

Minutes of VCSE Strategic Partnership Meeting

Held on Monday 1st July 2024
at Barnwood Trust, Cheltenham

In Attendance:

Chris Brown (CB) – Forest Voluntary Action Forum – via Teams
Pippa Jones (PJ) – Create Gloucestershire
Matt Lennard (ML) – Gloucestershire VCS Alliance
Sally Byng (SB) – Barnwood Trust
Kobe Francis (KF) – The Music Works
Vicci Livingstone-Thompson (VL-T) – Inclusion Gloucestershire
Indigo Redfern (IR) – GL11
Nicola Simpson (NS) – Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Apologies:

Tom Beasley (TB) – Active Gloucestershire

Guests:

Jill Parker (JP/Chair) – Gloucestershire VCS Alliance

Minutes by:

Wendy Kewley (WK) – Gloucestershire VCS Alliance
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The meeting commenced at 2:40pm

141.	Welcome, introductions and apologies	ACTION
	<p>JP welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from TB. CB joined via Teams.</p>	
142.	Representation	
	<p>JP introduced the topic of representation both on the Strategic Partnership and within the system, asking how to fulfil our roles as representatives of the sector?</p> <p>A discussion followed with people commenting on what being a 'representative' means and if this is an appropriate term for Strategic Partnership members.</p> <p>Observations included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important to think about how we represent a range of views including those that might not match our own. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we need to make more of an effort to represent those who we don't hear from and who are easy to ignore? • There's a lot of conversations in the charity and private sector that aren't represented, such as women's issues. It is our place to represent the views of people who are from minoritised communities who might not be heard like trans people and women. • Health inequalities – we need to hear the voices of the people who are being shouted down. • Are we here to set a strategy for the sector or are we here to represent all views? • An ILP representative role has more boundaries, but our role is too vast to do this and there will be competing views, so who are we representing? • It's about finding out the key concerns of people in the sector. • Our role is to listen to those views and then come up with a strategy rather than be the voice piece of all those different views. <p>Rather than being representatives for the sector, the group agreed that their collective role is to show strategic leadership as 'conveners and connectors' for the whole VCSE sector, while staying well connected to the sector.</p> <p>The group agreed on the need for clarity of purpose and that the process of appointing new people to the Strategic Partnership will include asking how they meet that purpose.</p> <p>Action JP to create a paragraph for the group's Terms of Reference which reflects the above.</p>	JP
143.	Nominations for consideration	
	<p>Nominations for two VCSE reps for the Women's Health Clinical Programme Group were considered. The group shared their views.</p> <p><i>PJ and CB left the meeting at 4pm. IR left the meeting at 4.30pm.</i></p> <p>There was a discussion about requesting to see specific organisational policies alongside a nomination. It was decided that it is not the place of the VCSE Strategic Partnership to make a decision about the content of an individual organisation's policies.</p>	

	<p>Decision: Group agreed to decline the first nomination. JP to inform nominee.</p> <p>Actions: VL-T and JP to develop scoring criteria and process for future ILP/other representative nominations. JP to attend the Clinical Programme Group meetings until the rep roles are filled. JP to email the group for their vote regarding second nomination.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>VL-T/JP</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JP</p>
144.	Future meetings	
	Frequency of Tue AM check-ins – carried forward.	
145.	Updates – notes added after the meeting	
	<p>Glos Health and Care Partnership – review of strategy underway</p> <p>Clinical Programmes Board – no meeting since previous update.</p>	
146.	Minutes of the last meeting	
	The minutes of the previous meeting are to be approved at the next in-person meeting of the Strategic Partnership on 5 August.	All
147.	Any other business	
	None	
	<p><i>The meeting concluded at 4:43pm</i></p> <p>Times and dates of next meetings</p> <p>Next full meeting: 2.30pm on 5 August 2024 at Robinswood Hill Country Park.</p> <p>Tuesday morning meetings 9-10am on 9, 16, 23, 30 July. (9 July proposed date for discussion on round table feedback)</p>	