

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Care Group
Wednesday 31st January, The Croft Café, RWB
Notes

Item	Notes	Action
Present	Dianna Kirby, Tockenham PC; Mel Allsop (Lydiard Millicent PC); Cat Attewell, (Home Instead); Abi Mitchell (Rethink Metal Health); Kate Brooks (Age UK Wiltshire); Sally Price (Care Coordinator, North Wilts PCN); Cllr David Bowler, Louise Nankivell, (Prevention & Wellbeing team), Rebecca Spencer (Living & Ageing Well), Andrew Jack (Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager) (Wiltshire Council).	
Apologies	Rebecca Seymour (Celebrating Age Wiltshire); Stevie Palmer; Heather Ponting-Bather; Mel Lambourne (Care Coordinator, Tinkers Lane Surgery); Nick Arthurs, (Cricklade TC); Rose Love (Lydiard Tregoze PC); Cllr Mary Champion (Wiltshire Council).	
Update on Bradenstoke Self-help group	<p>Stevie Palmer was not at the meeting to describe progress with the self-help group at Bradenstoke but had sent the following update for the recent area board meeting:</p> <p>Monthly meetings with an attendance of 11-15 guests Representatives of Rewind and the Bobby Van have attended, with proposed visits from the local pharmacist and police at future meetings.</p> <p>Louise Nankivel, Prevention and Wellbeing Team has attended all the meetings to date.</p> <p>Help and advice has been given on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social activities Carer Support Wiltshire Benefits and allowances Treatment info and access <p>Initial care provision and assessments from Adult Social Care Dealing with scams, by phone, letters and internet Calendar has been fixed for 2024</p> <p>We are discussing setting up a limited website for the group, using a free website provider.</p> <p>Feedback - guests find the cafe useful for information. Enjoy the company and emotional support.</p> <p>CCG were glad the group was going well and discussed if this could be used as a blueprint to start similar groups elsewhere in the area to help others. CA was happy to support if there was something similar in her top part of the area.</p>	
“Accessing Healthcare” engagement event (AJ)	<p>AJ introduced this item following on from the last CCG meeting where it was agreed to try and combine this engagement or information session with an existing Celebrating Age (CAW) event. AJ had had a conversation with RS in September to discuss this further. RS had recommended that instead of trying to bolt these separate events together, CAW could use their creatives to weave the information into the “performance” and the information session becomes the CAW event.</p> <p>The area board approved a grant of £500 towards funding the event at the January meeting, so costs can be covered.</p>	

	<p>Unfortunately, no further progress on this engagement has been made. It was pointed out that New Court Surgery has a new practice manager and SPPr can help put AJ in touch.</p>	
<p>Community Directory review (AJ)</p>	<p>Following agreement at the last CCG meeting to renew the community directory, AJ has not yet contacted local parish councils or community groups for updates about their work. AJ will prioritise this. AJ will send the previous document to all group members and to area board councillors to take out and promote to their parishes. CA can send the WoW guide to AJ RS and KB asked AJ to send the directory to them</p>	<p>AJ CA AJ</p>
<p>Volunteer celebration event (AJ)</p>	<p>AJ described how at the last meeting, Stevie Palmer described putting on an event to celebrate and thank the volunteers who work within the community area. There was discussion about how many volunteers were active and how to decide on and identify the ones to come to this event. CA wondered if people would actually come to an event like this? DK described the Tockenham Fair and the large numbers of people who help at it. Those volunteers already receive a “general” thank you through a small celebration over a glass of wine afterwards. There was discussion about a volunteers’ event leading into a wider engagement or showcase day around the volunteering opportunities in the area. The group talked about whether to narrow down to specific fields of volunteering, or to cover all types of volunteers within smaller areas. This included looking at the area board offering funding to parish councils or clusters of councils, in order to put on their own local celebration event. This could be tagged onto Volunteers’ Week in June. Because of the complexity of this, the group agreed to concentrate on delivering the GP engagement event first.</p>	
<p>Widening membership of CCG (AJ)</p>	<p>AJ began this point with a wish to open out membership of this group more widely and encourage other local organisations to join it. This is partly to increase the geographic coverage, the kinds of services offered by member groups and the people supported. It could also open up the grant funding to other organisations. There was discussion on whether Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) could be invited to be part of this group or other reps from GP surgeries. Greater coverage and membership from parish councils was agreed. Looking at providing an option to join meetings remotely was discussed and agreed it could make it easier for some people to take part.</p>	
<p>Supporting local work with funding (AJ)</p>	<p>AJ described the grant funding that is available through the area board to support services and activities for older and vulnerable adults. He said how this group has a role to promote that funding within member and non-member groups as well as looking at “mapping and gapping” of services in the area. The group agreed that if all members were to champion the grants and promote the funding that is available it would help spread the message and encourage projects to come forward.</p>	

AOB	KB described how Age Concern Royal Wootton Bassett is to fold and transfer all of its assets to Age UK for use locally.	
Dates and venues for next meetings:	TBC to be timed around next meeting of the area board; All meetings starting at 10.30	