



# Wiltshire Children & Families Voluntary Sector Forum

## Minutes

Date: 30/11/2021  
 Time: 9.30 am  
 Venue: Virtual forum via Zoom

Attendees	Apologies
Angela Brennan (Chair) Dominic Jones - Spurgeons Alison Sankey – Family Counselling Trust Russ Martin – Spurgeons Tony Griffin – Tony Griffin Safeguarding Carolyn Deverall-Hart – Office of Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner Dawn Whiting – Youth Action Wiltshire/Community First Esther Woodison – Julia’s House Gemma Wilkes – We Hear You Yasmine Ellis – Dorset & Wilts Fire & Rescue Trudy Srawley - Wiltshire Parent Carer Council Sarah Hartnell – Turning Point Sarah Hawkins - TNB Garrison Early Years and Play Robin – Rise:61 Charlotte – Rainbow Trust Russ Martin - Spurgeons	Paula Philp – Alabrae Natalie Huggins – Motiv8 Margaret Winskill – Healthwatch Wiltshire Margaret Firth – Wiltshire Community Foundation Lin Scott – Grand Mentors Geraldine Roast – Build A Bike (Julian House) Natasha Flintoff – Army Welfare Service Lisa Colombi – Wiltshire Council Karen Linaker – Wiltshire Council Damian Haasjes – Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Paul Fox – Money & Pensions Service Linda Cantillon-Guyatt – Wessex Community Action Gareth Wood (Minute-taker)
	Caroline Fowke - Wiltshire Dyslexia Association Sarah Meech – South Wilts Mencap Vicky Watt – Rise Trust Emily Van Der Lely – Crimestoppers Lisa Kinnaird – Home Start Kennet Vicky Harker – AWS Liz James - Barnardos

Item	Who
<b>1.</b> <b>Welcome</b> No AOB or Conflicts of interest raised.  Members introduced themselves to the group and some members gave some updates on their work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Highlights of mental health forum now available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- Survey on access to GPs <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- Looking for feedback on Mediquip <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- Locations now set for face to face Being a Parent courses set to be delivered; Trowbridge, Salisbury, &amp; Tidworth. Also one daytime and one night time online course.</li> </ul>	Chair           Margaret Winskill           Dominic Jones

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gave update on SEND waiting lists: discussion comparing health waiting lists of 18 weeks with EHCP of 6 weeks. Advice is to get health referral in first.</li> <li>- Virgin Care recently awarded side project around waiting list initiative. To strengthen support around education settings before a child has been diagnosed.</li> <li>- Informed the attendees that we're on the search for some new trustees and gave an overview of the role. Contact <a href="mailto:admin@cfvsf.org">admin@cfvsf.org</a> to express interest.</li> </ul>	Linda Cantillon-Guyatt
2.	<p><b>Contextual Safeguarding - Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contextual safeguarding is an approach that recognises and responds to the harm that young people might experience when they're outside the home.</li> <li>- Wiltshire Community Foundation would like to invite Lisa to give presentation on Contextual Safeguarding at Wiltshire &amp; Swindon Youth Network.</li> <li>- Whole presentation really evidences that youth work would have been a real linchpin in the concept contextual safeguarding. Because it's not there anymore it's a good conversation to have with the other network, and it's really important to our members.</li> <li>- Has a mapping toolkit if people might find it useful.</li> <li>- Mention hot spot areas, and Salisbury, how many other hot spot areas have you got?</li> <li>- Does change as things go up and down in different areas. Running meetings in Salisbury, Trowbridge, and Chippenham. Those are areas concentrating on as things have come up with the groups of young people we're working with.</li> <li>- When identified what group of young people needs to try and prevent the anti-social behaviour what happens on from there? Do you involve local area boards and seek funding for things for them?</li> <li>- Karen told the group about her experience of this in Downton. There was a group there and the local area board got involved and did provide some funds.</li> <li>- If anybody is looking to set anything up worth contacting Wiltshire Community Foundation regarding funding.</li> </ul>	<p>Lisa Colombi</p> <p>Margaret Firth</p> <p>Damien Haasjes</p> <p>LC</p> <p>Trudy Srawley</p> <p>LC</p> <p>TS</p> <p>Karen Linaker</p> <p>AB</p>

4.	<p><b>Update from Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuing to build relationships with people and organisations. Spoken to Jen Salter from Wilts Council (Head of Safeguarding) Great that the forum got that recognition and that support.</li> <li>- Met with Kelly Cullen from Wilts Police &amp; Crime Commissioners Office.</li> <li>- Continue to talk to Sally Dodson is Public Health.</li> <li>- FACT Workstream in relation to early help, which Angela will be attending in January.</li> <li>- Commissioning team within Wilts Council putting together application panel and applications for funding in relation to Children with SEND. Angela to be part of the assessment group for applications.</li> <li>- Continuing to promote the forum and the voluntary sector wherever possible.</li> </ul>	AB
5.	<p><b>CFVSF Survey Results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Survey sent out with 34 responses. So approx. 50% return rate from members organisations.</li> <li>- 91% Don't want all meetings face to face going forward.</li> <li>- 75% Don't want all the meetings to be online only and 26% do.</li> <li>- 64% Would like a hybrid model, 35% against.</li> <li>- When asked about having the majority of meetings online only, with one face to face a year the group was split evenly 50/50.</li> <li>- Online with two face to face meetings was 51% against and 48% in favour.</li> <li>- Half online, half face to face - 43% were for and 56% against</li> <li>- Hard to decide what the way forward is, but not going back to only face to face.</li> <li>- Had contract meeting with Matthew Jordan, who is leaving, but we could look to realign the budget and use money that was set aside for hiring rooms to use for marketing or to buy equipment for hybrid model.</li> <li>- We will continue online, especially considering recent news. Jan &amp; March online. Face to face to be looked at in summer with possibility of conference day in either June or July.</li> <li>- Jen Salter interested in supporting conference day and could think of possible speakers.</li> <li>- If going ahead with conference day exec would need to look towards having date and venue set by January.</li> <li>- Gave thanks to everyone who completed the survey.</li> </ul>	<p>LCG</p> <p>AB</p> <p>LCG</p>
6.	<p><b>Presentation from Government's Money and Pensions Service in the South West</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 core areas; financial education, financial resilience, debt, use of credit, and pensions.</li> <li>- Consumer facing brand is called Money Helper. Broad range of resources, content, tools, and individuals. Individuals who can speak to families across Wiltshire if there's any guidance they need around money.</li> <li>- Working with a lot of organisations across Wiltshire regarding scams. Opportunity for you to refer families having financial problems to the Money and Pensions service.</li> </ul>	Paul Fox

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Getting involved in social prescribing. GPs have a dedicated number to refer people to the Money &amp; Pensions service. Although a government body, Money &amp; Pensions service is completely independent and impartial.</li> <li>- If working with or are aware of families across Wiltshire that are having financial challenges refer them into the Money &amp; Pensions service.</li> <li>- Has there been an increase in families that are working but are struggling?</li> <li>- Yes, an increase in working families who may not have lost an income but reduced income from furlough etc. Families need that support they don't know is there. Have specific money guidance for carers.</li> </ul>	<p>TS</p> <p>PF</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National grant available in Wiltshire – will be featured in upcoming newsletter. For children and adults that have special needs – for equipment.</li> <li>- Linda raised the list CFVSF funded courses that are forthcoming and that more will be added for March/April/May in due course.</li> </ul>	<p>AB</p> <p>LCG</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>11.30am</b>