

Sub-group report to OSP

OSP sub-group theme: Stronger Communities

Date: 9th July 2020

Date of previous update: January 2020

1. Achievements and partner updates since last update

Health and Wellbeing Partnerships

The first virtual Health and Wellbeing Partnership has been trialled with the Leys Partnership. This was initiated so that any issues, particularly those affecting the identified health inequalities arising from the Leys COVID-19 hub could be reviewed and where appropriate, addressed by the group. The group has been meeting more frequently than the regular 3 monthly meetings and will continue to do so during COVID-19. The health plan will be refreshed with actions that can realistically be taken forward, taking into consideration that community groups are currently not meeting.

The Wood Farm Partnership has also met virtually for the first time. The group will also review and update their partnership health plan and will do this through a workshop session for members of the partnership to identify key priorities to focus on over the coming year.

Rose Hill Health and Wellbeing Partnership has had its first virtual meeting and will similarly be refreshing the health plan to reflect current needs and issues.

Barton Health and Wellbeing Partnership will be holding its first virtual meeting in mid-July and it is expected that the health plan will be similarly reviewed and updated.

Littlemore Health and Wellbeing Partnership will be trialling holding a joint virtual meeting with the Community Partnership in mid-July.

Oxford City Locality Hubs COVID-19 response/community response

Oxford City Council have been looking at redesigning their approach to locality working since COVID-19. They are aiming to take a whole systems approach to better understand local people's needs, aiming to get to the root causes of issues and focus on the person. They set up 6 hubs made up of multidisciplinary teams to support most vulnerable people in the city. Rose Hill hub is also a food depot which delivering c550 food parcels each week.

The city are continually reviewing their learning and refining the model. They have set up 10 task and finish groups who are using this leaning to create a proposal for a new locality-based delivery model.

OCVA Summary

[OCVA](#) is supporting groups in the voluntary sector through the COVID-19 crisis by providing advice and information on funding, governance, volunteering and guidance on many issues currently facing charities. We are also working with other local and national agencies to provide up to date and relevant information to assist groups and volunteers.

They have dedicated new webpages on advice and information related to coronavirus. Their [main page](#) had over 6,000 views in the first few weeks of the pandemic and is still regularly viewed by groups/charities and is updated with any new information. There are also specific pages for funding and volunteering advice as well as a questions/answers page.

The [Oxon Volunteers](#) site has attracted 718 new volunteers in the past 3 months, 50% were from the Oxford City area. There have been 30,000 views of the volunteering website. They work hard on getting good matches for volunteers and are also looking to the future to support and sustain volunteering in the voluntary sector.

MECC training for volunteers

A Making Every Contact Count (MECC) training pilot project is being developed to help give volunteers the skills and confidence to have conversations about health with others and to follow up with signposting for support. A virtual training course is being piloted in Oxfordshire, co-ordinated by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell District Council and the Oxfordshire Training Hub as members of the Oxfordshire MECC Systems Implementation Group. The Barton and North Oxford hubs will be involved in piloting the training in July and there will also be a session for volunteers in Cherwell.

More general information about MECC can be found here:

<http://www.makingeverycontactcount.co.uk/>

2. Plans for the next six months

Health and Wellbeing Partnerships

- To continue for the foreseeable future holding virtual meetings for the Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in Barton, Rose Hill, Wood Farm, Littlemore and the Leys.
- To review whether the Littlemore Health & Wellbeing Partnership will continue as a joint meeting with the Community Partnership.
- To review and update partnership health plans

MECC

- To pilot the virtual MECC training for volunteers and then work with partners to review the project and consider further roll out of training.

3. Challenges and/or blocks to progress

OCVA have highlighted that there is a concern that some small to medium size charities and community organisations who employ staff and/or have premises will be more vulnerable as a result of COVID-19.

4. Requests for OSP support/advice/action/intervention (if required)

- To request the OSP to continue to support the work of the health and wellbeing partnerships within the city locality areas.
- To ask the OSP to update the Stronger Communities Group on the planned priorities/workstreams of the OSP going forward.