



# Wiltshire Children & Families Voluntary Sector Forum

## Minutes

Date: 28/03/2023  
Time: 9.30 am  
Venue: Potters Scout Hut

Attendees	Apologies
Angela Brennan (Chair) Liz James – Bernardo's Dawn Whiting – Youth Action Wiltshire/Community First Margaret Firth – Wiltshire Community Foundation Anita Hansen – Wessex Community Action Trudy Srawley – Wiltshire Parent Carer Council Emma Blackmore – Julia's House Kerry McKenzie – Youth Action Wiltshire Lin Scott – Volunteer Matters Rosie Dalgado - Wiltshire Parent Carer Council Vikki Watt – The Rise Trust	Tania Rackham– Home-Start North Wilts Natalie Huggens – MoTiv8 Mary Winterbourne – Health Watch Wiltshire Caroline Fowke – Wiltshire Dyslexia Association Ellen Bloxsome – Rainbow Trust Ros Griffiths – Wiltshire Council Nicky Harris – Spurgeons Victoria Harker– Army Welfare Service Amanda Wilks – Help Counselling  In attendane – Linda Cantillon-Guyatt Administrator

Item		Who
1.	<b>Welcome</b> No conflicts of interest raised.	Chair
2.	Angela opened the meeting welcoming all and especially Claire Stephens who had come along to update the forum on the Westbury/Warminster FACT Pilot project in relation to Family Help. Nick Bolton and Iola Williams who were going to deliver the workshop on mental Health Kath Brownlea and Sarah Gillam from the Wiltshire Tree House Charity who were going to deliver a workshop on Supporting Bereaved children and young people. Angela promoted the availability of the Youth Mental Health First Aider training in May and if there is sufficient interest that further training will be arranged in relation to supporting bereaved children and young people.	All
3.	The members of CFVFSF remained in the room for a confidential discussion. Notes of which are being retained by the chair and not for public dissemination	CFVFSF members
4.	Attendees came back together and were then directed to participate in one repeated training session either with Nick Bolton - Mental Health Supporting young people and their families or Tree House - Bereavement Awareness	All
5.	<b>Coffee break &amp; networking</b>	All
6.	Attendance at the other of the two workshop sessions available.	All

7	<p><b>Election of the Executive</b></p> <p>The Chair explained the valuable role the executive have in support the chair and ensuring the CFVSF continues.</p> <p>Two existing executives have resigned Dawn Whiting and Russell Martin – the chair thank them for their contribution and wish them well in their future pursuits.</p> <p>Damian Haasjes, Liz James, Natalie Huggins stood again The chair read a statement from Damian requesting his re-election. Natalie spoke to the meeting and unfortunately Liz James had to leave unexpectedly.</p> <p>Anita Hansen from WCA has come forward for election and Tanya Rackham wishes to return following maternity leave.</p> <p>Following their withdrawal from the room members voted unanimously to elect them.</p>	CFVSF members
8	<p>The Chair shared some relevant information to the meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information was given regarding an Eventbrite training opportunity for parents on County Lines, unfortunately we had only just been given the information and the training was for that evening.</li> <li>• The following reports/documents on the findings of Wiltshire’s Children and Young People’s Health and Wellbeing Survey 2021 are available on the <a href="#">Wiltshire Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey - Wiltshire Intelligence</a></li> <li>• Overview report</li> <li>• In depth thematic reports and infographics on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ emotional wellbeing</li> <li>○ healthy lifestyles</li> <li>○ risky behaviours</li> <li>○ community safety</li> <li>○ school experience</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Chair suggested to the meeting that if the information is useful and it informs or impacts their work, to share details with Sally Johnson, the Public Health Strategist from Wiltshire Council. Your feedback may help decisions about future surveys.</p> <p>The Chair invited - Claire Stephens to give an update on the Family Help Pilot</p> <p>Claire is the Family Help Co-ordinator for the project in Westbury and Warminster. The pilot is looking at early intervention and prevention. Its early days. It’s very exciting. The Core model is about social mobility &amp; the health, wealth, well-being of our children, YP &amp; families. The approach is all about partnership &amp; it will only achieve full potential if all partners are involved &amp; committed.</p> <p>We have had a number of sessions in the pilot area.</p> <p>Wide range of partners have attended &amp; contributed &amp; we are now in the phase of looking to agree what the key priorities for activity are, current emerging themes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mental Health and emotional well-being support, for Children YP as well as adults</li> <li>- Understanding and accessing the current offer</li> <li>- Parental Isolation</li> </ul> <p>These are emerging as we still need further input from the schools and early years settings.</p>	

	<p>We hope to have the online (Wiltshire Together) platform &amp; the brand up &amp; running around the end of April – hopefully this will be a real asset to schools in terms of being able to access information about services to signpost/refer families to. Families will be able to access the platform as well so ‘self help’ should be an easier option than now.</p> <p>2 Family help practitioners starting mid-April and advert currently out for a MH Family Practitioner. Claire Stephens Family Help Co-ordinator Mob: 07831165751</p> <p>Linda Cantillon-Guyatt Administrator of CFVSF requested Newsletter items by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023</p>	
9	<p>The Chair thanked everyone for coming – the meeting on the whole supported the idea of another face to face meeting during 2023 . This will be discussed by the exe and included in the May meeting for agreement.</p>	