

Third Sector Representative Update

This form is to be completed by third sector representatives for Flintshire and/or Wrexham at strategic meetings.

Name of Meeting/Board:	North Wales Regional Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	11 January 2019
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Feedback from the third sector on agenda items or matters arising from previous meeting

DW sent some questions about items being discussed at RPB, which were discussed at the NEW Wellbeing Network Event on 10 January 2019.

Transformation Fund

There was very little knowledge about the Transformation Fund or the applications you mention below, although some people did think that perhaps their Chief Execs had more knowledge or involvement. There is knowledge of the CRTs but no-one present had been involved in discussions about the hubs. People would like to see more joined up working and a model that embraces social prescribing.

Fran Hughes comment: the guidance for the Transformation Fund states that “Regional Partnership Boards are encouraged to develop expressions of interest which have already been shared with Welsh Government, in order to bring forward proposals for consideration as soon as possible.” While I can understand the need to get the ball rolling when the money must be spent in a relatively short time, I feel that this validates my concern that the TF will be used to fund things that didn’t get ICF funding. For those of us in the East, ICF has been used to fund the same third sector projects for several years and new expressions of interest have not been invited from the sector (apart from the short-lived LD pot). As a sector we are already on the back foot, and the lack of clarity or awareness raising about the process to submit proposals further adds to this.

John Gallanders comment: attended an event in The Optic Centre when this was first presented almost very much as a done deal with local authorities having projects lined up that the TS had no opportunity to be involved in any form of Co-production. It will be interesting to hear from the Statutory Partners about what level of TS engagement has actually occurred based around the proposal areas they have submitted.

Primary Care

Some people commented that they are starting to get involved with primary care clusters but note that they are difficult to engage with.

Fran Hughes comment: there is a lot of variation among the East Area clusters (and practices): some are much easier to work with than others. Some are really good at engaging with Community Agents and Social Prescribing; a few have set up multi-agency drop-ins that include third sector

organisations.

John Gallanders comment: Looking at the latest list of Community Agents in Wrexham it appears that there are either a few vacancies or some Community Councils are no longer wishing to be part of the scheme. Talking with some people in Health and Social Care they actually echo Fran's comment about some are better than others – is it because things are still bedding in (even though they are nearly 3 years old) or insufficient time allocated to develop mature relationships across the partner agencies and sectors.

Key issues discussed, actions, and any impact on third sector

DW asked the RPB about the engagement with clusters. The Third Sector were keen to be involved but found it hard to get on to the clusters. Chris Stockport is the BCUHB lead on this and was aware that not all Clusters invited the 3rd Sector along. He is setting up a group to look at the way the clusters operate and DW will be invited to attend. For the future the intention is to make sure the 3rd Sector has an active role.

Mark Wilkinson of BCUHB is in charge of planning and performance for BCUHB and is in the process of producing a draft 3 year plan. He has agreed that this can be circulated to the Third Sector networks for their comments. This draft plan should be coming out towards the end of the month. DW will circulate as soon as he has it.

DW asked about the Transformation fund bids. It was a shame that there had not been the opportunity to co-produce these bids and it was agreed that the timetable had been too tight to engage properly. However both the health board and local authorities would try to do better in the future. These bids will become the priority for the RPB in the next year. They are about Children with complex needs and Learning Disabilities. There will be pilot projects and again DW has asked if the Third Sector can be more involved. The meeting said that would be the next stage and that they will be contacting Third Sector groups.

Future agenda items

TBC

Personal comments about the meeting

It seemed to be the theme of the meeting that the RPB would try and involve the Third Sector more in this next year. I will keep pushing but I am keen to see if we can get involved in the Clusters. Geraint Davies (CVSC) is very involved and Chris Stockport wants us to be more involved.

Ideas, views or actions wanted from the third sector about this or future meetings

Comments on any of the above are welcome. Future meetings TBC.

Deadline

Next Meeting:

Date	Time	Location
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