

**Minutes of the  
Stronger Communities and Health Improvement Group  
held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010  
at County Hall, Exeter**

<b>Attendance:</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Jay Talbot (chair)	Chief Executive Representing Devon Consortium	Community Council of Devon
Karen Nolan	Chief Executive Representing Devon Consortium	West Devon CVS
Diana Crump	Chief Executive Representing Devon Consortium	Living Options Devon
Tina Henry	Head of Health Improvement S Devon	NHS Devon
Patsy Temple	Head of Health Improvement Exeter	NHS Devon
Neil Roberts	Chief Executive	Active Devon
Penny Mason	Chief Executive Representing Devon Consortium	Torridge Voluntary Services
Andrew Lightfoot	Regeneration and Resources Team Leader	Devon County Council
Ian Tearle	Head of Health Policy	NHS Devon
Lynn Thornton	Transport Co-ordination Service	DCC
Sue Craythorne	Community Strategy Officer	Devon County Council
Marguerite Shapland	Non Executive Director Attending as Chair of Northern Devon H&W Group	NHS Devon
Iain Mellis	Head of Public Health Partnerships	NHS Devon
Lucy O'Loughlin	Chair Mid Devon Health and Wellbeing group	NHS Devon
Mark Gayler	Principal Accountant DCC Finance for item 5	

<b>Apologies for Absence:</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
John Bunting	Chief Executive Representing Exeter Social Inclusion and Health Partnership (SHIP)	Exeter CVS
Alan Robinson	Strategic Director Attending as chair of South Hams, Teignbridge and West	South Hams District Council

	Devon H&W group	
John Tucker	External Contracts and Procurement manager	Devon and Cornwall Probation Service
Simon Perkins		Devon and Cornwall Probation Service
Alison Golby	Strategic Commissioning Manager, Adult and Community Services	Devon County Council
Julia Page	Head of Health Improvement	NHS Devon

### **18/10 Welcome and Introductions**

Jay Talbot welcomed members and introductions were made. Apologies were noted. The minutes of the last meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were agreed. Action points had been completed apart from those noted below.

### **19/10 Matters Arising**

#### **Web Forum**

The whole DSP communications system is being looked at, including updating the website and e – communications. A web forum will be discussed as part of this review.

#### **Comprehensive Area Assessment**

The Coalition Government has abolished the CAA, so no further preparation will be needed.

#### **HSCP Conference**

Group members were reminded that the conference will be on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### **20/10 Public Spending and Demographic Change**

Mark Gayler gave a presentation (slides attached) which showed graphically the impact of an ageing population on public services, alongside diminishing public spending.

The presentation led to a wide ranging discussion, taking into account the Coalition Government's Big Society agenda and the newly announced changes to the NHS. The following were the key points:

- The future role of the voluntary and community sectors (VCS)
- Current and future levels of public sector investment in VCS frontline and infrastructure
- The need to develop robust outcome based commissioning
- The impact of the 'personalisation' agenda
- Opportunities and threats for the local VCS
- VCS lever in a great deal of external funding to the county and provide employment and skills
- VCS and public sector need to develop new ways of working, based on new assessments of need
- The dangers of organisations retreating into silos due to funding cuts, when in fact there needs to be more collaboration
- Community action will be even more important
- VCS and social enterprise need to market themselves, and demonstrate what they can offer which is special.

### **21/10 Improving Commissioning with the third Sector – IDeA programme**

The meeting was informed about the forthcoming programme of joint facilitated workshops involving the VCS, NHS, Adult Services and Children and Young People's Services. These start in September. For more information contact Sue Craythorne.

### **22/10 Healthy Weight Implementation Plan**

Lucy O'Loughlin presented the plan and explained that local reference groups are being set up to monitor and challenge implementation. The work involves a balance between local action and centrally driven messages. Local Health and Wellbeing groups are engaging, and are conscious of the need to engage better with hard to reach groups. Links were noted with the Rural Health Strategy.

### **23/10 Public Health Locality Updates**

Steady progress. A locality group is about to be set up in East Devon. All locality plans are more consistent in format and are now RAG rated. It was thanks to this that the local press picked up on the Exeter plan, which showed child obesity and teenage pregnancy as red rated – it was useful to raise awareness. In Mid Devon the District Council used their scrutiny processes to review the Health and Wellbeing plan.

There will shortly be new alcohol and service redesign strategies within the NHS.

### **24/10 Stronger Communities Programme Update**

The summary performance report was presented to the group. It was agreed that it would be helpful to have a format which included reporting key activities during the period, and key successes, in addition to bringing slippage to the attention of the group.

The meeting noted the progress being made in this first quarter of the programme.

### **25/10 Health Improvement Update**

The Coalition Government was about to launch a consultation document on the future of public health, which is likely to transfer to local authorities. Ian Tearle will be preparing a briefing note which will be circulated.

Also:

- The Devon emotional wellbeing strategy has been delayed.
- A suicide prevention task group has been set up by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- The Rural Health Strategy is out for consultation until early August.
- Public health Observatory profiles are now available at sub-county level at [www.healthprofiles.info](http://www.healthprofiles.info)

### **26/10 Future meeting dates: Please note date change for the next meeting**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.0  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 10.0  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011 10.0

TBC  
Ansell Room, Coaver Club, County Hall  
ACS Boardroom

Future agenda items: Fire Service presentation, DSP Partnership Agreement, Role of SCHIG vis a vis HSCP and the other strategic groups which report to it,