



Bury Older People's Network

Date: 11th September 2024

Time: 11-12:30pm

Venue: Unitarian Church, Bury

Attendees:

Debbie Yates (DY) – Bury Council
Sarah Turton (STu) – Bury Council
Joanna Mawdsley (JM) – Chair
Jan Wiczkowski (JW)
Julie Southworth (JS)
Carol Kemp (CK)

Sarah Thornton (ST) – Bury VCFA
Steph Boyd (SB) – Bury Council
Gill James (GJ)
Hilary McColl (HM)
Shirley Waller (SW) – Healthwatch
Jayne Harrison (JH) Carers Hub

Apologies

Pauline Smith
Rhoda Myers
Trish Ribchester

Margaret Smith
Nikki Ledger
Gillian Stainthorpe

Agenda

Item	Action
Welcome, introductions and apologies.	
Minutes & Matters Arising from the last meeting	
Transport information – to read it at the meeting related to that	
JW will chase the cancer group about attending in the New Year	JW to chase Cancer Group to attend
JW notes about GP have been passed onto Rachele Schofield and was waiting to hear from her team.	ST to chase RS for information

<p>JS – Re the NHS meeting - Garden City is very high in the opinion polls in the Bury Times.</p> <p>For example, got a physiotherapy appointment within a week. Xray within a few days.</p> <p>SW – Can self-refer at Fairfield for this too.</p>	
<p>Discussion about Public Health</p> <p>Sarah Turton came in to talk about her role which is Age Well and Self Care. She has taken over from Joanne Smith.</p> <p>She explained public health team (Jon Hobday – Director of Public Health). Under Jon there are people working on different areas and she sits under him. Under her, there is Matt – Bury Directory and will talk about this in November. Shannon is Business support.</p> <p>There are also other teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Place Team • Children and Young people • Sexual Health Team • Infectious Health Team <p>ST has taken over the Age Well Steering Group - JW and ST attend with other partners. These meetings are every two months.</p> <p>We hope this group will tie in nicely to the Action Plan with BOPN. Happy to look at the action plan in more detail in this meeting.</p> <p>Age Well Priorities</p> <p>Stu highlighted the leaflets on the below priorities and asked the group to promote it. Ask Sarah for the information</p> <p>Pension Credits – Winter Fuel Payment is only available to those with pension credits. We are</p>	<p>ALL – Ask Stu for leaflets and promote the information</p> <p>SW – To send a briefing note</p>

<p>working on people who have not claimed pension credits. Moorside and Redvales has a low uptake on pension credits. We are trying to do a push on this.</p> <p>DY – We need to talk to Age UK. We will have a team that will help older person with the forms. Pension Credit is online and straightforward, but this is a barrier for older people. The team is being restructured and there will be communication to the community. If we work together, we might be able to cover all the people who need it.</p> <p>JH – They have sent out a lot of information about Pension Credit. We are not allowed to help with finances (SW said this too).</p> <p>DY – Think this is about consent about sharing information.</p> <p>CK – I live in Moorside and some people don't like to ask about it because people are going into their situation. Having sessions with take a seat would help. There has to be somewhere where we signpost them.</p> <p>JS – We are happy to pass on the information but we need to know how to do this. We need paper copies. STu agreed.</p> <p>Stu – Independent Age are a national charity and have increased their capacity to support with this.</p> <p>SW – While the people may not get the full pension credit, it opens them up to other benefits. It is not well understood.</p> <p>JW - 2.58 million people are entitled but 1/10 are not claiming it. There is a session 26th September 2-3pm on Teams.</p> <p>Take a Seat – Matt is leading on this. He is trying to make the town centre more accessible for older people (Millgate and the Rock). Ask them to display</p>	<p>summarizing about the pension credit</p> <p>Stu to ask Matt to discuss with planning on the Take a Seat initiative</p> <p>STu to ask Matt to look into this</p>
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<p>the Age Friendly logo and to offer a seat, a toilet or drink to older people. Trying to give them training session (dementia). Matt would like to offer this to other 'town' areas. Have a few shops and pharmacies. Any feedback is welcome</p> <p>JW – Are you working with the Prestwich development team?</p> <p>STu – Matt has not asked specifically about this but I will let him know.</p> <p>CK – they should look at Radcliffe too. They want to shut off cars altogether but this impacts older people.</p> <p>STu – Which stores should we work with?</p> <p>CK – Asda in Radcliffe</p> <p>Winter Well campaign - Previous years have made packs (blankets, warm packs etc). We have a meeting on how to lead on this work for this year. We will look at campaigns and support and training for professionals</p> <p>RSV vaccinations - We are linking our vaccination teams. We have had feedback from primary care that they are not aware. Leaflets for this.</p> <p>1st October for National Day for Older people – Matt is working on this but a day where we can celebrate the day.</p> <p>CK – Is there news on Warm Spaces?</p> <p>Stu – We will be looking into this and community groups will decide this.</p> <p>JS – We are not always aware about the funding groups.</p>	<p>ALL Let STu now about any events</p> <p>ST – We can pick up this with Chris Woodhouse</p>
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<p>SB – Not all people have access to the internet and we have asked for paper copies of the Warm Spaces information.</p> <p>Stu – That was linked to Winter Well and went out as a pack. Key services will be updated and made into a leaflets. Ingeus in the Millgate are trying to become a Hub – access to leaflets, use a computer.</p> <p>ST – Can the Take a Seat initiative be used at the Ingeus hub in the Millgate? STu agreed this could work</p> <p>HM – We need to have an information point</p> <p>SW – Healthwatch has moved to Bolton Street (opposite Castle Leisure). We will have a public session with CB between 10-2pm and space is there with clients. Have passed on the Take a Seat initiative. If you are setting something up for pension credit, you could use the space. Will give the session dates in the next meeting.</p> <p>SB – We are nearly there with the action plan and it has been sent out to all the partners. The January workshop was successful, and we were able to drill down and we would like to invite them to the January workshop and update the action plan. This helps to hold them to account.</p>	<p>Stu speak to Matt about using the Ingeus Hub</p> <p>SW to give details at the next meeting</p> <p>ST to invite partners to the January meeting</p>
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Discussion about Dementia

SB – Explained the work with dementia. Nikki is keen to develop a co-production network specifically for dementia. Bury VCFA are the facilitators and the New Age Friendly Worker will develop a group for dementia specifically. Bury VCFA will employ Age Friendly Officer who will oversee BOPN and the Dementia Steering Group. The new person will support this group. There is an interview on 23rd September and depending on their availability, they should start by November.

Legally we have to go out for tender for job roles. We have to give other providers the opportunity to apply for this in 12 months time as Bury VCFA have had this role for 3 years – it could be Age UK or HMR Circle amongst others. We will fully involve you all.

JH - Bury Carers Hub will also be going out to tender and it runs out in May.

DY – I am looking at an Ageing Well Strategy with STu and JM. We are responsible for some health elements and there are some targets. Dementia is diagnosed at the GPs, which is unusual normally. We are high for diagnosing people, but there is a 'so what'. People do not know where to navigate after they have the diagnosis. There are key targets from NHS - time from people displaying early signs to diagnosis, is there support for the carers and cared for?

Care at Home contract – people coming in to do 3-4 visits. Should there be some specialist provision? Staff are trained for dementia awareness. We are keen to start a dementia steering group before we sign off the aging well strategy. Have we got the services right? Part of the strategy, we are aware there is a gap with nurses who have the specialist skills.

SW – mother has dementia and it has been very difficult in Bury. I noticed her dementia 10 years

Keep BOPN members informed of any changes

<p>before the diagnosis. Home Instead on a home level as I need to step up the care.</p> <p>JW – What about getting the medication that helps to keep it off? It can have a massive knock on effect.</p> <p>DY – We need to ask the GPs. Do people present to them early on, or advanced?</p> <p>SW – My mother had three assessments and it is a long difficult process. You cannot get the diagnosis early.</p> <p>HM – There is a correlation between people who are deaf or hard of hearing and dementia diagnosis.</p> <p>JS – What stage are you thinking about when talking about the dementia strategy? We could help with surveys.</p>	<p>DY to provide surveys JS to give surveys to people at her events</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week commencing 23rd September – Falls Prevention Week • 1st October – International Day of Older People – Steven at the Green Café is going to host a small event at the café - free coffee and cake. They will have two sessions running, a craft group and holistic group (hand massaging, deep breathing etc.) • 16th October – Community Market. Please find flyer attached. • 14th November – Lantern Parade through Bury • 21st November – Carer's Rights Day 	<p>JM to attend</p> <p>JM to contact Bury Bid</p> <p>Details to be confirmed via JH.</p>
<p>Next meeting date 9th October 2024 at 11am – Planning and discussing the TFGM response – please let me know if you would like a copy of this.</p>	<p>Ask for a copy of the TFGM response where needed - ALL</p>