

Health, Social Care, Wellbeing and Sport Planning Group

1.30pm-4pm, Monday 20 November, 2017

Minutes

Attendance

Simon Jones, Mind
Benjamin Delve, Interfaith Council for Wales
Christine Watson, CTA Wales
Kate Evans, Welsh Sports Association
Chris Williams, Age Alliance Wales
Catriona Williams, Children in Wales
Abubakar Askira, Social Care Wales
Marianne Manello, Play Wales
Matt Jenkins, Welsh Government
Andrea Giordano, Welsh Government
Simon James, Interlink
Christala Sophocleous, Cardiff University
Sally Rees, WCVA
Suzanne Mollison, WCVA
David Cook, WCVA
Judith Stone, WCVA
Ruth Marks, WCVA

Apologies

Donna Coyle, Wales Coop Centre
Mike Greenaway, Play Wales
Sara Moseley, Mind
Lynne Hughes, MS Society
Kate Young, All Wales Forum
Gareth Coles, Voluntary Arts Wales

Action point	Action	Owner	Deadline
1.	Find out more on the academic research into social prescribing and how the sector can be involved.	Judith	December 17
2.	Prepare sector feedback paper on Prosperity for All, including 3-4 asks.	All	January-February 18
3.	Consider workshop session on how group can achieve aims within Prosperity For All.	All	January-February 18
4.	Circulate Sally's paper to group	Dave	November 17

5.	Circulate Measuring the Mountain paper	Dave	November 17
6.	Circulate details of the Social Cooperation Forum	Dave	November 17
7.	Circulate details of the Social Care Wales accolades	Dave	November 17

1. Welcome and introductions, previous minutes

Ruth notes the new Minister for Social Care and Children is in post, and the need for the group to adapt accordingly.

2. Briefing on Prosperity for All from Matt Jenkins and Andrea Giordano, Welsh Government

Matt gave an overview of Prosperity for All and its relationship with Taking Wales Forward, commenting that it clarifies Welsh Government's priorities and how they will be delivered.

On social prescribing, he said that Welsh Government was keen on this as evidence suggests it can avoid social issues being medicalised. He also noted that Social Care Research Wales will announce social prescribing as a priority area.

The Wales Wellbeing Bond now sits with Vaughan Gething rather than Rebecca Evans.

Andrea commented that Welsh Government were now adopting a new way of cross-portfolio working, for example with housing and social care now working together on actions.

Social care has been recognised as an economic priority.

They plan to work with Business Wales and the Bank for Wales on a pilot offering one to one training and workshops on tendering, recruitment, sustainability, etc.

Andrea noted the need to change the message re social care by working with the sector to highlight the different roles in social care and how they can be explained, valued and shared with the public.

During discussion, the need for more resources in health and social care was brought up, as were:

- That social prescribing is only a small part of what the group is doing, and there is a need to keep challenging perspectives and look at how the sector works together
- That 'wellbeing' may have been a better choice of word than 'prosperity', which could be too economic
- That Prosperity for All offers no explicit common objective
- That too many in social care are on the minimum wage and the sector is losing staff
- That many smaller organisations' voices are not being heard, despite the push for co-production
- That it was disappointing not to see children's rights recognised in Prosperity for All

The new public body for health education is mentioned. Its Workforce Director is Julie Rogers and its Director is David Pritchard.

3. Progress update on actions from the meeting with the Cabinet Secretary and Minister of 4 July 2017

Welsh Government's letter following the above meeting asked the sector to continue to share good practice on prevention with officials.

Judith noted that she and Ruth met with Welsh Government, and were put in contact with Sara Thomas of Public Health Wales, who provided Judith with a mapping exercise on social prescribing. Simon James said delivery of the mapping had been patchy, some things on it were 'odd' and he wasn't sure of its purpose.

Judith said a web resource on preventative care was due to launch soon.

Funding for academics to do research on social prescribing is to be made available.

Action 1: Find out more on the research into social prescribing and how the third sector can be involved. This will form an agenda item at the February group meeting hosted by the Co-Production Network for Wales.

4. Agenda items for the next meeting with the Cabinet Secretary and Minister, 11 December 2017

Some discussion around co-production, and that social prescribing is only part of it. Judith comments there is a need to show that social prescribing is a health issue as well as a social care one.

Sally will present a paper on Social Value Forums at the meeting on 11 December. She gave a quick run-through of some things within the paper. The group took particular notice of her comment that people/organisations are risk-averse and won't move from one mechanism to another for fear of failure or lack of capacity to change. (Or both.)

Simon James commented there is no training on coproductive commissioning in place, and that Regional Partnership Boards have no capacity or budget to engage with people.

Action 2: Embed social prescribing content into sector feedback paper on Prosperity for All for Welsh Government, including 3-4 asks. These would include adherence to the Funding Code of Practice; writing to Public Service Boards to ask how citizens are getting their voices heard; action to be taken on low pay in the social care sector; the Cabinet Secretary and Minister to outline their own vision on the third sector's role in Prosperity for All.

Action 3: Consider a workshop session on how the group can work cooperatively to achieve its aims in the context of Prosperity for All.

Action 4: Circulate Sally's paper to the group.

5. Review of Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference are accepted.

6. Any Other Business

Adrian hands out papers on Measuring the Mountain and asks for comments and volunteers to gather stories. He also hands out the agenda for the next Social Cooperation Forum meeting and invites people to join the group.

Action 5: Circulate Measuring the Mountain paper electronically.

Action 6: Circulate details of the Social Cooperation Forum.

Action 7: Circulate details of the Social Care Wales Accolades.

**Next meeting: Thursday 18 January 2018, 10am-1pm
WCVA, Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, CF10 5FH**