

Papers for the Redbridge Voluntary Sector Network

This month: Local health services

1 to 2.30pm, Wednesday 10 July 2019

Sandwiches from 12.30pm

York Room, Redbridge Central Library, Clements Rd, Ilford IG1 1EA

Agenda

1. Introduction and apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting, matters arising
3. Reports from voluntary sector representatives

Sexual Health and Health Check programmes - Ikenna Obianwa and Camille Barker

4. What sexual health services are available locally? How are Health Checks reducing diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, strokes and dementia? Updates on work in Redbridge.

Whipps Cross Redevelopment – Abbas Mirza

5. Whipps Cross hospital is used by many Redbridge residents. The hospital was originally built in 1903, and more than half of the buildings are over 70 years old. The hospital is not fit for purpose and is to be redeveloped. They want to work on the redevelopment with local people and patients.
6. Any other business
7. Next meeting: 1pm, Wednesday 11 September 2019 (note: there is no August meeting)

More information

If you have any questions, contact Colin Wilson on 020 3874 4135 or at colin@redbridgecvs.net. **Anyone involved with a voluntary or community sector group which is based in Redbridge or which works with Redbridge people is welcome to attend Network meetings – no need to register, just come along.**

Minutes of the Redbridge Voluntary Sector Network 12 June 2019

Present

- Jon Abrams, One Place East
- Tony Challinor, Redbridge Council
- Stephen Granditer, King of Hearts
- Kate Harrison, One Place East
- Harvey Sharpe, Newbridge School PFA
- Ross Diamond, RedbridgeCVS
- Colin Wilson, RedbridgeCVS
- Lynette Jackman, RedbridgeCVS

Introduction

Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

- Alan Banner, Redbridge Pensioners Forum
- Angela Banner, Redbridge Pensioners Forum

Minutes of last meeting

It was noted that the date on the agenda for this meeting should read Wednesday 12 rather than Wednesday 10 June.

Ross note that under the heading "Reports from the Voluntary Sector" the text should record that he did not represent the voluntary sector in Redbridge at any meetings, rather than saying that he did not attend any meetings apart from PaVSP.

Report from voluntary sector representatives

Health and Wellbeing Board

Ross Diamond reported that he attended a meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 11 June.

Healthwatch presented a report of a survey on Young People regarding health and wellbeing, which is now available. One interesting point was that young people preferred to have a survey in front of them on paper rather than via websites like SurveyMonkey.

Rough sleeper deaths have been increasing year on year. The Council is responding and would like the NHS to get more involved.

East London Health and Care Partnership

Ross attended this event on 6 June at Stratford. This was a well-attended high level event to look at development of this new body, formerly known as the North East London STP. This partnership of NHS and Council bodies is still developing, with a focus on partnership working across North East London around health and social care. We will invite them to attend a future Network meeting.

Consultation: Late Night Levy

Redbridge Council's Late Night Levy consultation has just opened for two months. This consultation has already run for three months (from Feb-May 2019) and has been reopened for a further two months (with no changes to the consultation or document) to allow additional responses.

Joint Commissioning

Seven CCGs in north east London have begun working together to commission services jointly. There has already been a national consultation on this by NHS England and some areas, such as North Central London, have simply implemented the changes. However in North East London, lead GPs were keen to seek the views of local people through a targeted engagement approach. Information about this was shared with Healthwatch and Scrutiny colleagues by those leading this programme at a North East London level.

Home Care Procurement

Tony Challinor, Disability Charter, Consultation, Coproduction

Tony hoped that his attendance at the Network would become a regular occurrence so that he can hear what people want rather than assuming what they want.

Commissioning

Commissioning is about trying to understand what the needs of the people of Redbridge are and what they are going to be in the future. Are their needs being met? Do people with needs know where to go to have their needs met? The Council is in the process of talking to RedbridgeCVS and others in the sector on how things can be done better. As a council, Redbridge spends almost £17 million with the voluntary sector, but the commissioning process can be hard to access and monitoring can be too detailed. The Council would like to change the way this is done.

Disability Charter

The aim of the Disability Charter is to improve the lives of residents with a disability or mental illness challenge. Four key areas are:

- Working in partnership
- Understanding disability
- Improving outcomes
- Monitoring impact

There is a 12 week consultation about the charter ending 12 August 2019, which is available on the Council website at

<https://engagement.redbridge.gov.uk/hub/disability-charter/>.

Tony will try to be at the next Learning Disability Partnership Board Meeting on 9 July.

Home Care

The Council aims is to work with care providers to change the way care is provided. So far, Redbridge residents have received Home Care primarily through private sector providers. Care has been purchased in an uncoordinated way.

The Council plans to move to having two main providers in each of the four localities in the borough. Specialist providers will support service users with mental health or learning disabilities, and there will be a specialist provider for children and young people with learning disabilities. The Council's expectation is that care providers will pay London Living Wage and hopes that providers will be in place by January 2020 with as little disruption as possible to service users. Service users will be able to continue using existing carers if they want.

The Council's vision is to create a career path in caring, enabling those who are in this field to stay longer in what they feel is a valued career. Having a smaller number of providers will also make it easier to work with providers to improve standards.

Ross asked if there was anything specific that can be done to encourage voluntary organisations to join up to become one of the designated care providing organisations. Tony commented that a provider/bidder day is planned for 8 August, and said

he would send further information for circulation in eNews. Voluntary groups can also work in consortia if they are interested in becoming one of the planned 11 care provider organisations.

Help for organisations to improve their use of IT

Colin Wilson

City Bridge Trust has granted RedbridgeCVS funding to support local organisations work around IT. We are offering three ways in which organisations can get support:

1. Health Checks – a visit will be made to your location, discuss what you want from your IT (in plain English). A brief report will be presented back including an action plan.
2. Helping you get a web presence so as to promote your services/organisation. You will be helped to put together either a Facebook page or a website leaving you with something which you own and can maintain.
3. Training – we'd like feedback on what topics and training format would be best, for example 1-day or half-day sessions, 1-hour lunchtime sessions or a drop-in surgery.

We will continue to put news about this in eNews and possible surveys asking for feedback.

Any other business

Jon Abrams will not be attending future Network meetings as he is moving on to a new post outside the borough. He has been an important figure in the local sector for many years. We wish him all the best.

Next meeting

1pm, Wednesday 10 July 2019

