

Bradford & District Safer Communities VCS Forum
Working Together for a Better West Yorkshire Part 3
Notes of the meeting Monday 26 November 2018, 12:30 pm – 3 pm at CNet



Present: Michelle Taylor (CBMDC), Javed Khan (CNet), Geraldine Waugh (Barnardos), Janet Ford (CNet), Sam White (Bradford Court Chaplaincy Service), James Blezard (Healthy Lifestyles Solutions), Samiya Bibi (Healthy Lifestyles Solutions), Kate Stanley (Millside Centre), Aqil Qazi (Keighley Excel Youth Service), Barbara Wordsworth (Restorative Justice Solutions), Claire Preston (Bradford Cyrenians), Sandra McIntosh, Sharat Hussain (Mary Magdalene Church), Susan Field, Mick Dolecki (Incommunities), Kate Jowett (West Yorkshire PCC), Sofia Buncy (Khidmat Centers), Latif Mir (Bradford Court Chaplaincy Service), Abigail Simmonds (Specialist Autism Services), David Newell (Specialist Autism Services), Ibrahim Maynard, Ali Kaye (Hidden Voices), Beverley Adams (West Yorkshire Police), Liz Hemsley (Prospects), Abdul Ismail, Jon Royle (Bridge Project), Ivelina Metchkarova-Taylor (CLINKS), Ayesha Grey

Apologies: Fazeela Hanif, Pam James, Bob Balfour, Gary Staniforth

Minutes: Saima Ashfaq (CNet)

Item	Details	Action	Who
1.	<p>Welcome and introductions The meeting began with a networking lunch.</p> <p>JK introduced the session. Muppett gave a background to Working Together for a Better West Yorkshire.</p>		
2.	<p>Apologies See above</p>		
3.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting and matter arising Jon Royle proposed the minutes, seconded by ??? All actions completed</p>		
4.	<p>West Yorkshire Restorative Justice Service (Barbara Wordsworth, Lead Practitioner, Bradford Office)</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative Justice began with the Probationary Service. • Mainly based on adults who had committed a crime, recent and historical 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been a service in Bradford for 10 years but deal with the whole of West Yorkshire • Restorative Justice involves with bringing together the person who has been harmed and the person harming to help give closure and justice to the victim and help the perpetrator understand the impact on the person harm to help them take responsibility for their actions • Voluntary for both persons • Can be done face to face between victim and offender • Other ways include by letter of explanation, asking questions through a third party • Work from low level crime to serious crime • Funded by PCC for the next 3 years • Youth offending service also does restorative justice 		
5.	<p>Presentation of Reducing Re-offending Strategy (Susan Field HMPS)</p> <p>Key priorities (handout) for the PCC Reducing Re-offending Strategy were identified through engagement with third sector organisations, statutory organisations and consultations with service users.</p> <p>Key delivery areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strong criminal justice system and partnerships – support the third sector 2. Investing in infrastructure support to reduce reoffending 3. Early intervention 4. Increase mental health treatment 5. Targeting resources 6. Strategic approach to female offenders – whole system approach 7. Key groups that are over represented in West Yorkshire prisons 8. Care leavers – 25 / 50% of prisoners are care leavers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to set up an information network across Criminal Justice partners – aim to publish on PCC website 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frustration at short term funding pots • Want to keep doing collaborative working • Plan will be published on PCC website 		
6.	<p>Clinks Overview – Ivelina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC invests in supporting third sector to engage • Ivelina’s role as development officer is to support and work with individual CLINKS members and voluntary sector working in the criminal justice system. Support is offered around capacity, engagement and representation to take to West Yorkshire Level and nationally • Clinks is a national membership organisation for voluntary sector organisations working with criminal justice. Co-ordinates 3rd sector for MOD • Putting together an information bulletin also Clinks national newsletter and directory of services • The next round of consultations will be around probation contracts early in the new year. 		
7.	<p>Bradford Court Chaplaincy Service – Latif Mir Court Chaplain at Bradford Magistrates Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bradford Court Chaplaincy Service came into being through a small number of magistrates • Help support people whose loved ones are sentenced in court • In 2008 became a charity and secured funding • Independent from the courts, obtain funding from Trusts and charities, • Confidential independent service • The only multi faith full time chaplaincy in the UK • 25 active volunteers from all backgrounds • Target groups: defendants, defendant families, court staff and magistrates • Some funding received from the PCC • Request to share information about the service 	All presenters to send bullet points of key points to Muppett	All presenters

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tel: 01274 722422 info@bradfordcourrchaplaincyu.org.uk • Office opening hours Tues – Fri 9:30am – 3:30pm 		
8.	<p>Round Table Discussions Feedback from discussion groups to be circulated.</p>		
9.	<p>Member News None</p>		
10.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future events – Muppett updated members - Brexit event – implications for Bradford. 3rd December 12 to 4 pm. All welcome - Care navigators, leaflets for organisations to display and disseminate - Safer Forum co-chair election process beginning this week, expressions of interest sought. <p>The meeting closed at 3:15pm</p>		