

Children, Young People and Families network

Meeting Date: Tuesday 15th November 2022

Chair Daniel Neat, of Basingstoke Voluntary Action



The meeting was attended by 10 participants representing a selection of organisations from across the Borough: Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, the NHS, Andover Mind, Clarion Futures, Insight, YPI, Inclusion Hampshire, BCA and Basingstoke Voluntary Action.

After introductions, Daniel explained the purpose of today's forum as an opportunity to discuss success stories, challenges and collaboration efforts among participants. Jo was invited to share an update of the LCP's progress and opportunities to join.

Topics/themes discussed were:

Local Children's Partnership update: BVA offered an update on the LCP to participants and welcomed the opportunity for those in this network to join. 3 Key focus areas from the CYPP for Hampshire are:

- Back to Basics
- HAF provision (Holiday Activity and Food)
- Community Pantries

Invitations will be sent to participants for upcoming meetings to discuss the HAF provision and LCP in January.

Warm Hubs: BVA introduced the Warm Hubs initiative and the launch of the [Warm Hubs webpage](#) to map Warm Hub locations across the borough. BCA and others discussed the role of Warm Hubs, how groups could access financial support and what cost saving information is available to groups. BVA introduced the [Basingstoke & Deane Cost of Living Support webpage](#).

Community Training Programme: BVA and others discussed the Community Training Programme and opportunities for participants. This includes BVA's Meet The Funder, which supported discussion surrounding fundraising concerns. Participants were invited to sign up to BVA newsletters for training programme and support updates via the [BVA Home Page](#).

Kingsclere Church Group: YPI discussed their invitation to St Mary's Church group in Kingsclere in October. A variety of organisations attended offering basic tools and techniques to families and advice on mental health. The event was free and took the form of 'around the world' chats, giving families the opportunity to speak to different organisations. YPI are considering further opportunities like this, with participants agreeing the importance of these types of events taking place in rural locations across the borough.

Energise Me: Insight introduced [Energise Me](#), a charity that champions physical activity for all in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Energise Me will be holding a mindfulness week in February.

Hospitals and the NHS: Hospitals and NHS England are launching a patient and family consultation around their care. This includes finding out more about treatment in local areas surrounding health inequalities. For further information please email contact@bvaaction.org.uk.

Basingstoke Community Furniture Project: The Basingstoke Community Furniture Project have launched The Christmas Toy Appeal to help local families who will struggle to buy toys this Christmas. Groups can find out more by contacting the [Community Furniture Project](#).

Clarion and Sovereign Housing: Clarion and Sovereign Housing are producing videos in schools to show 10 different cultures across Basingstoke & Deane. Further information and the programme launch will be shared.

Domestic Violence: [Inclusion Hampshire](#) shared their role in the local area and provision to support students, having celebrated their 10th anniversary in September.

Toy Library and Community Wardrobe: [Viabes](#) and Roger Morris Centre are starting a toy library for those who need support this Christmas. The Community Wardrobe continues as an initiative to support those exchanging items. Further information can be found via [Viabes and the Roger Morris Centre](#).

Christmas Tree Appeal: [Basingstoke Mencap](#) will be selling real Christmas Trees at Viabes from 26th November.

Planning: the group discussed ways to work together on networking, collaboration, and the sharing of best practices as a priority in identifying opportunities for example with Outreach and Vivid Homes.

Actions being taken forward: For members to consider the LCP.