshed in 2010/11 to ensure that the key themes and targets continue to reflect the priorities of North Yorkshire's communities.

By the end of March, the partnership must consider the existing SCS priorities, suggest any changes and identify any new LAA indicators which could be used to monitor new priorities. It was suggested that any comments and feedback should be sent to MG before the end of February so that these could be collated for discussion at the next proposed meeting of the ASP on 8 March 2010.

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SB suggested tying it in with a wider approach, noting that, at a recent meeting, CQC inspectors indicated they would be looking at how ACS is going to evidence what difference it has made on the ground. SB asked whether there was a way to pull this together using LAA targets and other information.

The partnership also considered whether this could be integrated with HCTP targets, and it was agreed that a strategic meeting should be arranged with the HCTP in spring 2010. MG will approach Peter Brambleby and arrange a strategic meeting of the partnership in March/April.

MG/CG

ASP 41/09 Older People's Partnership Board progress report

Rob Salkeld gave a report on progress since the last partnership meeting, including the establishment of a more formal connection with the North Yorkshire LINK.

The Financial Wellbeing Task Group has produced a "Talking Leaflet" CD on fuel poverty and benefits applicable to older people.

The Transport and Access Group are looking at the possibility of an in depth survey of community transport across the county, however more time is needed for such a large task. Any thoughts on how they might progress this would be welcomed.

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On the subject of transport, BC advised that a transport group has been set up recently to look at the integrated regional strategy. SD advised that Jo Broadbent (NYCC) is also doing some work on integrated transport within ACS and would be a useful contact. RS will follow up.

RS

The Board is considering creating an advocacy group to act for older people, in light of a study produced by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. This would link with some of the loneliness work, which is continuing to prove effective, and is the subject of continuing discussion within the Board.

ASP 42/09 OPPB Loneliness Survey

The partnership considered a report from Seamus Breen summarising the findings of the loneliness survey carried out by the OPPB and presented to the meeting on 7 September, a full report which had been circulated to ASP members.

Among the report’s main findings was that people need face to face contact in preference to telephone or other contact. Luncheon clubs are very highly valued and are run independently in some areas. They offer a good opportunity for social contact and provide an opportunity for follow up if for instance a regular attendee doesn’t show up. They are an example of low level intervention that is appreciated more by users than would be expected.

It was recommended that the report on the Loneliness Survey be formally accepted and that it be brought to the attention of commissioners and independent providers. Also, that in a period of severe financial pressures, consideration should be given to an “invest to save” approach for low level prevention.

The partnership agreed the recommendations, and SD will write to the OPPB on behalf of Derek Law formally thanking them for their work in carrying out the survey and analysing and presenting the results.

SB and ASP colleagues agreed that they would promote the report when liaising with commissioners, PCT, etc.

BC noted the high level of volunteering identified, which may not have included any faith groups, and asked whether it would be possible to have a member of a faith group as a representative on the OPPB. It was noted that there is a regional forum for faith groups in North Yorkshire (Churches Together), and SB and BC will seek to find ways to engage formally with the forum.

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ASP 43/09 The ASP’s role in developing productive partnerships

SB referred to the range of different boards in place and questioned whether the ASP is missing any opportunities, and whether the partnership needs to contemplate its role and function under the NYSP. SB noted that the partnership has not submitted many reports to the NYSP and asked whether we want to do more.

SD referred to the changing landscape of adult social care and local government, and the need to ensure we’re making the best use of the money available. MG also noted that the governance arrangements for the NYSP (specifically in terms of the Partnership) will be considered in the near future.

SA asked whether any reporting arrangements were in place between the Safeguarding Adults Board and the ASP, and it was agreed that we need to look at how we receive reports and arrange representation on the ASP. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have higher attendance at the partnership meeting, and it would be useful to have more synergy with the wider partnership arena. AD added that the alcohol board is currently under review.

It was agreed that SB and MG will plan a half day for the ASP to look at strategy, with the help of an independent facilitator. This will also take into

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consideration input into the LAA and SCS refresh exercises. The half day will be held on the afternoon of 8 March immediately following the ASP's normal business meeting. This would be raised with DL on his return for agreement.

“Securing the Future” – a dialogue with the third sector and “Shaping the Market” – a dialogue with the independent sector

SB reported that NYCC Adult and Community Services in partnership with the NHS NYY have initiated a dialogue with the independent and third sectors regarding the future of adult social care provision, details of which can be seen on the NYCC website www.northyorks.gov.uk. The dialogues are in line with the overall place shaping agenda and “Total Place” initiatives, and provide opportunities to think differently, encouraging innovation and seeking new solutions to old problems.

SB is writing to district and borough council chief executives letting them know about the dialogue and inviting them to get involved. Both dialogues are open to comment until 28 February 2010.

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ASP relationship with the Drug and Alcohol Action Team Partnership Board

The partnership considered a report from Seamus Breen, who recently became a member of the Board and has been elected to chair the Board with effect from February 2010. The report highlights some issues raised by a strategic review of the Board, which includes the need to improve links with the NYSP and recognise natural alignments in order to increase its effectiveness, including a more robust linkage between the ASP and the DAAT Board.

The partnership formally agreed all of the recommendations made in the report, which included:

- noting the work done by the DAAT Board in reviewing its role and function and its strategic position in developing a strategic plan to address the needs of its community members dependent on drug and alcohol and in prevention;
- agreeing to a more formal relationship between the DAAT Board and the ASP including regular six monthly reports on challenges in this area of work; and
- ensuring the needs of the community with drug and alcohol dependencies are represented in the JSNA.

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LAA2 Q2 2009/10 performance reporting and finance update

The partnership considered a report circulated by Sukhdev Dosanjh. Overall ASP performance is on course to meet all but one of its targets. There is currently a shortfall on L12, the number of additional extra care units. This was largely due to the current economic climate. The partnership discussed whether Pump priming money might be made available to help deliver further extra care schemes in the future. SB/ SD will revisit the definition of L12 to see whether any more can be done to achieve the target fully and inquire whether pump priming funding can be identified to help with the achievement of this target.

The partnership agreed a recommendation that it ask the NYSP to consider passporting a reward funding secured (following achievement of the LAA targets) to the ASP to fund future priorities.

ASP 47/09 Dates of meetings for 2010

The proposed meeting dates of 8 March, 7 June, 6 September and 20 December 2010 were agreed. All meetings start at 10.30am. The meeting on 6 September will be a joint meeting with the HCTP.

It was agreed that the meeting on 8 March will be extended into the afternoon in order to look at strategic planning, as discussed during the meeting. MG/SD/SB/CG will make the necessary arrangements and further details will be communicated to the group in due course.

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