



**Notes of the Newcastle Online Locality Forum
Thursday 9th September 2021**

Present

Jill Norman – Support Staffordshire (Chair)
Joel Edgington – Support Staffordshire
Emma Ford – Health Watch Staffordshire
David Grocott – Red Street Community Centre
Kez Liddle – Caudwell Children
Nick Kelly – Sporting Communities
Emily Petts – Alice Charity
Liz Daley - MHA

Robin Wiles – Newcastle Borough Council
Jade Gough – Seven Trent Community Fund
Catherine Cook – Peter Pan
Michael Thornley – Douglas Macmillan Hospice
Wendy Hocking – HomeStart Newcastle
Shelly Pattison – Staffordshire Wildlife Trust
Kimberley Yeung – Everyone Health
Steve Hopkins - SCVYS

Apologies

Lisa Haynes – Support Staffordshire
Hilary Jones – Friends of the Guildhall
Sharon Battiste – Aspire
Helena Tranter - Staffordshire Together For Carers
Geoff Beadle - Realise
The Community Foundation

1. Welcome and introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Notes of last meeting – 28th June 2021

Noted. No matters arising.

3. Update from Support Staffordshire

Joel Edgington – Restart Grants

Staffordshire County Council has given Support Staffordshire funding to distribute to charities and voluntary organisations across Newcastle-Under-Lyme. The £200 restart grants will support groups who want to restart any pre-Covid19 activities and this funding can go e.g. towards any promotional, volunteer costs and venue hire.

Lisa Haynes (Update given after the meeting)

Support Staffordshire is working with the NHS to link the voluntary sector into Community Mental Health Teams for those with a severe mental health problem as part of the Community Mental Health Transformation. There are upcoming tenders which give local organisations the opportunity to provide a variety of services. If you would like to be involved and keep up to date with these developments and/or be part of the new local Mental Health Forums for the voluntary sector, please contact the Development Officer for the Community Mental Health Transformation, Louise Summerfield at louise.summerfield@supportstaffordshire.org.uk, 07908 172340. To find out more about the Community Mental Health Transformation in Stoke and North Staffordshire these podcasts have been prepared by the team at North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust; <https://soundcloud.com/nhscombinations/community-mental-health>

<https://soundcloud.com/nhscombinations/combinations-episode-32-community-mental-health-transformation-programme-update-1>

Jill Norman – Upcoming training

Jill spoke to the group about any upcoming training that support Staffordshire is offering, she shared Support Staffordshire's website which can be accessed via the link below. Any training will be updated on the website.

<https://www.supportstaffordshire.org.uk/events/upcoming-training>

Coming Up Soon

Income Generation and Funding

28/09/2021 – 9:30am to 11:00am ONLINE via Zoom

Volunteer Buddies Training: Befriending & Buddying

28/09/2021 – 2:00pm to 3:00pm ONLINE via Zoom

Governance and Legal Structures

04/10/2021 – 1:30pm to 4:30pm ONLINE via Zoom

4. Jade Gough – Seven Trent

Jade explained that they had launched their grant scheme in January 2020 and had funded over 100 projects giving out 1% of the company's profits through this community funding. She explained that the grant scheme generally focused on new and sustainable projects that help to improve community wellbeing. Any project should contribute to at least one of the following themes:

People – projects that help people to lead a healthier life and learn new skills.

Place – projects that help to create better places to live in and use.

Environment – projects that help look after our natural environment.

Any non-profit organisation operating within the Seven Trent area can apply for the grants, from £2,000 up to £200,000 depending on the size of the organisation. Projects seeking grants of between £2K and £10K do not need to provide any match funding. Those over £10K will need to provide at least 10% towards the total costs. When reviewing applications they will look at the strength of the fit to the fund aims, as well as the level of **community need, sustainability, planning** and **value for money**, so these are essential things for a project to evidence.

Full eligibility can be found at: <https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/severn-trent-community-fund/>

5. Kimberley Yeung – Everyone's Health

Everyone Health is commissioned by Staffordshire County Council to help improve the health of the general population and reduce health inequalities in Staffordshire. Current provision includes:

- Support for smokers over 40 to stop. Also support to those who are pregnant or living in a household with someone who is pregnant (no age limit)
- Weight management services
- Opportunities for anyone over 18 to be more physically active
- Support for people over 50 at risk of falls (restricted to 40 target GP practices)
- Deliver NHS Health Checks
- Support those over 18 who are socially isolated

Everyone Health have weekly sessions available where anyone in these groups can attend for support. Some are face-to-face e.g. a Walk and Talk group at The Westlands on Fridays 10.30am to 11.15am, and some are online.

For more information go to www.staffordshire.everyonehealth.co.uk or ring 0333 005 0095 or contact Kimberley Yeung, KimberleyYeung@everyonehealth.co.uk.

6. News and Updates

Sporting Communities

Nick Kelly talked about the My Voice project and Staffs Youth Awards running in the Moorlands.

Healthwatch

Emma has just started as the Outreach Lead for Staffordshire Healthwatch and her remit is Newcastle and Staffordshire Moorlands. She wants to hear peoples' stories of health and social care services so that she can feed those back to the people who plan and buy services. The experiences can be of services such as dentists, GPs, opticians, hospitals, home care, care homes, mental health services, and/ or pharmacies.

If you have a group that meets where she can drop in and introduce herself to them so that they know who she is, please let her know. Her email is emma.ford@healthwatchstaffordshire.co.uk and her number is 07876 897014. Please also feel free to give contact details out to anyone that may want to talk with Emma.

Wilder Stoke and Wilder Newcastle

Shelly Pattison of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust told the meeting about a new project starting in October and running for 18 months funded by the Green Recovery Fund. In Newcastle the sites included are Parrot's Drumble Nature Reserve at Talke Pits, Lyndale Business Park and the two Bateswood Nature reserves (one site is SWT and the other Borough Council). The aim will be to get local communities more involved in the sites through volunteering, and Citizen Science work, and also encouraging local community groups to explore and enjoy the sites more.

MHA

Liz Daley explained that MHA is supporting residents that are over 55 by helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness. They currently have 9 groups set up but none of them are in Newcastle. The sessions run every week by staff and volunteers. They have also bought 32 tablets which have been distributed under a project to help people get back to work.

Caudwell Children

Caudwell Children are currently looking to recruit volunteers to be based at their centre on Keele campus and are focusing on 1-1 support with families. More information from volunteer@caudwellchildren.com They are also offering warmer homes advice for people with disabled children.

Newcastle Borough Council

Robin Wiles explained that he is the main contact for the Lyme Lottery and if anyone has any questions they can contact him directly. He also mentioned the Armed Services Covenant.

Douglas Macmillan Hospice

Douglas Macmillan Hospice have 20 shops open, including a new mega store in Hanley, and are always looking for volunteers. Michael commented that they are attracting fewer older age volunteers and more young people.

Home Start Newcastle

Home Start explained that a lot of work is happening behind the scenes and that the main referrals are coming from schools, education settings and social services. They are looking for a regular group of volunteers to make 1-1 support phone calls to residents each week, moving towards a hybrid of one week a home visit and the alternate week a phone call.

Peter Pan

Peter Pan supports children 0-5 with special education needs. They currently have around 20 young children that they support on a weekly basis and, since the Covid-19 pandemic, have been providing support remotely.

Alice Charity

The Alice Charity have recently moved into a new building in Newcastle and are in the process of setting and organising everything. All of their services are currently running and can be found on social media or via their website. They are currently in the process of working in partnership with Staffordshire Police and are reopening their Big Cup projects.

The Realise Charity (update given after the meeting)

Realise is now working within the new strategy which is focusing on supporting communities to gain employment, skills and confidence. To achieve these outcomes it wants to provide literacy skills through every day reading and support by champions, and digital education working with partners. It has also launched a "workshop" hub in the middle of Newcastle town centre which will allow partners to work and engage with the local residents to offer opportunities into work. Realise has launched a Pastoral and Learning Qualification Grant which supports individuals to gain qualifications or training which enhances their employability. In October, the Kidsgrove Inspirational Project will be launched with over £50k invested into the community working with Appetite, National Literacy Trust and The Inspirational Learning group, aiming to raise aspirations of local school pupils and develop a business connection within Kidsgrove. Realise has also invested into Aspire's Community Connector role, currently occupied by Sharon Battiste.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in December 2021. Date and format/venue to be confirmed.

Participants can offer feedback on today's meeting through:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjpBJXLPFoLwhVz6vAQe0mn890tNQCSBLO6wtcCmnUQ9fTDQ/viewform>