

MINUTES

OLDER PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

Date and Time of Meeting	18th July 2012 – 2pm – 4pm
Attendees	Alex McMinn AMcM Raymond Brookfield RB Louise Cropper LC Kirstie Dwan KD Glenn Harrison GH Louisa Blundell LB Sheila Owen SO Beverley Garrity BG Councillor May Blake MB Elizabeth Blamires EB Shelley Gregory SG Kiran Banati KB Richard Ford RF
Apologies For Absence	Margaret Park Beverley Page-Banks Marian Radford Joanne McKnight
In Attendance	Simon Frampton

1.	Apologies	Action	Time
	Margaret Park, Beverley Page-Banks, Marian Radford and Joanne McKnight		
2.	Minutes of the last meeting	AMcM /EB	Action
	SO highlighted page 5 of the previous set of minutes, pointing out the administrator had called them Skelmersdale Pensioners Forum as opposed to West Lancashire Pensioners Forum.		
3.	Dr Simon Frampton, GP Lead for Engagement, to explain the role of CCG's and their current list of priorities	AMcM	Action
	<p>Simon Frampton introduced himself and gave the group a brief background of his various roles in the community including the position he held on the Clinical Commissioning Board.</p> <p>A document called 'A Plan on a Page' was circulated around the group and this was then discussed in further detail. Simon went on to talk about the key initiatives set out and updated the group of what was being done to ensure each was going to be dealt with effectively. These initiatives mainly focused on older individuals but some also had no age limitations.</p> <p>The Health & Well Being Board are confident authorisation will be gained in October and to achieve this, they have to show work they're actively doing regarding the initiatives.</p>		

	<p>Simon went onto explain the 10 interventions that have been set out with quite a number specifically helping older people, including addressing loneliness, affordable warmth to those who need it and identifying those at risk of being hospitalised with an aim to prevent this. Simon is hoping that work on the above will begin 10th November 2012.</p> <p>Simon then answered the board members questions with a discussion that followed on ambulances and reopening Ormskirk Hospital.</p> <p>AMcM asked the question, how are the OPP going to communicate with Simon in the future? Simon stated that Glenn could be the first port of call but direct contact was also an option. AMcM suggested that we invite Simon back to future meetings for updates when he is available. Simon also informed the group that there is a newsletter on the surgery website that contains all the updates and work they're doing.</p> <p>Lastly, Simon went onto discuss the community choir that was in the process of getting set up. He stated that it was music for therapy and had originally aimed it at those with difficulties such as dementia, respiratory difficulties and people that were trying to deal with stress. LCC have decided to fund it for one year and it is open to anyone of all ages.</p> <p>AMcM thanked Simon for his time and for attending the meeting.</p>		
4	Report of West Lancashire Health & Well Being Thematic Group Action Plan	AMcMinn	
	<p>AMcM informed the group that no one from the Health & Well Being Thematic Group had turned up to the meeting so circulated the document for everyone to read and give feedback at a later meeting. This document contained the issues that had been highlighted and how they were being addressed. AMcM believes that we need a closer interface between OPP and the Health & Wellbeing Thematic Group.</p>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>

5	Any other business	ALL	
	<p>MB asked the group if they had anything planned for Older People's Day, 1st October. This would be the third year participating in the national event and it would be ideal for individuals from all areas in West Lancashire to attend. She stated that it's still a trial period and the OPP are going through a learning curve in regards to planning and preparing for this national day.</p> <p>AMcM stated that there was some money in the pot courtesy of the LSP Board which could help with organisation of an event. He went onto say that we need time, volunteers and inspiration to plan and carry out a successful event. Due to the poor lead time there is not much time to prepare for the big day. Preparation for this day should have really started March/April of this year. AMcM suggested that we could get in touch with individual groups such as U3A and Pensioners Forum and get them involved.</p> <p>GH asked what other organisations such as Age Concern were doing for Older People's day. RF stated that they were working with schools, presumably to meet the intergenerational aspects of OP Day, and Help Direct were offering support with co-ordination and advertising of the Day.</p> <p>There was then a brief discussion regarding last year's event with the 'Fit for Life' theme. SG told of the success of the pedometer challenge which was carried out last year.</p> <p>LC raised the idea that everyone should pool together their ideas and send them to the administrator who can collate them all together and distribute around the group. GH agreed that we need to co-ordinate with each other and share our information so everyone is aware of what each other are doing.</p> <p>AMcM went on to discuss social isolation and the combating loneliness document. He stated that due to a lack of time we cannot discuss this document however it is available to download off the internet. He went onto inform the group that he has raised combating loneliness on the agenda of the 50+ Assembly and also on the Older Persons Champions Lancashire agenda. AMcM has written to Mandy Naylor who has produced a document around combating loneliness. AMcM stated that he will invite her to a future meeting to explain this document to the rest of the group.</p> <p>AMcM was concerned that churches are not meeting the needs of lonely older people on Sundays, (the loneliest time statistically is 4:30 Sunday afternoon) given their volunteering ethos.</p> <p>There was a full discussion around the difficulties of accessing public transport by older people in West Lancashire. Following which the WLPF representatives left the meeting stating that they would not attend any future meetings. EB stated that she</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AMcM</p>	

	<p>would pass on the West Lancashire Pensioners Forum withdrawal to the CVS.</p> <p>SG moved onto the subject of her 'Keep safe and warm packs' that were provided to the elderly last year. These packs included essential things such as a torch, blanket, thermos mug, key hook and aluminous key ring along with vital information from different services. She stated that she still had 100 packs left over from last year so she is just going to add to the already existing numbers. She asked the group to email her if they had any ideas for small items that older people would benefit from. She is hoping to launch them in time for the Older Peoples Day.</p> <p>LB suggested that due to numbers at the meeting dropping with two individuals leaving that we recruit some more individuals. She went onto state that we have a collated list of names of individuals from the Older Peoples Day 2010 who said they would like to serve on the board. Louisa to look through her old emails and try to find this document which she will then send to AMcM.</p> <p>RF told the group of a vacancy being advertised at Age UK; an Activities Co-ordinator at Brookside in Ormskirk. He hopes to have someone in place in 4-6 weeks time.</p> <p>BG discussed customer engagement groups that were going to be held this year regarding pension credit. There is one that has been planned to take place in Lancashire although the specific location has not been determined yet. They would like older people to take part in it, preferably those on pension credit. She asked the group if they knew of anyone that would be interested to let her know.</p> <p>LC spoke about the work Help Direct do and stated that they are planning to increase face to face contact, carry out home visits and well being assessments. She told the group if they knew of anyone that may benefit from this to refer them to Help Direct.</p> <p>Lastly, AMcM informed the group of a guest lecturer, Tom Kirkwood, at Christ Church Aughton on the 6th September followed by Alistair Burns in December. Alex passed round leaflets for the group's information.</p>	<p>EB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>LB</p> <p>ALL to let BG know</p> <p>ALL</p>	
5.	Date and time of next meeting	ALL	
	<p>Meetings to be held in the Cabinet and Committee Room at West Lancashire Borough Council Offices, Ormskirk.</p> <p>11th October 2012 – 10.00am – 12.00noon</p>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>