

**Chief Officers Group  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019**

**Minutes & Actions**

Present: Andy Hazeldine, Barry Dixon, Vicki Davenport, Liz Thompson, Dave Bevitt,  
Ross Grant, Heather Davidson, Gill Pearl, Sajid Hashmi,

Apologies:-

No.	Item	
1.	Welcome and Introductions	The first Meeting of 2019, delegates were welcomed and introductions made.
3.	Minutes of the last meeting	Agreed as a true record
4.	Matters arising/outstanding items	<p><b>Helen Big Lottery</b> shared she would like to come back and speak to the group and that it has been noted that smaller organizations need to be encouraged to apply as they are not applying. She would like to arrange a meeting where smaller organizations will be involved.</p> <p><b>Social Prescribing</b> Event Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, views were shared regarding the non-communication of the cancellation of this event, Shenna send out email communication and it will be rearranged at another date and time to be confirmed.</p> <p>Action: Sajid to follow up with Shenna regarding date and time for rearranged event.</p> <p>Social Prescribing update: currently approval has not been given for the funding.</p> <p>Sajid: Will ring Shenna to find out if approval has been grant.</p> <p><b>Renaming of Doctors Receptionists:</b> this has come about from the usage of their communication role with the public, there are now going to share information regarding non clinical interventions for patients, this will part of the social prescribing format with neighborhood connectors role. Excluded services will include Dental, Cancer, and Optician. They may signpost other services presently very few VCS services included in list.</p> <p>Discussion about the use of community navigator and care navigator, both roles will be utilized to reduce the burden on acute services.</p> <p>Issues of resources and funding and role of VCS and VCFA in the process of service delivery, it was noted that there has to be a conversations about how services are being utilized and recognition that referrals are being sent to VCS organizations but the capacity is not always available without additional funding and resources. There is a need to understand the relationship within LCO regarding smaller</p>

		<p>groups, and specific issues e.g. disability and there connection to other issues within VCS organizations. With social prescribing there will a single point of access for referrals and resources will be needed to facilitate this.</p> <p>A consultation will take place within the sector to find out about the plans for the sector.</p>
5.	Update on VCFA	<p>Update give on the staff currently in place. Sajid shared that all staff are in place:          Tony Foster---volunteering          Neil Gibson----Funding          Barrington Reeves----Networking &amp; Partnership.</p> <p>A brief conversation regarding backgrounds of staff;          Neil Rochdale CVS, Tony Bolton CAB, Barrington VCS rep in Manchester.</p> <p>Overview was given of each role and an update of what has taken place so far.</p> <p><b>Volunteer Portal</b> questions were raised and the links with other online resources such as Bury Directory and Do it Links to be established with 10GM for volunteer information to be shared throughout sector through working with other CVS organizations.</p> <p>Thematic Groups: question raised about the scope of thematic groups and is there any plans for a Mental Health group.</p> <p><b>Training Program:</b> VCFA to develop training program for capacity building local organizations, it is open and developing and will be used as a means to provide tool for evaluation of VCS orgs.</p> <p>Generic courses to be included:          Safeguarding          First Aid          Health and Safety          Volunteering          Funding.          Courses can be added dependent upon need.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> to be raised with Council</p>
6.	Hate Crimes Funding	<p>Minutes circulated from Hate crimes Funding panel. Allocation of funds shared out to VCS organisations.</p>
7.	Standing Together Fund.	<p>Closing date for Standing together will now be on 31st January and the grant panel assessment will be 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.</p> <p>So far 7 applications have been received and awaiting another 3.</p> <p>The grant panel will be convened at assess the application in the week of Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>



8.	Issues for our sector	<p>Integrated neighborhood teams discussions taking place on the model and operation and how it will impact voluntary sector. Consultation will be ongoing and any feedback to be taking back to Haylee and David Thomas.</p> <p>Questions raised about the Multi-disciplinary teams and what is happening. New Neighborhood meetings taking place in the next few weeks to look at MDT and Neighborhood working.</p> <p>There were questions regarding specific agendas such as Mental Health, Suicide prevention and the preventative agenda as VCS orgs are mainly involved in the preventative agenda, how does this this fit with integrated working and neighbourhood teams.</p> <p>Is there any meeting arranged between Council Leader and VCS. Information shared regarding this intimated that a request has been made and dates to be arranged, COM shared that it would be best if an agenda of items to forum and widen the consultation to other groups. 3 questions came up,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the commitment to VCS</li> <li>2. Will work with VCS be meaningful</li> <li>3. Will there be meaningful engagement with VCS with neighborhood working.</li> </ol> <p>There are 108 chief officers and with consultation to ask questions and take top 5.</p> <p>Geoff Little is keen to meet with VCS.</p> <p>There were issues raised about GDPR and its implications for VCS organizations when working with clients and with involvement with MDT &amp; Integrated working how would this impact on delivery and information sharing.</p>
9.	COG members issues	<p>Issues raised by participants included:</p> <p>Lack of integration of VCS with council and health service commissioners especially in regard to Mental health, there is no network for VCS orgs or thematic group with LCO/LCA, how is this represented within these mechanisms.</p> <p><b>Active Citizens:</b> are a project led team from the British Council that develop Social action projects around the world, they develop community cohesion and intercultural integration projects that increase links between people and culture.</p> <p>A team of 7 people from across the world came to explore Bury and look at the work of ADAB who were hosting them on a tour of the town and introducing them to differing VCS organizations</p> <p><b>Thematic groups for VCS:</b> development of groups will be in place by end of Feb where CYP group and Older peoples group will run and then look at feeding in to other groups that support specific issues.</p>



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		Volunteering Event VCFA; discussion has about event taking place on March 27 <sup>th</sup> 2019 at Elizabethan Suite. Times may be varied due to accessibility of participants.
	Issues to raise with Council/feedback	Response to the issue of Brexit and how it is impacting on VCS and Council. Has there been any statement prepared that can reassure the sector and the public.
11.	Any Other Business	None
12.	Date and time of next meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 at 3pm