

Commissioning and Procurement Sub-Committee 11.09.18

Voluntary Sector Update – Celina Adams on behalf of Nottingham CVS

Provision of Support for the Local Voluntary Sector:

- ABG's – NCVS are in communication with NCC regarding the review of the ABG's. In the meantime we continue to provide advice, support, casework and training to over 65 small, niche or emerging voluntary or community organisations based across the city.
- We are reviewing our training offer to Trustees, and niche organisations. We hope to offer additional training options that meet the fast changing needs of the sector in the next financial year.
- Our August E bulletin has featured a position statement on social prescribing – this is an initial statement and we are consulting with the VCS to inform a final statement.
- We have created a webinar and resources on GDPR for the benefit of groups across the city.

VCS Networks:

In terms of sector representation and engagement the focus has mainly been the STP Integrated Mental Health Strategy and STP Prevention, Self-Care and Promoting Independence workstream (specifically community centred approaches and person centred approaches). This work has been carried out alongside the business as usual representation and engagement across approx. 65 meetings, the networks and communications work.

The next Network meetings are:

- CYPN – 26th September: Focussing on exclusions and alternative provision
- VAPN – 27th September 2018: Focussing on Crisis Care Pathways and also Social Prescribing

NCVS also coordinates the Disability Sport Network, and the Leaders of Volunteers.

Nottingham's Volunteer Strategy:

NCVS is leading on a citywide Volunteer Strategy which will include the Voluntary, Community, Public, Business, Health, Housing and Education sectors.

It will redefine volunteering in Nottingham to ensure that everyone who wants to volunteer can expect to be valued, supported, trained and encouraged to develop themselves.

We will create a way to measure the difference that volunteers make to our city and we will tackle the barriers that face people as they struggle to get into volunteering. We will be asking volunteers themselves to be part of this process and to include their views at every stage.

There will be two duplicate conference sessions on 19th October 2018 at NCVS which progress this work.

Direct Projects:

- The Journey to Employment project:

This DWP funded project has now ended. It was hugely successful and is recognised as 2nd in the country for outcomes.

- Practice Development Unit:

The PDU is a partnership between Opportunity Nottingham and Nottingham CVS. It offers a unique opportunity for front line workers across Nottingham city to learn collaboratively and share good practice and expertise around working with service users who are facing multiple disadvantage. Members can also access a range of resources, including tool kits, reports and presentations, with both a local and national focus.

Upcoming free learning events are:

- 6th September 2018: Journey through the Mental Health System
- 12th September 2018: Towards a Psychologically informed Environment (PIE) Action Learning Set
- 13th September: Service User Involvement community practice.
- 20th September 2018: How managers can support trauma informed practice
- Starting 24th October: Housing First Community Practice.

Please join the portal for more information at: www.pdunottingham.org

- Disability Sport Insight and Participation Project:

The DSIPP is a 3 year programme in partnership with NCC. The project is Sport England funded to learn and understand the barriers individuals with disabilities face in order to get physically active. The focus of the project is to 'listen and learn' from the experiences of Nottingham's disabled people and disability organisations. Together, the intention is to shape Nottingham City's sports offer so it better meets the needs of disabled people and make Nottingham the fastest growing city for disability sports participation in the UK.

Approx 300 individuals have been signed up in return for feedback on their experience. Feedback is used to inform positive changes across the eight leisure centres to make the more disability friendly and accessible.

In addition, over 50 groups, organisations and services have joined a Disability Sport Network representing the needs of their service users.