

REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

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Purpose of the paper

To update the Board on the outcomes from the Development Sub-Committee meeting on 20th October 2020.

Background and context

The Development Sub-Committee met on Zoom, with Jonny in attendance.

Where are we now?

The draft minutes from the meeting are attached for the information of the Board.

What are the key issues?

The Committee discussed national policy and funding changes which include an expectation that the voluntary and community sector will be fundamental in the delivery of local mental health services. Due to the reputation and professionalism of Healthy Minds, JRG is the VCS representative on the West Yorkshire & Harrogate MH Programme Board. The committee discussed the potential risks and opportunities that may come from this and agreed that JRG should prioritise this work. We need to ensure that we are clear on what we need to do to maximise benefit for the people of Calderdale and Healthy Minds. It was agreed that a paper should come to the Board meeting to agree this strategic direction.

The highest risk is funding of the Todmorden and Hebden Bridge Projects. JRG is pursuing a number of potential funding sources. The Committee were supportive of committing the small proportion of reserves that would be required to enable the Todmorden project to run until March, in line with the Hebden Bridge project. Decisions on some of the funding applications will be made during the autumn so there would be time for a more informed discussion before the end of the year about actions that would need to be taken if funding was looking unlikely at that stage

Work is progressing in different ways in relation to the development of Impact information including significant development of the systems which capture and provide quantitative data across the projects and services, a 'case for support' for each service being developed which will contain impact statements, and restarting recruitment of the Marketing and Communications role which will provide capacity to communicate our impact more widely and effectively.

What is asked of trustees?

To note.

Finance

The Finance Sub-Committee were asked to further consider the financial implications of extending the Todmorden project.

Recommendation

The board is asked to note the actions agreed.