

Great Denham Community Needs

Notes from meeting of 30th April Great Denham Primary School

Present: Jim Weir (Chair of Governors), Sarah Payne (School Family Support Officer), Barbara Wonford (BBC PH), Suzette and David Maguire (Local Community Pastoral Officers), Wendie Lovett (FACES), Ravi Chamba (QP Neighbourhood Centre), John Ephgrave (TVMC rep), Julie Parry Okeden (School Nurse), Rachel Chiou (BCCG PM)

Apologies: Dr Jenny Wilson (GP), Deb Williams (PM TVMC), Jacky Syme (SEPT HV), James Loi (Local PC), Amy White (BBC PH), Jackie Golding (BBC PH), Melanie Lowe (CAN) , Denise Burgess (Head Teacher), ELFT, SEPT Community Services

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Introductions were made and new members to the group were welcomed.

The history of the group was explained and set into context of the early formation of a Community Action Working Group to help to understand and begin to address the challenges of the growing health and social care needs of the local population of Great Denham. **It was agreed that as this group begins to take shape a 'Terms of Reference' for the group should be developed.**

Suzette and David introduced their new roles as Community Pastoral Officers and based in their new home in Broadmead Avenue, Great Denham. They have a room set aside in their home which they are offering as a meeting venue for the community.

Wendie introduced **Family And Children's Early-help Services (FACES)** and shared the ethos of the established charity that offers practical and emotional support to local families. The range of services that can be offered were described and are already serving some of the families in Great Denham in various ways.

Ravi introduced the Queens Park neighbourhood centre and Network 1 which includes the Childrens Centres at Queens Park, Bluebells at Bromham, Urusula Taylor Centre at Clapham, Pine Cones behind Livingstone School, The Meadows , Sharnbrook. Ravi described some of the excellent support programmes that can be delivered at these sites and also as bespoke sessions in the communities surrounding the Centres.

East London Foundation Trust as new providers for Mental Health services for Bedfordshire were not able to be present but would try to attend future meetings.

SEPT Community services would send a new representative to the meeting as Michael Dimov has recently left his post.

Data- current mapping to date held by Bedford Borough Council Public Health Team in the form of the Ward profiles for Great Denham Parish and Kempston Rural Ward profile alongside The Village Medical Centre surgery profile enables a baseline for understanding the health and social needs of the growing population.

The meeting agreed that enough work has been done re the mapping of the needs of the community. The soft intelligence known to all parties was enough to begin to take some action in the community to begin to outreach and provide some links for support services known to the main stakeholders around the table.

The postcodes had given some added information around the numbers attending the school and the surgery.

According to the brand new data extract from Exeter (Q4 2014/15), there are 2,118 people living in Great Denham Parish. 1,416 of whom are patients at the Village Medical Centre

This information has been provided by Malcolm Cox , Public Health Analyst/Public Health Intelligence Core Public Health Team, Bedford Borough Council.

Previous actions were discussed and completed.

- Full profile of school- **incomplete and agreed to set aside as lack of current capacity to do this**
- List of postcodes- **completed**
- With postcodes search for numbers on SEPT mental health caseload, community nursing caseload- **outstanding**
- Demographics and understanding of surgery profile including needs of the practice population, ethnicity, age, families, child in need stats etc **practice audit complete**
- Ward profile differentiation- **completed**
- Invite Head teacher and SEPT adult mental health lead **Invited**
- CAN to provide data around numbers of troubled families associated with school and area **outstanding**
- ML and SP to meet to discuss problem families **ongoing**
- AW send childrens centre (Bluebells) **completed**
- JW to send to RC contacts for 2 pioneer ministers from C of E church new to area- **completed**
- Community action **plan to commence**

The group agreed to consider future types of stakeholder events and actions

1. Community Event

Rachel, Jim and Denise met prior to this meeting and discussed the opportunity of using the Great Denham School Summer Fair as an event to engage some key stakeholders to link in with the community to network and share information about their services. This is planned for Saturday 27th June 11-2pm.

The group felt that this could be the beginning of some local engagement and a number of stalls could be manned by us all. It was agreed to proceed with the booking and begin to make some positive action.

Rachel has since confirmed with Claire Boyce, School Admin, that 5-6 stalls can be secured. There may be opportunities to share a table if the interest is there. See attached table

2. Educational Event

Open invitation to a large event in the community with key talks, presentations, educational slots and stall holders to offer solutions to the problems to be held in a community setting at a later date

3. Community Action Plan

Bedford Borough Health and Wellbeing Board meets regularly and consists of **All** key stakeholders in Health and Social Care for Bedford. These include Bedford Borough Council, Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Bedford Hospital, providers of Mental Health and Community Services and others. There is a Health and Wellbeing Strategy that is owned by this group and it was felt that the key priorities in this strategy should shape the community action plan for Great Denham.

Rachel announced that she will be taking early retirement on 31st July, therefore a new chair for this group should be nominated. No one in attendance was willing at this stage to take on this role.

Jim agreed to take 'interim chair' role until someone new could be found.

Jim will send out information about this group and appeal to the community of Great Denham to come forwards for the role of chair. It is hoped that someone living in the community will volunteer, perhaps one of the Community Centre trustees.

In the meantime Barbara Wonford and Rachel will draw together a draft community action plan to be agreed by all parties at the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 3rd June 2-3.30pm at the home of Suzette and David
Community Room: 39 Broadmead Avenue MK40 4SA.**