

## VCS REFERENCE GROUP

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 2ND JUNE 2008

**Present**

Richard Astle, GPP Director - Chair  
Pat Strachan, Age Concern Peterborough  
Sandie Burns, DIAL  
Malcolm Turner, Peterborough and Fenland Mind  
MJ Ladha, PREC  
Ed Murphy, Gladstone Connect  
Marion Bailey, Help the Aged  
Elizabeth Ingram, Vice Chairman of the Health Partnership  
Alan Lilley, Neighbourhood Investment Manager, PCC  
Sarah Fletcher, Peterborough Council for Voluntary Service  
Louise Harrison, GPP Co-ordinator

#### ACTION

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lindsey Burrows McGill, John Dewis, Graeme Clark & Jean Hunt

### 2. Minutes of the meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008

The minutes of the meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> February were agreed as an accurate record, with the following matters arising:

- RA agreed to consider what representation from the new Outcome Lead Officers (OLO) would be appropriate at future VCS meetings and noted that Sarah Fletcher had been asked to join the OLO group.
- Concerns were expressed about the need to keep momentum behind the Compact.

It was decided that a meeting needs to take place with Angela Bailey and Denise Radley to discuss concerns about the PCTs capacity and commitment to adult social care and its approach to commissioning. RA to talk to Denise Readley to arrange.

- MJ to forward to LH common reporting forms to circulate to the VCS Group.
- PS notified the group that the outcome of LINKs and their engagement with the health service will be available on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

PS/RA

MJ

### 3. General Update on LAA 2005-08

- LAA Performance Report Tier 1 & 2 were made available to the group and discussed:  
Block 1: Children & Young People, showing some areas of considerable process.  
Block 2: Safer & Stronger Communities, crime has reduced by approx 20% which is just below target.  
Block 3: Older People & Healthier Communities, overall performance has produced some significant achievements with the LPSA targets for Breast Feeding being met.

No explanation has been given for the outcome on Older People and Health going from green to red. RA to seek clarification from the PCT

Block 4: Sustainable Growth, shows as positive results on the economy except for housing targets. It was noted that the central funding for housing in Peterborough needs to be addressed. The skills agenda is showing a 'patchy' performance below national and regional average.

AL reported that the Neighbourhood Investment plan needs further development. RA & AL to discuss driving NISP forward.

RA&AL

Items that the Group would like to raise with the GPP Executive are:

- Attainment Levels/Housing
- Targets/Baseline to be set for Skills
- Population Profile: Economic
- Mental Health: Elderly people's wellbeing
- Disability Agenda

#### **4. Briefing on LAA 2008-11 including workshops on key areas of VCS intervention and support TBC:**

- Peterborough's LAA agreement was submitted to GO-East on 23 May - RA to circulate copy post meeting.
- For each sixteen outcomes there is one nominated leader.
- There is a need to look at how the VCS can best contribute to outcomes. Concerns were raised on the way some voluntary organisations can not contribute due to the reporting process.
- RA & SF to give a more generic presentation at the GPP Outcome Lead Officers Group meeting which is taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
- The group reviewed the summary of how the VCS can contribute to LAA delivery targets as developed at the last meeting and agreed to give feedback to LH by end of June.
- RA asked the question on how we can use these meetings and what is required on the agenda. It was to place on the agenda at each VCS meeting two specific outcomes that need to be addressed and have presentations on the items to be discussed.

RA

RA & SF

All

#### **5. LPSA Reward Grant – VCS Development & Compact Work**

- A hand-out was supplied on the LPSA Grant along with the proposal for programme delivery.
- A working group has been set up and have evaluated all 34 bids.
- It is not yet known of when the money will be available – this is being discussed at the GPP Executive on 4 June.
- A new role is being advertised for Development Worker Role with the opportunity to increase hours and salary if required.  
It was confirmed for Lindsey Burrows-McGill, & the Council to be involved in the recruitment process.

#### **6. New GPP Board & Executive membership & Partnership structure.**

- There is a vacancy for a VCS representative on the GPP Board.
- RA to produce a table which is to be available to the VCS Group for nomination. SF & RA to liaise.

RA/SF

## 7. A.O.B

- GPP Partnership Manager is currently being advertised, for which LH is to circulate the Job Spec and Description to the group along with link to apply.
- Information handed out by PS as Age Concern has launched 'Improve Future of Care'.
- MT confirmed to the group that Mental Health Trust is split into 3 parts and the assumption has been that Fenland is part of Peterborough – this is not the case.
- EI confirmed that Young Lives and DFSR?? are de-merging and currently in consultation with PVCS??

Meeting Closed at 4.10pm

**Next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2pm-4pm. Forli Room, Town Hall**