

CRAWLEY HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS FORUM (CHHF)

Notes of Meeting

Thur 7th March 2019, 2pm-4pm

PRESENT:

Joe Dines, Chair

Abigail Bryan, Sussex Police

Alison Barrett, DWP

Alison Gates, DWP

Anna Suswillo, Homeless Link

Anne Mathieson, Easter Team

Carly Jenkins, Southdown Housing

Charlie Arratoon, Crawley Open House

Debbie Gregory, Easter Team

Gaynor Andrew, Easter Team

Hilary Bartle, Stonepillow,

Jo Collier, DWP

Kate Parkin, NHS Armed Forces

Kath Brooks, WSCC

Mark Mullins, WSCC

Nikki Hargrave, CBC

Paula Stoleru, RCSAS

Sean Towers, Giving Back Crawley

Stacy Lervy, Life Charity

Susan Brumpton, C CVS

Apologies:

Peter Mansfield Clarke

Forum topic: Update from Coalition of Supporting People Providers

1. Welcome and introductions, including a welcome to new Chair Joe Dines
2. Thanks recorded to Peter Mansfield Clark who has retired from the role of chair after 23 years
3. Meeting Notes from Thur 6th December:
4. Correction: Giving Back Crawley are now only serving meals to Homeless people, not those on low incomes.
5. **Presentations: Supporting People Funding: Coalition of Provider Update**
Hilary Bartle, Stonepillow
(Presentation attached)
6. **Discussion/Exercise:** What matters to your organisation? Discussion to feed into Local Area Picture Report.
7. **Information Sharing:**

Life Charity: Run a house for pregnant women & young mums. Tenants are asking what will happen when the houses are cut. staceylervy@lifecharity.org.uk

DWP: Working on Universal Credit. Doing outreach in community centres. Also with Syrian refugees and BAME communities. Jo.collier@dwpgsi.gov.uk

Alison.barrett1@dwpgsi.gov.uk

Disability Advisor = Alison.gates1@dwpgsi.gov.uk

WSCC: Mental Health in the middle of cuts mark.mullins@westsussex.gov.uk

Police: Part of the Prevention Team working with Crawley Open House. In Response you often know where problems are going to happen. 18 Months ago Neighbourhood Teams were cut.

RCSAS: Now working with girls aged 13+. Mainly long term counselling. Also support to go to the police and outreach or signposting. They also have 2 peer support groups around FGM and a Women of the World project. Offering workshops around consent for girls and for professionals. Outreach2@rcsas.org.uk

Giving Back Crawley: sean@givingbackcrawley.org

Feed 50-60 people per week. Don't have a building to work from at present, so are only feeding the homeless.

Southdown Housing: waiting on news of WSCC cuts to supporting people. Co locating. Carly.jenkins@southdown.org

NHS Armed Forces: 10% of the population are ex services. They can train professionals and offer self-management training. Kate.parkin@nhs.net

Homeless Link: Offer support & Guidance and feed into MHCLG
Can also offer in house training and groups for frontline workers.
Holding a Rough Sleeping Conference 27th March in London

WSCC: Horsham Wellbeing Market Place Event 14th March, for adults and older people. Kathryna.brooks@westsussex.gov.uk

Crawley Open House: Have cold weather provision from 2nd Jan to 31st March. If the temperature drops below zero they use the crèche behind the town hall. Open House also now has full time outreach provision.

The Foodbanks are now all working together, St Vincent De Paul 1 day and the Easter Team 2 days plus a drop in at Open House. The food is being stored at the Easter Team warehouse on Manor Royal with a central list of who has what. Worth School and the COGS will help move all the tins.

21st March is the Big Sleep Out and Crawley Open House has 20 places for Run Gatwick.

Work has started on the new building. Hoping to have employability workshops and refurbishing furniture.

A discussion then followed about charities set up to support people from a profession: Print Makers Charity, Woodworkers Charity etc as the only way people can be given white goods once the Local Assistance Network (LAN) is cut.

Crawley Borough Council: MHCLG consultation is open.

Easter Team: Nothing to report beyond what was said above.

DATE OF NEXT FORUM: Thur 13th June 2019, 2pm-4pm