



Minutes Taken by: Samim Vali

Attendees:

Suzanne Brooks – Ambition for Ageing Equalities; Katerina Alina- Bolton Council; Rashida Junab - MHIST; Ruxmani Patel – Mandhata Community Centre; Sue Desai - MBWG; Graham Heywood - BAAS; Charlotte Horrock - BAAS; Philip Bridge – Sensory Advocates; David Greed - Sensory Advocates; Tracy Davies - Bolton Deaf Society; Laurent Fernandez - Bolton Carer Support; Sylvia Dobinson - sensory advocates NW; Nicholas Russell – Halliwell Organic Growers; Lee Cawley - NHS Business Services Authority; Jen Brown – Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group, Jenna Matthews – Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group; Nireexa Solanki - BAND, Sandra Clarkson – BAND; Tony Sleet - Bolton Mental Health service user forum; Jo Dorsman - Bolton Healthcare partnership; Cathy Gale – Wave Adventure; Michelle Del Rosso, Samim Vali –Bolton CVS

Apologies: Steve Sherry – LGBT

Agenda Point 1 – Action from last meeting

Michelle introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record and apologies were noted.

Michelle reminded everyone about the importance of filling in the demographic forms and sign in sheet.

- Angela introduced herself and her role as Giving back Bolton Project lead.

Giving Back in Bolton is a new project, funded by the Be Safe Partnership, with the aim of helping voluntary organisations across Bolton in developing good practice in the recruitment, support and retention of volunteers who have a history of offending. It is about giving people a fair chance to integrate back into the community and supporting them to positively contribute to their local area.

If anyone would like to know more about the project, contact angela@boltoncvs.org.uk.

Actions:

Agenda Point 2 – “You said we did” update

Jen introduced herself and her role as Engagement Specialist for Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Actions:

Visit your GP not A&E' Campaign:

The leaflets for the 'Visit your GP not A&E' Campaign are now translated into Urdu and the leaflets distributed at E-Tag and to relevant community and voluntary sector groups.

Jen asked members attending for suggestions on best places/venues to drop leaflets in different neighbourhoods. 1000 leaflets been given to BCOM to distribute at mosques across Bolton.

Posters currently being translated in Polish, once completed the leaflets will be distributed at E-Tag and amongst relevant community and voluntary sector groups. Bolton CCG currently liaising with Deaf Society to develop a video in British sign language to make sure information is accessible to all community.

Jen to bring leaflets when they are printed to ETAG forum for further circulation

Agenda Point 3 – Greater Manchester Autism Friendly Strategy

- Mari Saeki introduced herself and her role as Greater Manchester (GM) Autism consortium project lead
- Making Greater Manchester Autism Friendly event was held in 2017 and was attended by 140 people.
- Further 4 consultation events were held across Greater Manchester to find out people's opinion on how to improve services for autistic people, what's working well and what needs to improve.
- Public services for people with autism should be accessible, appropriate and reasonable adjustments should be made in main stream settings.
- There will be some engagement work on how to involve all community, specifically BAME and those in the criminal justice system who are underrepresented. Mari willing to engage with some community group and can be contacted on mari.saeki@nas.org.uk
- Ongoing work with CCG to make GM Autism Friendly where everyone achieves their potential in a safe and supportive environment and to make sure that service is accessible by all.
- The full presentation can be found [here](#)

Actions:
CVS will circulate Presentation to all attendees.

Agenda Point 4 – The Bolton Health and Care Partnership Workshop

Jen Brown, Bolton CCG, gave update on Bolton's Health and Care Partnership (BHCP): The Health and care partnership is at development stage. Previously services were being delivered in silo but now services are coming together to shape and deliver health and care provision in Bolton.

- Jen made it clear that there will be opportunities to feed into the three-year strategic plan for the Bolton Health and Care Partnership (BHCP).
- Jen facilitated a table top exercise providing an opportunity for members to express what is important to them and any thoughts on neighbourhood models.

Actions:

Jen will collate the information from the round table discussions and feedback at the next forum

Agenda Point 5 – Any other business

Update from Suzanna Brook: Points raised regarding Trans issues.

The present Gender Identity Clinic (GIC) system is failing badly, having grossly underestimated the numbers of Trans people in the community as a whole.

As a result, the guideline of 18 weeks from referral to appointment is not being met with some GICs waiting lists in England exceeding 2 1/2 YEARS. Getting a 2nd appointment can then take another year or longer.

A 2-year trial programme is being funded within Greater Manchester and the Trans community will be working with the NHS. Medical Professionals of varying levels are being recruited to undergo a specialist training.

Suzanne Brooks will provide regular updates where appropriate.

Next ETAG meeting date: **Tuesday 9th July 12:30-2:30 pm**