



Wiltshire Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum



Minutes – 15 May 2018

Members Present: Vanessa Bedford (Exec & Alabarè), Liz James (Exec & Barnardo's), Jane Wheeler (Exec & Wiltshire Scrapstore), Amanda Bennett (Chair), Emily Orchard (Spurgeons), Russell Martin (Spurgeons), Jane Windle-Hartshorn (Community First), Debrah Biggs (Wessex Community Action), Matt Stabb (Wiltshire CIL), Trudy Srawley (Wiltshire Parent Carer Council), Corinne Fleming (Wiltshire Council), Tony Griffin (Associate Safeguarding Training Advisor), Alex Green (Rainbow Trust), Petra Birkett (Swindon and Wiltshire Active Recovery Service), Miche Rose (Swindon and Wiltshire Active Recovery Service), Ruth Orman (Spurgeons), Gill Gray (Wiltshire Parent Carer Council), Tania Rackham (Home-Start Kennet), Freda Goddard (Elizabeth House Social Centre), Patricia Podger (Elizabeth House Social Centre), Jo Sollars (Home-Start South Wiltshire), Lisa Hogan (Home-Start South Wiltshire), Julie Upson (Wiltshire Council).

Apologies: Dawn Whiting (Exec & Splash/Youth Action Wiltshire/Community First), Derek Gard (Exec & Wiltshire Wildlife Trust), Bel Crompton (Exec & Home-Start Kennet), Pam Woods (Exec & Relate Mid Wiltshire), Vicky Watt (The Rise Trust), Vicky Wainwright (Tidworth NSPCC Service Centre), Rachel Wetton (Splitz), Vicky Harker (Army Welfare Service), Catherine Maxwell (AnyBodyCanCook), Sarah Hopkins (AnyBodyCanCook), Caroline Fowke (Wiltshire Dyslexia Association), Sandra Parkin (Julian House), Susan Roscow (Opening Doors), Lisa Capon (Victim Support), Stacey Plumb (Healthwatch Wiltshire), Jill Bourne (Young Carers Team Wiltshire Council), Ellie Ewing (Community First).

Item	Subject	Document or link
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions – Amanda Bennett (Chair)</p> <p>Any known conflict of interests (to be disclosed to Chair prior to meeting, no later than welcome coffee).</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</p> <p>Action- EO to send GDPR training slides to attendees. Completed 04/04/17</p> <p>Action- AB to discuss a training session on understanding thresholds and the language to use when completing a referral. - AB has been in contact with Jen Salter in MASH to put the course together and C & F will be pleased to work with us on this. Chair had not arranged the date yet as there is currently a lot of training going on – Sexualised Behaviours and Neglect in May, Hidden Sentence training in June and all of these courses are fully booked so we know members have a lot on at the moment. Chair also advised of WSCB practice Fora happening in June.</p> <p>-Suggested the Thresholds training be arranged between September and December along with the Mental health First Aid Training that member have asked for.</p>	
3.	<p>Significant news from organisations</p> <p>Wessex Community – more volunteers for the Child Contact Centre required – one Saturday a month plus training time. Also undertaking a training needs survey.</p> <p>Scrapstore Wilton – Children's art club in May half term at Wilton Community Centre – anyone with families that would like to attend please see website.</p> <p>Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living- People with disabilities and other long-term service users will have the chance to give their views on their local health and social care services through Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living (Wilts CIL) in a new contract with Wiltshire Council for user engagement awarded from 1 June 2018. The new contract will enable</p>	

	<p>Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire CCG to access users' views on a range of issues at county and local level. WCIL will develop local and innovative ways for service users to give their views in their community areas as well as maintain the established partnership working at county level which Wiltshire has a national reputation for.</p> <p>Barnardo's – website I-Hop – supporting professionals working with parents in prison. Has been relaunched as NICCO and is for any professionals looking for resources, information, contacts.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council – lots of changes, restructuring and reviewing. Children's Trust Board – no new arrangement as of yet. Phasing in new ideas, old meeting dates not cancelled yet until we know what will happen.</p> <p>Wiltshire Parent Carer Council – new outreach role for WPCC will provide signposting and advice to help adults with difficulties or additional needs access the information and support they need as carers. The new role involves going out into the community for face to face short term help for those families that need it. Encouraging parents to self-refer but will take on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Alabaré – independent mum and baby project is running in Salisbury with some vacancies – no parameters – will consider all. Direct referrals available on website. Won some extra support for 16-24 homeless and care leavers – beds will be available in Chippenham.</p> <p>Turning point – Wiltshire Substance Misuse Service – were recommissioned and are now the Swindon and Wiltshire Active Recovery Service. New roles being recruited – see website. Wellbeing Cloud website for resources and information. Professional referrals online. Working with Nelson's Trust to provide groups for high risk women based in Swindon, Trowbridge and Salisbury. Introducing a Women's Day in Trowbridge with a creche for those women who have children at home meaning they couldn't attend other groups.</p>	
4.	<p>Wiltshire Compact Agreement Update on Single Point of Access proposal</p> <p>Jane Windle-Hartshorn – Wiltshire Compact Agreement Head of Community Development & Strategy Community First</p> <p>Jane reminded members about the Wiltshire Compact Agreement. If anyone need any more information or help with accessing COMPACT Jane is happy to offer support. jwhartshorn@communityfirst.org.uk</p> <p>Single Point of Access update. – Community First are currently developing a proposal for a single point of access (SPA) for Voluntary sector organisations and Children's Social Care (MASH). A questionnaire had been sent out to members and a consultation event held recently. Jane thanked colleagues for responding and advised that comments and suggestions had been taken into account when writing up the proposal. This situation now is that the proposal will be written up formally and submitted to Wiltshire council who will ultimately decide if they want to progress these recommendations or perhaps implement another model. Community First will keep the Forum updated on developments.</p> <p>Mental Health Innovation Bids - Information available here. Some members had received information about the Wiltshire CCG inviting bids from the voluntary and third sector of up to £50k to fund work in delivering a step change in positive mental health and well-being in Wiltshire. It was suggested that a bid could be written in respect of funding for the SPA project. All agreed this would be an opportunity to work together collaboratively to develop a bid. Community First would be prepared to lead this work if there was sufficient interest. Chair agreed to write out to organisations to see who would be interested in being part of this and let Jane know by Friday.</p>	

Action – Chair to write to members and secure expressions of interest in being part of this bid and send responses to JWH by Friday 18 May.

5.

BOLD

Ellie Ewing – Creative Services Officer Community First

Ellie sent apologies and was unable to attend. Jane Windle-Hartshorn presented on her behalf. For information on BOLD see [website](#)

6.

WSCB Update

Julie Upson – Quality Assurance Lead, Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board

Julie gave an update of the work of WSCB including the quality assurance work and discussed learning from recent serious case review. Members are encouraged to take up the offer of “walk abouts” in their organisation. Those members who have experienced this have confirmed it was a non-threatening visit and extremely helpful to them as an organisation.

Presentation [available here](#)

Flyers given out in respect of Area Practice Fora happening in June. There is no charge but you will need to book a place - Please book at <https://wiltshirescb.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/>

The event will include a focus on:
Child sexual abuse and a grooming
WSCB Serious Case Review – Family M
Perpetrators of child sexual abuse

Dates: -

13 June – 9.30 – 13.00 - Trowbridge

25 June – 9.30 – 13.00 - Salisbury

2 July – 9.30 – 13.00 – Devizes

Other links:

SCR Family M Learning [Briefing](#) and [slides](#)

SCR Family M – link to full report and other documents:

<http://www.wiltshirescb.org.uk/professionals/serious-case-reviews/>

Recognising and responding to CSA: <http://www.wiltshirescb.org.uk/recognising-and-responding-to-child-sexual-abuse/>

7.

Wiltshire Council Children and Young People’s Trust and Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board sub group meetings

Reports from Forum representatives, who attended these meetings.

Group name	Date	CFVSF representative
FACT programme board	29/04/18	Amanda Bennett
Children’s Trust Executive	30/04/18	Amanda Bennett
Volunteer development FACT project	26/04/18	Bel Crompton

Dates of FACT, WSCB and CTE sub group meetings prior to next VSF meeting – Please be in touch with your forum representative if you wish to see agendas and contribute/seek clarification to any items.

Group name	Date	CFVSF representative
FACT Programme board	22/06/18	Amanda Bennett
FACT Programme board	26/07/18	Amanda Bennett

8. Any other business

None stated

9. Next Forum Meeting- 10 July 2018

Claudia Megele- Wiltshire Council FACT Effective Volunteer Work stream- “one shared vision and language” - (embedding the Wiltshire CARE framework across agencies.)

Lucy Lewis – Wiltshire Council Senior Commissioning officer- Digital Assessment Referral Tool (DART) update

Dates of 2018 meetings:

10 July 2018

4 September 2018

27 November 2018

10. Summary of Actions

Chair to write to members and secure expressions of interest in being part of this bid and send responses to JWH by Friday 18 May.