

<b>Forum</b>	<b>Health and Social Care Forum</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>27/07/2017</b>	<b>BCVS Leads</b>	<b>Becky Law &amp; Allison Palmer</b>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Points Raised / Questions / Actions</b>			
<b>Presentation</b>  <b>Dr Steve Kell:</b> G.P. at Larwood Surgery	Primary Care Home – Making Change Happen  Larwood and Bawtry Primary Care Home	<p>Dr Steve Kell gave a presentation entitled “Primary Care Home – Making Change Happen”  <i>The presentation slides will be sent out with the notes</i></p> <p>Nick Rhodes from Age Uk (Forces Friends) asked if there were plans to put the Community Advisor role out across other areas of Notts?  Dr Kell responded that there had been interest from wider areas of the country with visitors coming in from London and Manchester to see the processes working first hand – “areas that are well known for being vanguards were coming to say ‘How do we work with the voluntary sector please?’ – and our answer is always that you just ask them” He also went on to say “People in Bassetlaw want locally provided services – we just needed a person who knows the system, the organisations and can act as that point of access”</p> <p>Allison Palmer – Community Advisor and Partnership officer at BCVS – commented that she’d had a letter published in GP publication “The Pulse” <a href="http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/views/letters/how-a-community-adviser-could-help-your-practice/20033347.article">http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/views/letters/how-a-community-adviser-could-help-your-practice/20033347.article</a> about the community advisor role as part of the Primary Care Home model.  Allison also asked those present to look at the Bassetlaw Health website to check they were included and that their details were correct and up to date. <a href="http://www.bassetlaw-health.co.uk/">http://www.bassetlaw-health.co.uk/</a></p>			
<b>Presentation</b>  <b>Cathy Harvey:</b> Community and Voluntary Sector Team Manager for Nottinghamshire County Council. <b>Frank Raspin:</b> Nottinghamshire County Council Community Officer	Community Resilience and Empowerment	<p>Cathy Harvey introduced an interactive session where she was asking for feedback as to what organisations wanted from Notts County Council, and how best they could work together.  Cathy explained that Notts CC had been trying to develop a piece of work around Community Resilience and Empowerment over the last few years, with the aim of encouraging voluntary organisations and communities to feel more empowered about their areas, and to create solutions for their own issues rather than District Council simply telling people what they thought they needed.  Cathy acknowledged that it is a significant cultural shift in thinking as the immediate concern will always be “where/what is the resource to help do this?” particularly when Local Authority and other statutory organisational funding is reducing all the time. There is particular encouragement to work with partners to develop things locally that are sustainable and long term as this is where the resourcing is more likely to be placed.  Frank Raspin introduced himself as the Notts CC community officer working across Bassetlaw and supporting the community sector to be stronger and more resilient through empowerment and community control.  He talked about the challenges that faced Community and voluntary organisations when they were trying to get commissioning contracts or procurement from Notts CC. Frank explained that he is looking at setting up a series of “meet the buyer” workshops where organisations and individuals can attend and find out what the Notts CC commissioners actually want i.e. what would make it possible for a smaller organisation to win a contract rather than one of the larger organisations.</p>			

2 questions were then asked of the room and time was given for small groups to discuss their thoughts:

- What would help the voluntary and community sector to engage with the county council?
- How can we (Notts CC community and voluntary sector team) support this?

Written responses were collected from the groups and Cathy promised that she would use them and feedback once she'd had time to consider them.

Some shared responses were:

- Any influence to ensure that the smaller pots of funding are still available for the smaller organisations would be greatly appreciated by the smaller groups who are so active at grass roots.
- Please could Notts CC continue to encourage council groups and businesses to make use of hire of community buildings across Bassetlaw? Putting money back into the sector in this way enables organisations to do the rest of the work that needs to be done. *Frank confirmed that they do continue to encourage people to make use of community resources. Cathy added that she recommended if they haven't already done so, that organisations add themselves to the Notts Help Yourself website as it is a valuable resource <http://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/home.page>*
- Please can there be a more detailed resource (like the BCVS link card only broader in detail) for people to find out about community and voluntary groups? *Becky Law and Allison Palmer from BCVS responded and spoke about a new website on its way called "In and Around" that will do just that. Organisations will be allocated a page each with the opportunity to link to their own web site if they have one. Cathy confirmed that this had been funded through Notts CC grant aid programmes.*
- What about more fairs to support organisations where they could hand out brochures and talk about the work they do in the community? *Frank responded to say that it is about knowing what events are taking place and encouraged all to sign up for the BCVS newsletter and use their website as it is one of the best ways of keeping up to date with what is happening.*
- I run a Home care business, but also run free community events that I fund myself and really struggle to access any funding. Tonight I am running a 2 hour free dementia carers support event in Retford but I can get no funding support apart from a small amount from local councillors in Retford. *Frank responded and suggested setting up a charitable arm of the business that could then potentially access available funding. He also suggested using BCVS to help promote these events through their weekly bulletin and website.*
- Is there any opportunity for Voluntary and Community organisations to be invited to more Notts CC events and meetings? *Cathy responded that there is a new team in county hall following the recent election so there may well be different opportunities coming and that her department actively encourages other departments to come up to the north of the county.*
- What does your department actually provide? We don't really know what support you could give. *Frank responded that it could be as big as someone wanting to build a new Community centre and supporting them to ensure the proposal is realistic and then to find what global funding is available whilst navigating the bureaucracy of organisations like County Council. Cathy directed people to look at the Notts CC website for further information. <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/get->*

		<p><a href="#">involved/supporting-the-voluntary-sector</a></p> <p>Other points that came out in conversation were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— There is a funding section on the BCVS website that takes you to a portal where you can select your parameters and see what is widely available globally. <a href="http://www.bcvs.org.uk/funding">http://www.bcvs.org.uk/funding</a> BCVS is intending to host a funding forum shortly so please sign up to the newsletter to ensure you don't miss it. You can sign up where it says "Subscribe" at the bottom of the BCVS home page. <a href="http://www.bcvs.org.uk/">http://www.bcvs.org.uk/</a></li> <li>— Bassetlaw District Council can provide 2 free market stalls at both Worksop and Retford. Their contact is John Simmonds <a href="http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/visiting-bassetlaw/markets.aspx">http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/visiting-bassetlaw/markets.aspx</a></li> </ul>
<b>Open Floor Opportunity</b>	A chance for anyone to share any organisational news or events	<p><b>Nick Rhodes – Age Uk Notts – Forces Friends</b> <a href="mailto:nicholas.rhodes@ageuknotts.org.uk">nicholas.rhodes@ageuknotts.org.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.ageuk.org.uk/notts/our-services/forces-friends/">http://www.ageuk.org.uk/notts/our-services/forces-friends/</a></p> <p>Forces Friends is a befriending service for veterans over the age of 60 and their families. It has been a very successful pilot scheme in Bassetlaw and won a National Military welfare award. It has now received funding for a further 3 years from the MOD and a scheme called "Joining Forces" is run all around the country by 12 different Age UK areas. It is about embedding veteran's needs within civilian and voluntary organisations. So Forces Friends is now here for the long term. It is now building on the work of befriending and combating social isolation and is working to ensure people access the military welfare system. This system has plenty of money in it – once you can establish that someone is a veteran or a beneficiary then they can access the support and can refer into SSAFA – the armed forces charity. Bassetlaw has always been a big recruiter for the forces – particularly the Army – so there are lots of veterans in this area. Please contact Nick if you need any further information.</p> <p><b>James Entwisle – Inspire – Culture, Learning and Libraries</b></p> <p>James is recent to post as the coordinator for Inspires Building Better Opportunities towards work. They run educational training for 16yrs upwards. They are currently running a 6 week programme of Security based industry training which is aimed at people with barrier who currently do not work. Week one is a week of functional skills before the work training begins in week 2. The next set of training will be Health and Social care training. If you feel someone doesn't have the skills to move straight into work, Inspire can help them with training to remove some of the barriers they may face.</p> <p><a href="https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/community-learning/">https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/community-learning/</a></p>
<b>Next Health and Social Care Forum</b>		<b>Will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Closing Comments</b>		<p><b>Becky Law and Allison Palmer – Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service</b></p> <p>Thanked all attendees and speakers for their input.</p> <p>The format used today is not set in stone – please feedback on the forms that will come out if you would like to see anything done in a different way at future forums.</p> <p>Next time we will have a table or leaflet stands at the back for organisations to bring and put their literature on.</p>