



Mid Sussex Partnership (MSP) Board meeting, 16th November 2023

Key Decisions

It was agreed that the recommendations proposed in the MSP Board Review are approved.

1. Welcome and introductions

Attendees:

Cllr Robert Eggleston	Leader of MSDC - Chair
Rebecca Hair	Commissioning and Partnerships Advisor, MSDC – Minute Taker
Cllr Alison Bennett	Cabinet Member for Community at MSDC
Lucy Corrie	Assistant Director for Communities, MSDC
Paul Turner	Community Services Manager, MSDC
Matt Roberts	Community Transport Sussex (CTS)
Jack Field	Clarion Futures
Jim Bartlett	WSCC
Douglas Denham St Pinnock	Chair of Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils (MSALC)
Cllr Jacquie Russell	Cabinet Member for Children and Families, WSCC
Katie Rabone	CEO, Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (MSVA)
Daniel MacIntyre	WS Public Health
Ben Friar	Haywards Heath College

Apologies:

Nicky Dodds	Clarion Futures
Inspector David Derrick	Sussex Police
Mandy Cunningham	Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager, MSDC
Neil Fairhall	Fire and Rescue Service, WSCC
John Willett	Sussex Police Crime Commissioners Office (PCC)

2. Minutes of the MSP Board Meeting 13th July 2023

The minutes were deemed a true and accurate record of the meeting and were agreed.

3. Mid Sussex Partnership Board Review 2023

Lucy Corrie thanked all those who responded to the MSP Board survey and gave a synopsis of the MSP Board Review paper that had previously been circulated.

Board Decision: It was proposed, and all the recommendations in the MSP Board Review paper were agreed.

The Mid Sussex Partnership Board Review recommendations are:

- (i) to continue the Mid Sussex Partnership Board (MSPB), as the strategic partnership for Mid Sussex.
- (ii) To disband the Community Resilience Subgroup and create a new Community Development Subgroup.
- (iii) from the existing MSPB budget, increase the devolved budget of the newly formed Community Development Subgroup from £10,000 p.a. to £20,000 p.a.
- (iv) that the Health and Wellbeing Network join up with the LCN and explore smarter ways of working to avoid duplication.
- (v) Better Young Lives and the NEETs (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) Fora join up with the Community Development Subgroup and explore smarter ways of working to avoid duplication.
- (vi) to set up a task and finish group and provide recommendations to the MSPB to improve the current data sets and provide additional data analysis to partners to help shape the MSPB's priorities for 2024/25.

Action Point include a standing agenda item for the Health and Wellbeing Network, at the LCN meetings. And include a standing agenda item for the BYL and NEETs Forum at the Community Development Group meetings.

Action Point LC and DMI to discuss Insight.

4. MSP Board Terms of Reference

The MSP Board Terms of Reference were previously circulated. The MSP Board Terms of Reference were discussed. Amendments to the 2023-24 MSP Board Terms of Reference to be made include:

- Update the Priorities to 2023-24 subgroup priorities previously agreed.
- Amend the name of "NHS West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group" to "NHS Integrated Care System".
- Amend membership to include one representative from Community Transport Sussex.

DDP enquired as to whether Trevor Leggo, CEO, SALC can attend meetings. If Trevor Leggo is needed to attend MSPB meetings, he can attend to provide updates however will not hold a board membership, nor have voting rights. Groups cannot self-nominate to increase their representation.

5. Question time in respect of the LCN Health Subgroup Quarter Two 23-24

Paul Turner (PT) updated. The LCN Health Subgroup met in September and one of the main items was the desire and need for health professionals and local groups to know more about the key services available. They have requested information via our networks. Subsequently a Wellbeing Live event is being organised and will take place on Thursday 30th November between 10 – 1pm, at the Age UK Kings Weald Community Centre, Burgess Hill. Participants will get to hear from some key Community providers within breakout talks, including: Age UK; Carers Support; Citizens Advice; Mid Sussex Wellbeing; and Community Transport. The event will also be an opportunity to advertise the Clio 3 database and give details attached how to access this sign posting directory maintained by the libraries in West Sussex. It is anticipated that after the event the NHS will create a high-level health service signposting document for Mid Sussex. There has been high interest in the event, with it being sold out just by circulating to existing memberships, and not being promoted. If it is successful, they will look at replicating it elsewhere in the district.

KR enquired if there was a place for volunteering at the Wellbeing Live event however PT said they would like to focus this event on health and wellbeing.

DMI said he would try to get PH to attend the event.

6. Question time in respect of the Community Safety Subgroup Quarter Two 23-24

Rebecca Hair (RH) updated. The Community Safety Subgroup last met in September. MSDC's community safety team along with other Districts have been working with WSCC in developing a county wide community safety consultation for residents. This went live on 18th September and closed on 3rd November. At the closure of the consultation, Mid Sussex received 188 responses. Analysis of all responses is currently being undertaken.

Hate crime is a current priority as there has been a marked increase over the past year. Sussex Police carried out public engagement sessions in the three towns during Hate Crime Awareness Week in October and were joined by MSDC's ASB Support Officer in Burgess Hill. The planned anti-Scientology demonstration in East Grinstead during the weekend of 3rd - 5th November was peaceful and did not increase community tensions.

The existing re-deployable CCTV camera at Mount Noddy will be moved to East Court in East Grinstead as there have been some incidents here and anti-social behaviour at Mount Noddy has reduced. The camera at The Martlets multi storey car park will remain where it is for the time being as this remains an area of concern.

DISC, the secure information sharing platform for the business community to help to tackle business crime currently has membership of 429. The working group is currently looking to set up a management board which will eventually be led by the business community and supported by statutory partners.

The community safety team developed a community safety survey for young people and engaged with them at the skate fest events, to understand more about how young people felt in their communities, and in response to youth provision challenges. We received a good range of answers from 66 young people, with a predominant age range of 12-14. Though many young people told us that they felt safe, mentioned behaviours and locations that cause them concern. Main concerns the young people had are knife carriers, anti-social behaviour, and bullying. They thought that more CCTV, a higher police presence and consequences for actions were all preventative factors.

LC noted that it was interesting that 12–14-year-olds want there to be a greater police presence to feel more secure.

7. Question time in respect of the Community Resilience Subgroup Quarter Two

Katie Rabone (KR) updated. The Community Resilience Subgroup met in September and to date volunteering numbers have not yet returned to pre-covid levels. There is work to do regarding Volunteering passports. The CRS and WSCC Libraries are working with Citizens Online to address digital exclusion. 2024 will be the 40th Anniversary of "Volunteer's Week" and this could be an opportune time to boost VCSE. There will be national communication from NCVO and NAVCA on national volunteers' week. The business community is keen to participate and MSVA have some senior business leaders keen to be part.

DDP would like to discuss with KR and MR for them to attend an MSALC meeting to discuss volunteering.

BF enquired whether the Community Development Group would be open to having a HH College representative moving forward. It was agreed it would be good to have representation from HH College.

Action RH to invite nominated HH College representative to the CDG.

Action KR to liaise with BF to connect with young people about pathways from volunteering to employment.

LC Thanked MSVA for Chairing the CRS.

As per the MSP Board Review recommendations the CRS will become the Community Development Group which will be chaired by Lucy Corrie, MSDC.

Action In due course feed into communications team publicity regarding the 40th Anniversary of Volunteers Week.

Action LC and JF, Clarion Futures to discuss Bentswood.

8. MSP Projects and Budgets for Quarter Two

Rebecca Hair (RH) updated. A paper showing the budget, spend to date, and proposed spend was circulated prior to the meeting. The partner contribution of £38,000 is from Sussex Police Crime Commissioner.

9. Life Transition Project

Jim Bartlett (JB) Head of Community Safety and Wellbeing, WSCC gave a presentation to members on the WSCC Life Transition project. West Sussex County Council (WSCC) is partnering with East Sussex County Council (ESCC) to pilot a new Life Transitions service. This initiative aims to support people to make informed decisions and plan for later life in a way that helps people to live as independently and as well as possible. The Life Transitions Service will help people between 40 and 70 years of age to prepare ahead of time and be better equipped and supported when life changes happen in older age. During 2022, ESCC worked in partnership with the University of Leeds to design and develop a new “Life Transitions Digital App” and volunteer support service. The App and the volunteer service will function as a preventative intervention by identifying what is important to an individual’s own health and wellbeing (both physically and mentally) and their accompanying social and community factors, to prepare for change and build resilience, adaptability, and self-efficacy. WSCC are embarking on the Life Transitions Project to support the delivery of their duties as a Local Authority within the Care Act. This duty includes identifying and developing approaches which could support people to prevent, reduce or delay the progression of needs.

The “Stakeholder Brief” and the “Stakeholder Engagement FAQ’s” are attached as appendices to these minutes.

10. Emerging issues and future topics for Board and dates for future meetings:

DM requested to be invited to a future MSP Board meeting to discuss combatting drugs partnership.

DM wishes to highlight the executive summary below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/chief-medical-officers-annual-report-2023-health-in-an-ageing-society/executive-summary-and-recommendations>

An emerging issue to discuss could be Homelessness as this had an annual increase of 11% and is suspected to get worse.

PT mentioned that MSDC have produced a “Cost of living” leaflet that is being delivered to every household in the District. [Cost of Living Support - Mid Sussex District Council](#)

KR enquired as to whether a review use of warm hubs and use of and numbers attending would be beneficial.

The next MSPB meetings was scheduled for Thursday 18th January 2024 however to allow time for the Cabinet Grants Report to occur, it is now proposed for Thursday 8th February 2023.