

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD
MARLBOROUGH HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th MARCH 2022

Present

Chris Atkinson; Kennet and Avon Medical Partnership (CA)

Councillor Jane Davies; Marlborough West (JD)

Anne Hancock; Jubilee Centre Manager (AH)

Andrew Jack; Wiltshire Council Community Engagement Manager (AJ)

Dan Mace, Health Watch Wiltshire (DM)

Jill Turner; Chair (JT)

In attendance

Anna Clere; Carer Support Wiltshire (AC)

Katie Fielding, Engagement Officer, Stroke Association, South West (KF)

Julian Roberts; Alzheimers Support (JR)

1. Introductions

JT welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the guests who had been invited to present further information respectively about the work of the Stroke Association and in support of the two funding applications under consideration.

2. Notes of the meeting held on 30th November 2021 (Encl)

The notes of the meeting held on 30th November 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and there were no matters arising that were not otherwise covered on the agenda.

3. Update on Wiltshire Council plans for adult health and wellbeing 2022/23 and 2023/24. Councillor Jane Davies, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, SEND, Transition and Inclusion

3a Funding

JD informed the Group members that Wiltshire Council had agreed a growth budget for adult social care in 2022/23 despite financial challenges and staffing cost pressures of approximately 6%.

She proceeded to outline the new approach to funding for adult day care services that would be adopted by the Council with the aim of improve equity of funding provision across the county and improved governance and oversight of providers. The new process would require;

- potential providers to apply to be accepted onto the Council's 'open framework'

- The Council will fund clients and their carer's who are Care Act eligible through payments to the clubs. The clubs are expected to continue to provide services for the self-funding people (including those in receipt of direct payments) who already, or will wish to, attend moving forward.

In order to facilitate the transition to the new arrangements Wiltshire Council funding for the Jubilee Day Centre and the Enablement Hub would continue for 6 months beyond March 2022. Guidance on the new arrangements and framework application process would be available for potential providers.

JD also reported that the Health and Wellbeing Grant was expected to remain at the same level as 2021/22 although this had not been confirmed. If accepted onto the provider open framework the Jubilee Centre and the Enablement Hub would continue to be able to bid for HWB grant funds.

3b Approach to health and wellbeing

In order better to avoid gaps in service provision and to maximise the Council's offer JD aimed to improve and facilitate co-working between relevant local organisations; namely the HWB Group, the Wiltshire Council Health and Prevention Lead, the Social Prescribers and Health Coaches in GP practices. In addition the Council was cooperating at the macro level with the NHS (the ICS) and local hospitals (the Academy of Care at the Great Western Hospital).

Action; JT to liaise with JD to explore future opportunities for the HWB Group to facilitate further inter organisational collaboration.

4. Stroke Association South West; Katie Fielding, Engagement Officer

KF introduced the work of the Stroke Association in Marlborough which had been started by her predecessor as part of a one-year project. An initial 'mapping and gapping' exercise had identified the relative absence of provision in the local area and she would follow up on the initial introductions facilitated by JT to local organisations; the Jubilee Centre, the Marlborough Gardening Association, the Marlborough Golf Club and The Food Gallery in order to raise awareness about stroke and to explore opportunities for support arrangements.

JD referred to the Wiltshire CIL's 'Make someone welcome' campaign' as a further relevant connection potentially to be explored by KF.

Action; JT would share KF's contact details with the Group to enable further connections and opportunities to be explored with the aim of establishing sustainable support arrangements.

5. Proposed projects for funding (£1,170.84) for the remainder of the financial year 2021-22.

JT welcomed JR and AC to the meeting in order to present their respective organisations' funding bids for the Group's remaining funds in the financial year 2021/22.

5a) Alzheimer's Support – East Grafton Memory Café; £1,000

JR introduced the funding bid from Alzheimer's Support for the East Grafton Memory Café the details of which had been circulated previously to Group members.

5b) Carers Support Wiltshire- Carer's Café; £934

AC introduced the funding bid from Carer's Support Wiltshire for the Carers' Café the details of which had been circulated previously to Group members.

Following their presentations JR and AC were invited to leave the meeting in order that the Group could discuss the applications and JT would inform the applicants of the recommendations that would be made to the Marlborough Area Board (MAB) at its meeting on 22nd March 2022.

The HWB Group members proceeded to discuss the two bids noting that there was insufficient funding to support both in their entirety. Members noted that Alzheimer's Support had received funding previously during the financial year and that the proposed site was not in Marlborough although 40% of the attendees came from the town. With reference to the Carer's Support application there was concern that new venue had not yet been identified. AH mentioned that the Jubilee Centre could be available on a temporary basis on Thursday morning and potentially Saturdays too. The respective numbers of beneficiaries from each application was also considered.

Following discussion it was agreed unanimously to recommend to the MAB that the remaining funds be divided equally across the two bidding organisations representing **£585.42** each with the Carer's Support funding being conditional on the identification of a suitable venue prior to the release of funds.

Action; AJ to confirm the governance arrangements and delegated powers relating to future potential bids from the bidders in the new financial year.

6. Any other urgent business

6a) Group membership

JT invited Group members to propose other organisations for representation on the HWB Group.

Action; JT to pursue Enablement Hub representation.

6b) Community group venues in Marlborough

The Group recognised the challenges associated with the availability of community venues in the town and rural transport difficulties as a problem to be addressed.

7. Date of next meeting.

To be confirmed.