

## Update & Developments

### Recruitment

- **Operational Manager:** Peter started 20<sup>th</sup> January, with responsibility for Time Out, Roshani, premises / facilities (including admin infrastructure)
- **Project Worker (Time Out):** we were unable to recruit from December interviews. Post has been re-advertised. Closing date 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- **Marketing & Communications Officer** post will be out to advert week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### AGM 5<sup>th</sup> February

There was very low turn-out for AGM but formal business was conducted.

Presentation on activity and impact 2018-19; early results from HM census and potential revival of HM membership base.

### Calder Valley floods response

Extremely busy time for Todmorden and Hebden teams lately, following Storms Ciara and Dennis. We rallied additional staff to support the teams and Flood Hubs through the week. Excellent response, with much positive feedback about the teams' visibility and presence (except for some highly misguided and undeserved criticism from Public Health – JRG has challenged this.) Huge amount of media interest has been a different sort of challenge.

### Forum

Despite getting off to a good start from the relaunch, Jonny Morrison's circumstances have changed and he does not feel that he can continue to work on the Forum.

We are re-visiting this to identify resource and what happens next. Potential for volunteer development opportunity, with one volunteer having expressed an interest. JRG pursuing with a view to getting something back on track in March.

### Delegated Actions

- **Recruitment Policy:** Draft policy included in papers.
- **Supervision & Appraisal Policy & Performance Report:** I have not achieved this task.
- **Business Plan 2020-21:** JRG updating BP following review at Development Sub-group.

## Key Meetings and External Relationships

### West Yorks & Harrogate Mental Health, Learning Disability & Autism (MHLDA) Programme Board

JRG has been invited to be the VCS rep for this board, which oversees strategic development and delivery of NHS England priorities for MHLDA. First attended Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Perhaps I have been rather spoilt of late, with positive engagement with local commissioners, but it was disappointing to find that there was literally no place at the table for me – I was stuck on a lone seat away from everyone else in quite a symbolic representation of the VCS / NHS relationship. Disheartening also to hear some of the discussions, with no mention of prevention and a focus instead on tinkering around the edges with clinical services rather than the radical overhaul the system requires. My presence felt very tokenistic and barely acknowledged. I will continue to attend to get a measure of it and keep on smiling because I am an optimist, generally.

### **Calderdale MH Innovation Hub**

Encouraging to see Calderdale's Emotional Health & Wellbeing Strategy for 2020-24 launched (in draft form). Input from the Forum event has been taken into account.

### **CCG Commissioner**

Paul & JRG met with Rhona Radley to discuss future of Safespace. Agreement to maintain service until end of June 2020 while procurement underway. Positive discussion and direction, however, the procurement timescale has already slipped: should have opened 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb; as yet no word.

### **Community Foundation for Calderdale AGM**

We were asked to give presentation about the work of the Todmorden team. Despite technical issues that meant the actual presentation could not be displayed, verbal presentation included account from Nikki Stocks, a Todmorden resident still recovering from 2015 floods who has been supported by the team. The Todmorden project represents CFFC's biggest ever investment in a single project.

### **Overview of finance / risk & actions**

- Informal confirmation that Todmorden is to be awarded another 12 months' funding from CFFC and Abraham Omerod Trust (NHS) for 2020-21: information has been provided to panel. Decision expected around 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. Note that the CCFC Flood Appeal has raised over £300K to date and latest floods have demonstrated value of Tod & Hebden teams.
- Money in Mind extension for 12 months is confirmed.
- Safespace is being tendered although details not yet released. Agreement to continue service until newly-procured service is operational. Current timescale is for new service launch 1<sup>st</sup> July. This will be a 7-day service, 2-year contract.
- Peer Support in Crisis proposal was successful: £25K per year for 2 years. Meeting re. timescales, etc. on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- This means that existing services are funded for at least another year (NB: Todmorden not formally confirmed but expected).

### **Questions for Trustees**

Are covered in accompanying papers