**Winchester District Older Person’s Partnership**

Wednesday 9th November 2022, 10.30am

Venue: Walton Room, Winchester Guildhall

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending in person:**

Bruce White - Community First (Co-Chairperson)

Sarah Weekes - St Johns Winchester (Co-Chairperson)

Cllr Paula Ferguson – WCC Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community and Housing

Marie Johnson-Hall – St Johns Hand ‘n’ Hand

Tony Winterton - Home Instead

Sheena Webster & Lesley Loughridge - Chat Tea Café

Lou Hooper - Extra Care Coordinator (Gosport, Winchester, Romsey Adult’s Health and Care Hampshire County Council)

Sian Griffiths - Winchester Primary Care Network (Social Prescriber)

Mark Maitland – Community and Wellbeing, WCC

Clive Cook – St Johns Winchester

Graham Topping - Winchester Rotary Club

Brenda Pullen - Connect to Support Hampshire, HCC

Steve Lincoln – Service Lead, Community and Wellbeing, WCC

Anna O’Brien - Winchester Radio & Dementia Friendly Winchester

Paula Hankin - Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service

Emma Kiss – St John’s Homeshare

Anne Evans – Admiral Nurse, St John’s Dementia Support Service

Jeni Bell – Admiral Nurse, St John’s Dementia Support Service

Jane Gordon – Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board

Sue Boul – Winchester Good Neighbours Network

Sara Nicholls, Community Support Service Manager, Brendoncare

Avril Steele, Warden, Hospital of St Cross

Harry Hunt, Bluebird Care

Eleanor Vamplew, Winchester Lido

**Attending via Zoom:**

Laura Prickett – St Johns Community Dementia Support Service

Beccy Hynard-Hicks – St Johns Winchester

Chloe Davanna – Everyone Active

Jess? - Abbotts Barton Care Home Customer Support Advisor

Louise Walton, Business Development Manager, Winchester Citizen’s Advice

**Sarah Weekes welcomed everyone to the Meeting and thanked them for attending.**

**Apologies**

Andrew Loretto - Hat Fair and Play to the Crowd

Josh Herbert – Salvation Army

Carol Bailey - Winchester Churches Together/ Mission to Seniors

Kim Mears, Greensleeves

Anna Miles - MHA Communities Winchester

Steven Jones, The Environment Centre

Shane O’Connell, Elder Life Fitness

Judy Beaunier - Andover Mind

Ling Salter - Wellbeing Mentor - Compassionate Cuppa CIC

Jilly Woodhead - Winchester Cathedral Tea at 3

**Minutes from last meeting** – Approved, no amendments

**Introductions and thanks**

Members all introduced themselves and Sarah Weekes welcomed attendees and noted a last-minute change to the agenda with an additional speaker, Steve Lincoln, who would be speaking on the Cost of Living Crisis.

**WDOPP Terms of Reference -** nothing to report

**Emma Kiss, Homeshare Coordinator St John’s Homeshare**

The new Homeshare service from St John’s Winchester was outlined in a PowerPoint presentation by the service coordinator, Emma Kiss.

Emma concluded by suggesting members invite St John’s Homeshare attend some of the groups and events they run for service users, in order to present the concept of the new service to those who would most benefit.

**Questions from the floor:**

Cllr Ferguson commented positively on the idea of Homeshare and that the council fully supported it as a way of proactively addressing the cost of living crisis, and reiterated the council’s commitment to a series of initiatives to address this issue.

Cllr Ferguson noted the new population of people affected by the interest rate rise and how this is causing an income gap, despite increased benefit provision.

A Cost of Living Summit will be held on 22 November in the Walton Room of the Guildhall to address ways of working together to maximise and coordinate efforts to address the cost of living crisis.

**Steve Lincoln, Service Head, Community and Wellbeing, WCC**

Steve suggested hat the Cost of Living Crisis should be a standing item on the agenda of the WDOPP meetings. He outlined the objectives of WCC’s plan of action to provide a package of support with the objectives of improving access to support, addressing the most vulnerable in our communities to ensure they get extra support, making the support easy to access, working with partners to coordinate efforts, commitment to carbon reduction by promoting the reduction of energy bills and consumption.

Steve outlined the work streams WCC plan to undertake to achieve these objectives, including the Cost of Living Summit meeting on 22 November.

There will be some extra funding made available for initiatives that address the cost of living crisis. An amount will go to Citizens Advice to increase their capacity to cope with a surge in service demand.

The remainder will be used to develop a grant fund of small amounts given to any organisation running initiatives to support service users with the cost of living crisis. One round of allocation, this will be launched formally at the Summit meeting on 22nd November. Information is on the WCC website on how to apply.

SW confirmed the slides of Steve’s full presentation will be distributed to members, in advance of the minutes.

**Questions from the floor:**

Clive Cook supported the WCC initiative, and reiterated the importance of using social media to promulgate ideas, and confirmed as stakeholders the WDOPP can assist in this.

Graham Topping raised issue of identifying ‘Warm Places’ in Winchester where people can go for shelter, and underlined the problem of collating and updating information.

Bruce White confirmed Community First have list of ‘Warm Welcome’ venues on their website.

**Action:**

Sarah Weekes suggested members email her to share ideas among the network.

Cost of Living to be a standing item on WDOPP agenda

Anna O’Brien from Winchester Radio confirmed they continually update info such as warm spaces and new resources for older people, and disseminate on air, and outlined importance of drip-feeding information to service users, as they access it through a variety of channels, as many don’t have or use social media. Word of mouth can still be very powerful.

Cllr Ferguson underlined the need for the Cost of Living Summit on this issue, and confirmed two speakers were booked, one from the national Citizen’s Advice and Sue Campbell, CEO from our local Citizen’s Advice, along with a round table discussion.

The need to engage with outlying villages and local businesses to help was emphasised. Parish Connect is very active in spreading information among parish councils.

**Jane Gordon, Community Involvement Manager, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board**

Jane presented the new Integrated Care Board (replacing the CCGs) Winter Messaging and underlined that ICB were working more closely with the voluntary sector to communicate service development planning with a focus on encouraging public use of front line services appropriately.

Social media content is available communicating Winter Messaging, request to please share with service users and followers.

Sarah Weekes confirmed the presentation slides would be shared, and reiterated need for all members to share information on social media.

**Questions from the floor:**

Sue Boul (Winchester Good Neighbours) asked about Walk-in Centres which she felt were very useful to have.Jane confirmed that these were no longer viable due to lack of staffing resources.

**Jeni Bell, and Anne Evans - Admiral Nurses, St John’s Dementia Support Service**

Jeni explained Admiral nurses set up by Dementia UK to support the family members of those with dementia. The role is designed to support carers, who are often suffering from isolation and burn-out. Many have emerged after the pandemic very demoralised and isolated. By supporting carers, dementia sufferer is supported by default.

Dementia Service will support carers to help juggle their role as carer with rest of life, to highlight services available to them and manage them to the change in relationships which dementia can bring, giving strategies to support these behaviours.

Jeni spoke of St John’s Dementia Service partnership with Everyone Active and the launch of the Dementia Wellbeing Centre Carers Café) where everyone is welcome. Despite the Dementia service being initially limited to covering three GP services and Winchester, Jeni confirmed the café is open to all.

Key message is that Dementia service is promoting ability for people to stay at home. The issue of isolation in care homes during the pandemic has increased reluctance among dementia sufferers and their families of considering care homes as an option.

Sarah Weekes pointed out the Dementia Service is a team of 4 with 2 other Dementia Advisors and will be supported by Hand in Hand to share knowledge and support befriending for carers and signposting to other charities and services in the area.

Sarah Weekes thanked WCC for arranging the venue.

Request for other members to offer venue for next meeting and take opportunity of hosting and networking – Everyone Active has offered to consider this and will confirm their availability with Sarah Weekes.

Request to members to share their updates on activities with us, and to take up opportunity to be a speaker and present their service to other members. Members also invited to share pdf versions of leaflets and flyers with Sarah Weekes and Bruce White, who can then distribute/share to other members via email.

**Any Other Business**

Mark Maitland reiterated need to have Cost of Living Crisis as recurring agenda item at WDOPP meetings (already noted above to Action).

Sarah Weekes confirmed member updates will be sent to all members along with minutes and for members to please provide their updates.

**Welcome to new members who hope to attend the next WDOPP**

* Jamie Cousins, Fire Service Commander
* Fee Hudson Francis, Hat Fair
* **Date and location of next meeting**

Location TBC - Everyone Active Leisure Centre.

Next meeting date **………TBC ………**(depending on venue availability)

*Please let Bruce and Sarah know of any issues you’d like raised or topics you would like discussed at our next meeting by (23rd Jan 2023 please )*

* **Partner Updates – Attached**