

Early Help and Prevention Provider Forum

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lead/Speaker</u>
Arrival	13:00	N/A
Welcome and Agenda Overview	13:15	Ben
Contract Team Update	13:20	Ben
Commissioning Update	13:35	Tahira
VCS Activation Contract	13:50	Ben
Break	14:00	N/A
Local Community Support Grants	14:15	Tahira
Grant Bidding Support	14:45	Ben & Tahira
Close	15:30	

Today's Agenda

Contract Team Update

- ▶ EHAP Workbooks
 - ▶ Now on MS Forms and will be shared and discussed during management meetings or workshops ahead of the next reporting period.
- ▶ Connect to Support – Carers Offer & Directory Update
- ▶ Voice of the People
 - ▶ This is the work we are developing on gaining direct feedback from people who are supported by Adult Social Care commissioned services.
- ▶ Equality, Diversity and Inclusion reporting
 - ▶ This will now fall under the EDI reporting as part of the People Commissioning Service as a whole, we will update on this as required. Full scale pilot expected before the end of 2024.

Commissioning Team Update

▶ Mental Health

- ▶ Mental Health Supported (MHSL) Living Tender
- ▶ We have successfully procured Round 1 of the MHSL tender under the Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System. New contracts will start on 23/09/2024.
- ▶ The service is to help people live independently, by connecting to support, whether living in their own homes, with friends and family or supported accommodation.

▶ Local Friendship Grants

- ▶ Next round will take place April 2025

▶ Shared offer across People Commissioning Service

- ▶ Commissioning Team and Public Health are looking at ways to work closely so that when we have information on grants or other opportunities to share with VCSE sector, we can try to do this in a joint up way, allowing organisations to see a bigger picture of what is available.

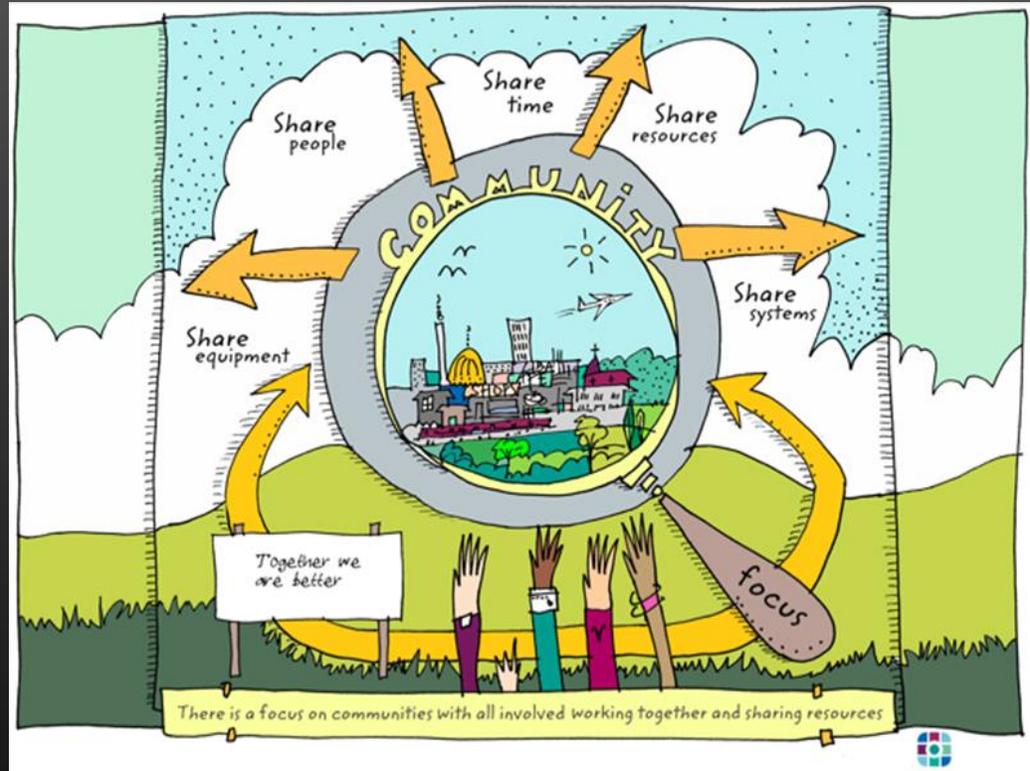
▶ ARF

- ▶ This fund has been used to support unpaid carers, at a West Yorkshire level.
- ▶ **Carers UK** have a Digital Resource for Carers is packed with information, e-learning modules, hands-on guides and tools to help carers living in or supporting someone in West Yorkshire manage their caring responsibilities.
- ▶ **Click here for more information [Login | Carers Digital](#)**
- ▶ **Carers Resource** will deliver a digital inclusion offer at a local level, to unpaid carers. Training will be available either at beginner or improver level. For more information, please see here <https://www.carersresource.org/>

VCS Activation Contract

- ▶ Details can be found here: <https://www.thevcsalliance.org.uk/activation/>

Local Community Support Grants



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Commissioning Manager – Early Help and Prevention

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Strategic Thinking

Our vision is for people to live an ordinary life and an important part of that is having chances to:

- ▶ Be supported to stay healthy and well
- ▶ Be valued and have the respect of others
- ▶ Be part of communities that are important to people
- ▶ Be connected to where they live and where activities take place
- ▶ Be supported to achieve their goals
- ▶ Be in the company of friends
- ▶ Enjoy new things and become more confident
- ▶ Be more independent, learn new skills and get out and about

What Data Tells Us

Research shows us that putting help in early can delay or reduce a person's health needs from escalating.

Local Government Association (LGA)

- ▶ In 2019 the LGA published 'Prevention - A Shared Commitment' which highlighted that 'prevention' is better for people's outcomes and costs less than 'cure'.

NHS 5 steps to improve mental health and wellbeing:

- ▶ Connect with other people
- ▶ Be physically active
- ▶ Learn new skills
- ▶ Give to others
- ▶ Pay attention to the present moment (mindfulness).

What people have told us

Co-Production with people who have lived experience

- ▶ What is important to people and what these grants should help with:
- ▶ Reduce isolation and loneliness
- ▶ Make friends
- ▶ Peer support from group
- ▶ Something to get ready for
- ▶ Increase confidence
- ▶ Opportunity to try new activities

What we have now

VCSE Sector

- ▶ Across Bradford there are several VCSE organisations working with people with learning disabilities, older people and communities of interest.

Promotion of grants

- ▶ We have arranged to promote the grants in different areas of Bradford to reach as many communities as possible.

Current grants in place

- ▶ 133 Current grants in place – These will end on 31st March 2025.

What we are planning for the future

Local Community Support Grants to support:

- ▶ People with learning disabilities
- ▶ Older people
- ▶ Communities of interest

Finance

Available Budget

- ▶ Annual amount: £1,220,000.00
- ▶ Maximum per grant: Up to £11,918.30
- ▶ Maximum grants per organisation: 3
- ▶ Grants will run for 1 year, with further funding dependent on Council budget
- ▶ Grant start date: 1st April 2025
- ▶ Grant end date: 31st March 2026

Service Description

The grants should:

- ▶ Support people to support themselves and each other to enhance or maintain people's level of independence, including encouraging people to actively move around where possible.
- ▶ Be fun, varied and challenging.
- ▶ Give people the opportunity to explore new interests or get involved in things they did previously.
- ▶ Must engage with people in their local communities to connect people of different ages and cultures, encourage people who might be isolated and not involved in any groups or activities in the community to attend the group.
- ▶ They must ensure the group is inclusive and increases involvement by adopting a flexible approach to support people to access the group who have more significant care needs.

Support with applications

Read the Guidance Document

- ▶ If the document is unclear, or you spot an error, raise a question/query via email/Connect to Support
- ▶ If you need legal or other external advice, you will need to obtain this before you submit your bid

Support with applications

- ▶ **Word Count:** - Please stay within the Word Count for each question. Words over the limit will be disregarded. Don't attach links to external pages.
- ▶ **Avoid Generic Responses:** Direct answers to the questions, relating to services in Bradford. If you've got local knowledge, make sure it shows! Avoid marketing material. Don't assume prior knowledge.
- ▶ **Check your answers before submission:** Ask someone else to check it if you can.
- ▶ **Submit your bid on time:** You can submit at any time up to the deadline. We won't accept any bids after this deadline.
- ▶ **Be mindful of value for money;** include and explain any match funding.
- ▶ **Ensure all relevant and required policies, procedures and your accounts are up to date.**
- ▶ **The person completing the application should be knowledgeable of your policies, procedures and of the service.**

Next Steps: Indicative Timeline

Publish tender	2 nd Sep 2024
Evaluation	Nov/Dec 2024
Award	2 nd Jan 2025
Start date	1 st April 2025

Examples/Themes from the previous round

- ▶ Cultural Awareness (Equality Diversity and Inclusion)
 - ▶ Please explain how you will ensure your project is inclusive and welcoming to all who wish to attend, and/or how you will provide activities that are culturally sensitive to your community of interest.
- ▶ Safeguarding
 - ▶ Please explain what you would do if a person in the group disclosed a safeguarding concern, for example made comments that suggest they may be suffering some kind of abuse.

Cultural Awareness – Good Response

Working in Partnership with 'local organisation's looking at the barriers to people from other communities accessing our services. we created a video to encourage the further communities and asked groups to raise awareness of our services, to offer our services to more people.

We held sessions on other countries to broaden people's awareness of other cultures, include a national dance and furthered this by supporting key speakers and national food from that country. Even including lessons for members of the group to learn words in the language of each country.

We have worked to make links with BAME led organisations to create a partnership of sharing between our groups.

Cultural Awareness – Not So Good Response

We are a BAME organisation specialising in supporting BAME individuals. We are open to all and value diversity.

Our community group is open to all people of different backgrounds and faiths.

We encourage everyone to join our group.

Our centre is open seven days a week for anyone who wishes to come in.

Safeguarding – Good Response

We have a robust Adult Safeguarding Policy which deals with the person that may be suffering some kind of abuse based on national guidance including The Care Act 2014.

A written record will be kept about any concern regarding this person with safeguarding needs. This will include details of the person involved, the nature of the concern and the actions taken, decision made and why they were made. Other key details in our policy include Bradford Council Safeguarding Team, Police and national helpline contact website.

Provide a private space. Stay calm and listen to the person. Offer support Write down what the person says using their own word. Ask the person what they want to happen next. Work with the relevant agencies to provide information, evidence and support. If the allegation is against a member of staff we will instigate our own disciplinary procedures, and if appropriate suspend the staff member while the investigation is held. If appropriate use the PIPOT (Person in a Position of Trust) guidance If appropriate, and make a referral to DBS.

Safeguarding – Not So Good Response

Speak to individual concerned, Inform Safeguarding lead, Inform Manager, Contact Adult Safeguarding, Follow up.

We have trained on safeguarding.

We will support anyone who is hurt.

We will alert safeguarding so they can remove the person at risk.

Types of Abuse under The Care Act 2014 includes physical abuse, Domestic Violence/Domestic abuse, Exploitation, Sexual abuse, Psychological abuse, financial or material abuse, modern slavery, discriminatory abuse, organisational abuse, Neglect and acts of omission, self-neglect.

Close

- ▶ Thank you for joining us.