



Update Report for CCG Governing Boards February 2019

This report provides some highlights from BVCSA of developments and progress over the last 2 months.

- **Strategic Engagement**

- **Strategic Partnering Agreement**

- BVCSA has been continuing to contribute to this piece of work, and to explore how this agreement will apply to BVCSA and the organisations that work through us. BVCSA has ensured that interested VCS organisations have been updated via presentations at the Bradford VCS Health and Wellbeing Forum and the Craven VCS Delivery Partnership.

- **Community Partnerships**

- VCS Representation on Community Partnership (CP) Leadership Teams in Bradford has been developed and supported by BVCSA. We have 10 local Community Anchor organisations who are leading the Representation on each CP, and are growing their local networks of interested organisations. Some of these are beginning to take up the Deputy positions on the CP Leadership Teams, to reflect either different geographies or priority areas.

BVCSA holds regular meetings for all our Representatives to share news, provide mutual support and advice on a peer to peer basis, and to work together to identify potential future commissioning and contracting opportunities for the local VCS. A number of opportunities have already been identified through core services such as the Self-Care Champions, or through developing local partnerships to tackle issues such as COPD and Children's Health.

- **Transforming Change through System Leadership Programme**

- BVCSA was invited to be a part of Bradford's Programme Group to explore how local services across the system can reduce service fragmentation and improve the co-ordination of Care Navigation across Bradford and AWC. This work fits alongside a successful bid to be part of the Transforming Change through System Leadership Programme.

- **Contract Delivery**

- **Extended Access**

- Our Extended Access Service has now focussed into two specific areas: Benefits Check Ups, and a low-level Mental Wellbeing Support Service for Young People and Adults. As more GP Practices understand and appreciate the VCS services now available through the Extended Access Programme, referrals are increasing with more people now accessing Benefits Check Ups, Young People's Counselling and both Young People's and Adult's Mental Health Clinics.

- **Harnessing the Power of Communities - AWC and Bradford**

This time-limited partnership project led by BVCSA is split into two projects over two geographies - low-level Mental Wellbeing Training and Support for the local VCS workforce in AWC, and reducing Social Isolation and Loneliness in the Elderly through different forms of Befriending across the Bradford Local Authority area (Bradford City and District CCG areas, plus Airedale and Wharfedale).

In AWC, work has been progressing well, with 6 'hublets' for Training and Support having been set up already, and with more to follow, with a high level of interest and take up across the areas for training courses such as Mental Health First Aid, and Suicide Prevention workshops. Complementary work in Craven is continuing to connect some of these organisations with the new Compass e-Hub.

In Bradford, our Befriending Research Project has been exploring different elements including understanding the nature and capacity of the provision currently available, what the potential demand for future services may be, capturing the difference and the overall value that Befriending makes to Bradford, and exploring future resourcing and partnership approaches with other partners. Six Providers are undertaking projects to test out Innovative Approaches to Befriending, and to explore the benefits and challenges of mainstreaming elements of these for Befriendees and their organisations. Bradford & District Befriending Network is also building its capacity to work better together and to promote and support their work together in the future.

These projects will come to a conclusion at the end of March 2019, and presentations will be made to Health and Care Partnership Boards.

- **Diabetes Prevention Programme and Diabetes Management Programme**

The Bradford Diabetes Prevention Programme has now received 137 referrals from 25 GP Practices of patients whose HbA1c blood test has indicated that they are at risk of developing Diabetes. Our Delivery Providers are supporting patients through a personal Lifestyle Coach and a variety of community-based personalised activities such as walking groups, a Green Gym, healthy eating and cooking advice, and other exercise activities.

Our Diabetes Management Programme has now received referrals for over 140 patients to receive support to overcome barriers to accessing Structured Education to learn to manage their Diabetes for themselves.

- **Organisational Development**

Our Vision, Values, Mission, Aims and Objectives have all now been agreed and published on our website, and the Operating Principles and Contracting Processes should be finalised very soon. These will all be included in our Operating Handbook, which we look forward to publishing in the next few weeks.

We have also moved into our new office, which will provide us with the independence, space and flexibility to support our work into the future.

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