



Minutes

Community Engagement Forum (Eastern)

Venue:	The Regen Centre, Riccall
Date:	Wednesday 10 March 2016
Time:	6.30 p.m.
Present:	<u>District and County Councillors</u> Councillors J Deans and M Jordan. <u>Co-opted Members</u> Bob Procter (Chair), John Cook, Mike Cowling, Brian Keen and Lesley Senior.
Apologies:	Councillor Liz Casling.
Officers present:	Chris Hailey-Norris (Association of Voluntary Service (AVS), Rose Norris (Head of Community, Partnerships and Customers), Esta Innes (Core Project Officer) and Janine Jenkinson, (Democratic Services Officer, Selby District Council).
Public:	12

1. OPEN SESSION

The open session had consultation tables from Highways, North Yorkshire County Council, The Green Doctor, Bee Able, Carers Count and Community Officers, Selby District Council.

2. FORUM MEETING – CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Dr Richard Gregory, Practice Manger Beech Tree Surgery and Dawn Theaker, Service Manager, Carers Count, and Danny Fitz-George, Friendship Coordinator, Carers Count.

3. FORUM FOCUS – SOCIAL PRESCRIBING SERVICE

The AVS Officer reported that as of 1 May 2015 Selby District AVS had launched a Selby District Social Prescribing Service for a twelve month trial, working in partnership with the Selby District GP Consortia, SHIELD. The Social Prescribing Service aimed to link patients with non-medical sources of support from a wide range of services delivered by voluntary and community sector organisations across the District.

Referrals to the Social Prescribing Service came from all surgery GPs across Selby District on behalf of patients who they felt would benefit from support from a community based service.

Once referred, a home visit was arranged to undertake an assessment of the patient with the aim of referring them to appropriate community based services, these included exercise classes, Yorkshire Energy Doctor, art groups and friendship matching people with others in a similar situation to themselves. To date 250 assessment had been undertaken. The AVS Officer had carried out follow up assessments to measure the impact of the service.

A Friendship in the Selby District service, funded by the GP Consortium SHIELD, had been commissioned by the Social Prescribing Service run by Selby District AVS the service was managed by Carers Count.

Dawn Theaker, Service Manager, Carers Count, explained that the friendship service aimed to alleviate isolation and loneliness and to promote social interaction, independence, health, well-being and confidence through one-to-one support and group activities. Individuals requesting or referred to the service were then matched with others, based on shared interests, personality and location.

The Chair thanked public attendees and Forum speakers for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To note the information provided at the meeting.

4. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Forum that the next Eastern CEF Partnership Board meeting would be held on Wednesday 6 April 2016.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.05 p.m.