

Speak Up Be Heard



Date : Wednesday 5th January 2022

Venue : Zoom

Present:		Apologies:	
J	TAAA - Co-Chair	R	TAAA
V	TAAA	C	Heswall
K	TAAA		
D	Eastham - Co-Chair		
T	Royden Park		
P	Highcroft		
L	Dale Farm		
T	BestBites		
A	Cambridge Road		
J	Cambridge Road		
R	Cambridge Road		
C	Cambridge Road		
C	Cambridge Road		
M	Cambridge Road		
F	Heswall		
S	Heswall		
S	Heswall		
P	Heswall		
W	Heswall		
L	Heswall		
S	Heswall		
L	WEL		
M	WEL		
Lorraine Moran	WEL		
D	WEL		
S	WEL (Host)		

1) Introductions and Apologies

D welcomed everyone and apologies were noted.

2) Minutes from the last meeting

L read out the previous minutes on screen share and all agreed they were right.

3) Wirral Evolutions update

Lorraine advised that services are still operating the same as they were before Christmas.

With the Covid Omicron variant, while we are waiting for further guidance, we all just need to be patient.

Following the 'Spotlight on Speak Up Be Heard' at their December meeting, Wirral Evolutions Board were very happy and impressed. Everyone who took part should feel very proud.

The video produced by the film crew is not quite ready yet - hopefully by next meeting.

4) Back to face-to-face meetings in Spring (including possibility of moving March meeting from 2nd to 9th).

Firstly, all agreed to moving the date of the March meeting forward by one week to the 9th.

This will be after the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee Meeting on 3rd March, so the group can be updated with the outcome of that meeting.

J suggested it could be difficult to explain the outcome of the Committee meeting on Zoom, although staff can discuss it with the people we support within the centres.

V and K suggested a hybrid (half & half) meeting with some attending in person, and a Zoom link - as we did for the engagement process using the large TV at The Grange.



There was further discussion about current safety measures for Covid, like wearing face coverings, social distancing and vaccinations.

While some WE staff and people we support have already had Covid, people can catch it more than once, even if they've had the vaccine which does wear off after a while, which is why there is a booster.

K asked about Wirral Evolution's policy regarding vaccinations?

Lorraine advised that Wirral Evolutions is not CQC registered and the vaccine is not compulsory, so while people are encouraged to have it, no-one is being forced if they choose not to.

This goes for both staff and the people we support.

L said that she is happy to continue Zoom meetings until it is safe to travel between centres.

D highlighted that March is still a couple of months away and Lorraine agreed.

With more people attending SUBH meetings, the group is growing in numbers, which is great, but we need somewhere big enough to fit everyone in, and still be able to socially distance. It would be easier to start outdoors when the weather is warmer.

C reminded everyone that we there was talk of a party when we could meet face-to-face again.

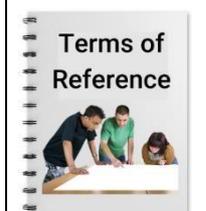
Lorraine confirmed that is still the plan, with food provided, whenever that may be.

All agreed to review again in the Spring.

5) Speak Up Be Heard Development Session

J explained that the group have held these before, for example when the Chair and Co-chairs were decided.

The Terms of Reference for the group were also due for review in September so Lorraine suggested this could be included.



K raised the discussion of the Council Committee meeting outcome - if this could be done face-to-face it would be good to schedule for some time in April.

To be discussed again at a later meeting.

6) Anything else

No one had anything to add this time.

7) Date of next meeting

Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 10.30am.

