**Minutes of the Community CVS Network Meeting**

**Thursday 27th January 2022**

**Attendees:**

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**Apologies :** Beverly Marsden – Lancashire Women, Gabrielle Aspinall – SAMS/CBP, Heather Hook – Kooth, Jason Cothliff – The Mall, Pamela Hargreaves – Recovery Homes, Rachel Simm – Gamcare, Tracy Davies – BwD

**Presentation from Louise Taylor from Child Action Northwest**

* BBO Project – changing futures
* Funded by the national lottery and ESIF the project started in 2016 and finishes at the end of this year
* We have had amazing results
* Referrals – we are trying to get as many as we can before the project ends as we would like to continue to support as many people as we can
* We work with unemployed /NEETS – anyone who has a barrier to work
* We help with everything from CV/Employability skills to support with drugs, homelessness, mental health – anything that’s a barrier really
* We offer a wrap around service for anyone from 15 years old
* We do not have a referral form or anything – just send an email or give us a ring and we can arrange a meeting either face to face or via zoom
* We offer a very flexible service
* Once we have met up with the clients we will complete a life circle and from that we develop an action plan with the client
* We offer 1-to-1 support and also group work too

Q: I am working on BBO – can I refer my client onto you guys once we have done our work with them?

A: They would have to sign off your project before and Im not sure you would be able to count them as a positive outcome

[ABOUT - CANW](https://canw.org.uk/)

**Presentation from Karen & Zainab from Together Newground**

* We have £80,000 to give out to tackle fuel poverty and we are looking for partner organisations to sign up so that they can help issue the funds

Fuel debt/poverty in 2 easy steps.

* Step 1. Partner Registration
* You will first need to complete the partner registration form (attached) and return it to referrals@newground.co.uk . Once we have received this you will be sent a email confirming that you can now submit referrals
* Step 2. Referrals Form
* The form that you will need to use to submit referrals is Winter Redress 22 Application.
* This is a live web-based form and to help we have made a short video to support with “how to” https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IjBVT0VPgl92HAwhUKGZmU\_CPUpKq8Po?usp=sharing .
* Qualifying Criteria Changes
* The qualifying criteria are
* Customers must be prepayment meters only
* Credit of £20 or under.
* They must have a key or card not an app to top up their prepayment meters.
* Once you have submitted the referral form, one of our assessors will contact the client and conduct an assessment where they will be allotted support for Gas and Electric up to 3 x £49 vouchers. We will then notify the referrer of the amount of support they have received.

Zainab

* Me and Karen both work on the employment programme
* We support individuals into employment
* We have advisors who help with CV’s, employability skills etc
* And mentors who focus on the barriers -such as drugs, housing and mental health they offer very good support
* We also have a very successful training programme – our Forklift Truck course and Educare/Aspire – Teaching assistants etc
* The teaching course is accredited and anyone even without experience can do the 3-week programme and they are guaranteed recruitment at the end
* We work closely with businesses and have a team of staff who ensure good links into businesses and reducing/by passing the recruitment process
* We work with 18 – 65-year olds

[Newground | Newground](https://www.newground.co.uk/)

 **Presentation from Karen from No Whispers – Child sexual exploitation awareness (CSE)**

* No whispers is a community interest company which delivers training and awareness in child sexual and criminal exploitation to prevent abuse, offer support and enhance contextual safeguarding
* Training sessions are available for professionals, volunteers and members of the community,
* Training is interactive, informative – I train nationally – with Barnardo’s, the PCC
* I was a senior worker in youth services - I left the services and after lots of studying I became an independent trainer
* There is a collective assumption that the kids are safe so let’s leave them to it
* Children from primary age to 18 yrs. are being groomed through social media and it’s not just girls
* During Covid there was an increase in children being groomed with county lines being a dominant factor – 2019 we saw the worst knife crime for decades – our young people where out killing each other
* Exploitation isn’t just sexual it is also criminal
* During Covid many children lost their safe places – school, youth groups etc – they didn’t have a save place to go to – Home isn’t always the safest place, this is being called the invisible crisis when children were neglected in many ways
	+ - * Neglect – freedom to do what they want, where they want and with who they want
			* Neglect – no one monitoring what they eat
			* Neglect – Children not being fed at all
* Lots of people are vulnerable – age, disability, poverty -everyone
* Some examples of why people are not aware of CSE :
	+ - * “It doesn’t happen here in my area” – because we have a nice school, good parents, close knit community, affluent – Irrelevant it happens everywhere
			* “Not my concern” – its everyone’s concern safeguarding and the abuse of a young person is everyone’s responsiblity to stop it
* We have to chip away at the idea that it doesn’t happen here – it happens everywhere
* The training I offer is CPD accredited – open to everyone so it can give you an awareness of CSE and also help you identify the signs so you can intervene
* I keep up to date with my research – nationally, locally and I pull it together so when I am training in a specific area I am already up to speed with what the issues are in that particular place
* You can book on my courses via Eventbrite

[Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Training - C.A.T (cse-awareness.co.uk)](https://cse-awareness.co.uk/)

**Update Amanda from Nightsafe**

We have increased the number of beds we can offer now and post covid you can come directly to us, you do to need to go via the BwD Council

We offer 9 nights in our accommodation to any young person needing it

There is no referral form just give me a ring and I will have a chat about the young person and we can take it from there

Q: what about referrals to your houses?

A:again they come through me

[Nightsafe are a local Charity in the Blackburn with Darwen area](https://nightsafe.org/)

**Update Syka – Community CVS**

* Im new in post and my role will be putting together a directory of services
* I am also working on our volunteer database
* I also will be updating the Community Wall so if you have any posters for your services/volunteers/activities/training pleas send them through to me and we will print them off – could I ask that they are in A4 portrait form

[Community CVS](https://www.communitycvs.org.uk/)

**Update Kerry – Rainbow Youth Centre**

We are running a weekend youth group

Our Youth Club will be a great space where young persons, who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex or curious (LGBT+) and are under the age of 18, can make new friends, learn exciting skills, and be who they want to be without any fears of prejudice.

We have 20 spaces – Lunch is provided

SAT & SUN 9/10 April and 23/24 April

[LGBTQI Youth Centre | Www.rainbowyouthcentre.com | England](https://www.rainbowyouthcentre.com/)

**Next Meeting**

**Thursday 28th April 2022**

**9:30am – 11:30am**

**\*Room D – The Community Hub 35 Railway Road**

**For more info please contact Donna Talbot 01254 583957**

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Please note change to location for April’s meeting

Parking – please do NOT park on the car park next to the Community Hub – this is a private carpark and you will be fined