

Healthwatch Bristol Advisory Group Open Meeting

Tuesday 16 January 2018

The Vassal Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol

'Minding Your Health'

Sarah Ambe, Healthwatch Bristol (HwB) Manager at The Care Forum (TCF) welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves.

She went on to say that HwB had been present at the Blue Monday event held in the Galleries yesterday and had gathered lots of information that will be incorporated into HwB quarterly report. Mental Health will be an overarching theme for HwB this year.

Sarah also reported that the **Bristol Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (BPNA)**, on which Barbara Coleman from Bristol City Council's Public Health Department gave a presentation at the last open meeting (Tuesday 17 October 2017), has now been published and will be distributed.

HwB will be hosting a 'So What?' conference on Tuesday 6 March 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm at The Vassall Centre. The morning session will look at what HwB *has* done and the afternoon session will discuss what could/should be done in the future.

Due to the information gathered from the workshops which took place at the 17/10 HwB open meeting; the priorities for next year will be Children and Adolescents Mental Health Services (CAMHS) as well as the 'seldom heard' and BAME communities.

Sarah introduced the parameters of the HwB 'Community Pot' funding which has received five applications. The outlines of each application were displayed at the meeting for ranking.

Sarah then gave the highlights of her manager's report and Roopindera talked about what HwB will be doing in the next few weeks: HwB is involved with THRIVE which is working together with schools, partners and the Local Authority (LA) trying to ensure that mental health issues are looked at and taken into account. It is hoped that businesses will join in to help ensure mental health wellbeing in their workforces is a priority.

Comment: May I suggest approaching trade unions as a way into the work force?

Comment: A two day mental health first aid course is provided by Bristol City Council and also, a half day Safe Talk training opportunity which is open to everyone.

Governance Structure and Terms of Reference

The participants agreed that they are happy for Sarah Ambe to continue as Chair of HwB (there is currently no Vice Chair).

The adoption of the terms of reference were proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting.

The following positions on the Advisory group were agreed subject to the appropriate procedures:

CYP – Ellie Tainton (to be applied for)

Enter and View – Mike Luff (continues)

Equality – Errol Campbell (to be applied for)

Quality – Bridget Dowling

Health and Wellbeing Board Rep – Gabbi (to be applied for)

Mental Health – Pauline Markovits (replacing Tom Renhard)

Innovation – **vacancy**

SEND & LD – Daphne Blanchflower (continues)

Older People – rep from Bristol Old People's Forum

Carers – rep from Carers Centre

Any other Business

Q: The Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP) Improvement plan does not have a lot of detail in it. Have you any comment on this?

Sarah replied that there is a new head of AWP who is keen to work with all the HWs across the patch. There will be a meeting with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), BIMH and CASS next week to discuss closer working.

Q: Are people still being sent to Gloucester? They are supposed to get their fares refunded but this doesn't seem to happen.

Sarah said that she will take this back.

Action: Sarah

Q: There are lots of issues.

Sarah requested that specific concerns should be sent to Hw for them to then be taken to the CCG and also stated that Hw will take back any issues which can also be fed to Hw through the web site.

Action: All

Information from the floor: There is work going on around mental health and housing and following a meeting in November 2017 a task and finish group, chaired by ACORN, was set up to look at what is going on in the city and where the gaps are. The report would be helpful to HwB.

Comment: The findings of the outcomes of a study by Bristol University on prostate cancer will be published in journals. It would be useful for HwB to look at this and promote it. As a result of the awareness day, people have signed up for screening.

Sarah said that HwB would be delighted to publish the report.

Comment: Prostate cancer has a mental health impact. On Saturday 26 May 2018, in conjunction with Public Health, there will be another awareness day for the whole of Bristol. It will be held in a church in Easton (because it has the room) near the junction of Belle View Road and York Road.

Sarah thanked everyone for attending the meeting and also for their contributions.

Healthwatch Bristol Core Group Meeting

Sarah asked those present to look at the five Community Pot funding proposals and rank/vote for them in order of preference. The results will be collated to arrive at a decision.

Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 6 March 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm at The Vassall Centre
The HwB Conference; 2018 and Beyond – What Next?

