

PEOPLE

Area Priority	ACTIONS	Progress Report
Health and Wellbeing	1. Strategic Health Group (CCG, Public Health, SCC, VCS) to identify opportunities for partnership working and shared priorities.	Shared ownership approach to continue.
	2. Improve participation in activity through ensuring Ensure use of Community Health and Green spaces Project is utilised to deliver initiatives to address health inequalities	Ensure links and co-ordination with corporate initiatives such as development of Walking forums, new walking trails (2 per area), way marking, Active Sunderland events and activities and joint working with sport and leisure re activity programmes in place. New Walking Network and Cycling Network being established via Sports and Leisure. Works continue to be aligned with strategic developments. PR and launch of updated map and leaflet to be organised for spring 2017 following confirmation of shared status re strategic routes.
	3. Identify gaps in Mental Health Services. Focus on self harm and suicide in young people.	<p>The Project Co-ordinators have been providing Counselling support to Young People on a weekly basis and have offered support to parents and professionals. Web site/app development includes designing an interactive game for the updated website, working with developers to look at an App for young people, and setting up a closed Facebook page to give parents and carers the power to share and make their world more open and connected. An "Understanding Self-Harm" page has also been set-up on Facebook, which is open to the general public. If people "Like" the page, they will see regular updates on the project, such as parent drop-ins in the Washington area, and also read articles and updates shared from the Washington Mind page.</p> <p>Meetings have been held with various organisations within Washington - Connexions, Sunderland Carer's Centre, Sunderland Youth Council (joined up working on Mental Health Charter Mark for schools), Concord and Sulgrave Neighbourhood Management Team, Gentoo, CYPS and Miss Tina's Café. Meetings are planned to take place with schools, youth organisations and churches. Visits have been made to Biddick Academy, St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College and Washington School. Visit planned to Oxclose Community Academy. Training and Awareness Raising has taken place and further detail is presented in the update Report.</p> <p>A Young People's Focus Group (in line with Takeover Day) took place on 19th January 2017. The group will discuss through interactive activities their understanding of self-harm and what they might like from the App. The SHP Group meets mid February.</p>
	4. Drugs and alcohol/substance misuse	Wider strategic issue.

Adult Social Care	1. Determine best practice and added value that AC funded projects have brought to the ASC Framework.	<p>Adult Social Care and social isolation remains a priority. Home to Hospital project monitored via normal SIB procedures. Further detail re progress presented in the Board's Project Update Report which evidenced good distribution of cards, posters and promotional material and delivery of 3 x successful lunch clubs with referrals into additional activities having been a positive way to engage. Activity is proposed via the Millennium Centre re exercise referral. The lead continues to promote the service via Social media, 'word of mouth' and counselling referral process. The web pages are continuing to be updated and the hard copy will be complete by the end of the project. The project continues to gather information for signposting to other services available to help, not just people fitting the criteria, but for anyone leaving hospital and having trouble getting support. This information will be added to www.washingtonmind.org.uk and www.wellbeinginfo.org and will continue after the project is ended. The project will seek further funding to continue with the lunch club as it has become a bit of a lifeline to some of the attendees building their confidence to venture into other things. To ensure the project is able to be beneficial beyond the period of funding we will use the last quarter to work together with partners to provide both hardcopy and online comprehensive information for people leaving hospital and their carer's. We will use the data we have collected over the period of the grant to inform this work include a survey of the professional involved to establish if they used the service, if not why not and what they would like to see on the website and in promotional materials. This will again be distributed to hospitals, health centres and GP surgeries.</p> <p>Area Committee approved funding and a project brief to develop a VCS led Healthy Communities project which will provide services to address health inequalities of the older population in our most deprived wards. Application will be presented to March AC for approval.</p> <p>People Board has also considered developing a locality approach to providing crisis support for Washington residents. A proposal to align £10,000 to establish a Washington Support Partnership and small grants scheme will be considered at the March Area Committee</p>
Community Inclusion and support for the VCS	1. VCS Network to continue to be the mechanism for collaboration and partnership working with the VCS re delivering shared priorities. Area Chair to continue role as Co Chair of Network. ACO continue to provide support and co-ordination re Area Network	<p>VCS Network meets every 6 weeks. The Network has now held a number of meetings with regards to progressing the priorities recently identified re agreed Washington Community Plan bringing together work streams to deliver the 4 key priorities identified – Community Hub, volunteering Plan, Partnership and collaboration, and better communications. An audit of resources is currently underway to identify what can be shared to support grassroots organisations, further opportunities to collaborate will be identified following a scoping meeting with key partners/organisations re delivering specific shared priorities and a volunteering plan for Washington will be produced. The Washington VCS Network Annual Report (2016/17) will be presented to March Area Committee. A Questionnaire has been circulated to Network members to request detail of organisational successes, where work meets Area committee priorities and what challenges exist for both the organisation and the sector in Washington. The report will also identify focus for the next 12 months.</p> <p>Washington VCS has also been supported by Area Committee to develop a community led project to deliver a personalised approach to address health inequalities of older people from our most deprived Wards. A full application is anticipated March Area Committee.</p> <p>The CVDO Project has been requested to submit an Exit Strategy for the project - to note the project can continue in it's current form until December 2017.</p>
	2. Co-ordinate and maximise volunteering in Washington.	<p>Progress reports and statistics submitted to each Board meeting. Volunteering remains a priority of the Network and is included in the work to develop the Washington Community Plan. In addition a co-ordinated approach is being developed to ensure joint working re volunteering via the new Washington Clean and Green approach.</p>
	3. Influence and support the delivery of youth activity in the Washington. Consider continued support for young people to take forward initiatives develop capacity and engagement and encourage partnership working and participation, and to support the delivery of area priorities - links to health and well being initiatives and environmental/physical improvements and neighbourhood enhancements.	<p>Continued support for local young people via the Washington Youth Council and the 'Can Do' fund for young people. Show case of projects at December Area committee very successful. Next round of Can Do was released January 2017 with applications presenting to April People Board.</p>

Employment, enterprise and lifelong learning	1. Continue to monitor Youth Opportunities Project and School Opportunities Project.	The project is now in its final quarter of delivery with 169 young people accessing IAG, 104 receiving job training, and 33 into employment. The project has tackled issues with pre NEET young people and developed a 'through' service leading to access from young people and parents after leaving school, arranging suitable training, volunteering, building confidence and encouraging young people into work. Throughput the lifetime of the project a number of positive case studies where the project has made a real difference, have been presented to Board and Area Committee. The need for some aspects of the service to continue is apparent and discussions with the schools re buying in the service post SIB funding or a reduced service have been unsuccessful and whilst the issue remains a priority for schools and they have valued the project's impact due to continued budget cuts etc. they are unable to commit spending to fund the continuation of the service.
Safer Washington	1. Maintain key partnerships and collaborative working re LMAPs, links with Safer Sunderland Partnership priorities re reducing crime and disorder. Establish collaboration and partnership working re shared priorities for a Safer Washington.	Joint Police and Cllr meetings scheduled. Ensure Sulgrave and Concord Neighbourhood Management Model links with other initiatives to add value to the approach and assist with sustainability. Details of PACT Review to future Board.
Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee		