

**Strategic Commissioning Group
Notes and Actions
20 January 2016, 9.30 – 11.30am
Conference Room 3 A, Bickerstaffe House**

Present	<p>Delyth Curtis, Director of People (Director of Children’s Services), Blackpool Council (Chair)</p> <p>Lynn Donkin, Public Health Specialist, Blackpool Council</p> <p>Nikki Evans, Superintendent, Lancashire Constabulary</p> <p>Val Raynor, Head of Commissioning, Blackpool Council</p> <p>Helen Lammond-Smith, Head of Commissioning, Blackpool CCG</p> <p>Karen Smith, Director of Adult Services, Blackpool Council</p>
Also present	<p>Venessa Beckett, Corporate Development and Policy Officer, Blackpool Council</p> <p>Paul Greenwood, Chair, Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre CVS</p> <p>Mike Crowther, Trustee, Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre CVS</p>
Apologies	<p>David Bonson, Chief Operating Officer, Blackpool CCG</p> <p>Gary Raphael, Chief Finance Officer, Blackpool CCG</p> <p>Dr Mark Johnston, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Blackpool CCG</p> <p>Steve Thompson, Director of Resources, Blackpool Council</p> <p>Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health, Blackpool Council</p> <p>Liz Petch, Public Health Specialist, Blackpool Council</p> <p>Judith Mills, Public Health Specialist, Blackpool Council</p> <p>Scott Butterfield, Corporate Development and Research Manager, Blackpool Council</p> <p>Merle Davies, Director, Better Start</p>

1.	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies.</p> <p>Del welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were given and introductions made.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes and actions from the last meeting</p> <p>Children’s Centres: Helen advised that Mark Johnston had contacted Susan Green, the lead GP who was enthusiastic to be involved. Helen is linked to the Paediatric Strategy which is slightly different.</p> <p>Action: A full update on this is required at the February SCG meeting.</p>
3.	<p>CVS Infrastructure Funding</p> <p>Paul Greenwood and Mike Crowther attended to present the CVS business plan and request funding from the SCG partners to support the continuation of third sector infrastructure support. Mr Greenwood advised that the changing financial landscape was bringing greater</p>

need to interact with the third sector, which included all manner of different types of organisations ranging from large national charities to small community groups.

CVS provide infrastructure support on two levels: grass roots and strategic. Investment will bring short, medium and long term benefits across a number of areas including resources, networks and partnerships, effectiveness and potential, and timeliness.

In terms of its contribution, Mr Greenwood advised that the third sector made a significant contribution to the health sector in its preventative work and that in continuing funding will give the stability required to enable the sector to further grow and develop in order to support the needs of the public sector. The importance of the third sector has been acknowledged in the Due North report.

A number of questions were asked regarding funding, which is currently through the Council, with some from Deputy Chief Exec's department and some from Public Health for ABCD work but this is due to run out in March 2016. The amount requested is larger than previous years because CVS needs strong leadership to deliver its objectives and the development work is an ongoing feature of this. The Fylde and Wyre element is funded separately through LCC; this is currently £23K per year. There has also been some funding from the Fylde and Wyre CCG for developing a service directory for GP's.

(In relation to Vanguard, Stuart Bond is leading the IT side and looking at IT systems across the board.)

In terms of the neighbourhood approach; plans are still in development around the ask of the voluntary sector, looking at developing qualified and unqualified staff and volunteers; there is a need to make sure it is all pulled together to incorporate the early action work, which overlaps with the neighbourhood approach. CVS needs to link into this work, including Better Start and the other key programmes in order to demonstrate how it makes a difference and where it fits within the wider picture.

It was raised that over the past few years CVS had not achieved its objectives so how would additional funding make a difference? There was agreement with this point and Mr Greenwood advised that if there was proper funding in place, CVS could make the best of its resources; there is a quarterly meeting of the Third Sector Forum, which is well attended; a newsletter with funding information and two sub-groups are currently being set up; there is also now a strong board in place who are committed to the core objectives.

Mike Crowther advised that governance and leadership are central and there is now a strong board and effort to have business plan, he asked what would happen if CVS wasn't there? He advised that third sector groups get lots of support to get funding and volunteers. It is about supporting and maintaining a vibrant sector that can help organisations to support others to get volunteers.

Del advised that from the local authority perspective, finances were extremely difficult with £90million to save by the end of 2017. The CVS Business Plan needs to link to particular areas of work – Better Start, Vanguard, Early Action, which are about building resilience.

While the Council is totally bought into the philosophy, it is looking to CVS to deliver but they have to be fit for purpose. Further discussion about what need to happen and opportunities may be useful regarding accessing other funding streams. In terms of transparency the Fylde and Wyre element of CVS needs to be separate from Blackpool.

	<p>Nikki Evans commented that the police are also applying for external funding as their core funding is cut and that they fully appreciate CVS's situation. She also spoke of the public sector responsibility to make sure that CVS are embedded into structures so that they can capitalise upon and disseminate opportunities across the third sector.</p> <p>Karen Smith suggested that CVS need to work through the business plan and dovetail it to what is required, as there are lots of organisations delivering services but they are not delivering outcomes, and we don't want to overlap if it can be avoided.</p> <p>Del advised that there was a commitment to working with CVS and would review the current status of funding, looking at how other projects may link in, particularly around Vanguard and neighbourhood models.</p> <p>Action: Del to write to CVS to advise of the outcome</p>
4.	<p>Intermediate Care Commissioning Review</p> <p>Helen Lammond-Smith gave an update on progress against the implementation plan in order to deliver the new Intermediate Care Model from 1st April 2016. BTH and the Council will provide a hospital based and a home based model. Mapping has been undertaken with the acute trust, and a review of all intermediate care services in Blackpool. Further work is to be done with Arc to enhance the model and develop a new integrated service from April.</p> <p>Action: Further updates will be brought to future meetings</p>
5.	<p>JSNA website</p> <p>Stephen Boydell attended the meeting to give a demonstration of the new JSNA website which will be launched in April. It has been developed in a similar style to the Council's website, there are six areas following a life course approach. All of the information will be on a web page rather than as it is currently with a suite of pdf's on different subjects.</p> <p>Some topics will be updated with new data as often as it is published, others will be updated every three years, the JSNA is not a monitoring tool but is intended to provide background level data, however key health data will be updated regularly. The 'deep dive' areas do not change as often as the others.</p> <p>Stephen advised that there are still some bits missing but it is much more comprehensive than previously. The difficulty is that when Public Health were part of the PCT they had access to the data but now there is no legal right. We need to work with the CCG to provide data and an analysis of how it feeds into strategies.</p> <p>The JSNA will be launched in mid March</p>
6.	<p>Next meeting: 17 February 2016</p>