

Sefton Health and Social Care Forum

Wednesday 27th July 2022

12.30pm till 2.00pm



1 Welcome

Attendees:

Jan Campbell – Sefton CVS
Andrew Booth – Sefton Advocacy
Sharon Cotterall – Sefton CVS
Mandy Lewtas - Kindfullness Coffee Club
Cormac O’Carroll – Sefton CVS
Justine Shenton – Sefton Advocacy
Joanne English – People First Merseyside
Kim Crow – Parkhaven
Kathy Murphy – Francis Taylor Foundation
Rachel Jones – Sefton CVS
Simon Walker – People First Merseyside
Leslie Curran – People First Merseyside
Bob Wilkinson – Samaritans
Barry Lyon – Alzheimer’s society
Carlie Machell – Venus
Louise Heritage – Sefton CVS
Kelly Miller – Change(?)
Donna Stevenson - Voiceability
Claire McGroy – Merseycare
Jed Carney – Autisim Initiatives
Kathy Harper – Jospice
Andrew William Barnes – Deaf/Blind UK
Mandy Kate – Sefton Carer’s Centre
Lynn Robinson

2 Consultation on Sefton Economic Strategy

Mike Mullin – Sefton Council

[Click here](#) for strategy.

Easy Read Version [available here](#):

Mike Mullin, supported by Jayne Vincent, presented an update to the forum about the economic strategy.

Four key themes:

- 1) Employment
- 2) Business Growth
- 3) Social Inclusion
- 4) Regeneration of locations

The new strategy needs to ensure the whole workforce can be used, for example making sure people with disabilities reach their full potential and have opportunities for employment.

https://yourseftonyoursay.sefton.gov.uk/invest-sefton/sefton-economic-strategy-consultation/consult_view/

MM asked the group what they thought were barriers for Sefton residents and the economic strategy.

Carlie Machell: Raised the issue of refugee's asylum seekers being unable to work in areas in which they have skills. For example, a number are qualified headteachers, pharmacists etc but due to their ESOL skills they are unable to contribute in this way.

CM also raised the issue of construction workers, some of whom had worked from a very young age, being unable to gain work because of ESOL skills and the ESOL skill needing to be a certain level to attain CSCS accreditation.

Cathy Harper: Jospice has teamed up with The Royal to look at more apprenticeships. Looking to recruit 16 year old school leavers directly from school for HCA apprenticeships.

Also mentioned Jospice's ambition to integrate more into the community and become a space for all instead of those receiving hospice care.

Jan Campbell: There are a lot of different opportunities for Voluntary Sector but when it comes to jobs the sector is often overlooked. As mentioned by Jospice above, gaining employment as a HCA at 16 will enable people to make better and more independent choices over their lives.

	<p>Kim Crowe: The four strands are not particularly new and some of the points made have been tried before in the borough. In light of this KC asked MM what evaluation markers will be put in place to ensure this strategy is successful in delivering for Sefton.</p> <p>Mike Mullin: Clear goals for evaluation will be made when the consultation is complete, wanting a full picture from all groups before setting goals for the strategy. In the online consultation for residents and businesses to fill out there is a section that encourages respondents to talk about the gaps they see in Sefton's current economic strategy.</p> <p>Jan Campbell: Questionnaire will be shared with the group and encourage all members to fill in and get other suitable people to fill in the survey.</p> <p>Jayne Vincent: Consultation will lead to a report for Sefton Cabinet, projected to be the end of October 2022. JV said they would be willing to come back to the forum to present an update.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Andrew Booth: Since the last update we now have a new series of organisations that are integrated and collective to enable the delivery of health and wellbeing & social care services for the local population.</p> <p>Presentation shows how these works together from Cheshire & Merseyside level to Sefton Place Based level.</p> <p>This means some decisions about Sefton are now taken by Cheshire & Merseyside as a region. Deborah Butcher is the Sefton Director for Place.</p> <p>Within the governance arrangements for Sefton, most groups are already in existence but there are several new ones. Clinical and care professional forum is an example of this, this is where clinicians will meet to discuss how to implement the integration agenda.</p> <p>The Sefton Provider Collaborative is now the Programme Delivery Group which looks at strategies to input in to the whole system.</p> <p>VCF sector we a have a voice already in the local area with HSCF Chair having a seat on the Sefton HWBB.</p> <p>On a regional level:</p> <p>The voluntary sector is represented on a regional level by Voluntary Sector North West with a seat on the ICB. This is a change from previously as the voluntary sector now have a direct voice at a senior level of the new regional health authority.</p> <p>People & Communities is biggest factor for us in new reorganisation and there is a recognition of the importance of the sector going forward regarding integration.</p> <p>Kim Crowe: Concerned that GP commissioning is out of local decision makers hands and</p>

	<p>that all progress depends on GP co-operation.</p> <p>Andrew Booth: Concurred with KC's point and didn't foresee a sudden change coming down about this.</p> <p>Jan Campbell: As Andrew stated one big advantage is the voice that the VCF sector has is immeshed within every tier of the system from a regional level to a local level.</p> <p>Andrew Booth: There is a glossary of terms and acronyms available from the council and JC plus AB will make contact with Sefton MBC to make this widely available.</p> <p>Jamie Murphy: Added a glossary and index to the video conference chat. https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/audio-video/how-does-nhs-in-england-work</p>
4	<p>Social Care Charging Reform</p> <p>Andrew Booth – Sefton Advocacy</p> <p>Andrew Booth: The new iteration is named Social Care Charging Reform. This is a new idea to cap care costs for individuals down to £86,000. This is supposed to take effect by the end of 2023.</p> <p>There are real difficulties with the £86k, not clear yet whether this covers physical care as well as 'hotel costs'. It also disproportionately affects people with less savings.</p> <p>Remains to be seen how this can be implemented properly in the community without disproportionately affecting those already affected by current persures eg: cost of living, potential recession, Covid....</p> <p>The past two years have seen costs in every part of life rising.</p> <p>Central government has asked local authorities to ask local providers what the 'real' cost of care is across their particular borough.</p> <p>Domiciliary care is more expensive than other traditional low wage jobs leading to a shortage of carers. Even breaking down further into Personal Assistants who usually are higher paid and work with people directly. PA vacancies are rising.</p> <p>Asked the Forum members to also raise this issue with local authorities to make the voice louder and clearer.</p> <p>The consultation on social care charging is now open. https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/adult-social-care-charging-reform-distribution-of-funding-2023-to-2024/distribution-of-funding-to-support-the-reform-of-the-adult-social-care-charging-system-in-2023-to-2024</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>Information Exchange</p> <p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Jan Campbell: Sefton has been successful in funding for changing places. These facilities provide more support for people with disabilities than regular disabled toilets, they include showers, benches and support for people who need it. https://www.changing-places.org/</p> <p>Leslie: There are keys named Radar Keys available for people with disabilities to locate the nearest toilet/facility</p> <p>Hannah: Able to provide link for Radar Keys https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/</p> <p>Nigel Sharp: Reminded the forum about the role of Group Development including sourcing funding and training for VCF sector. Encouraged members to visit the CVS website's training area that currently has dozens of training opportunities for groups.</p> <p>There is also a toolkit available which deals with group resilience and recovery, this toolkit takes you through common issues found in charities and how to resolve.</p> <p>Leslie Curran : Reminded Andrew he needs to take her, Simon and Jan for a meal, with tea and biscuits to follow. It was agreed that this last item would be notes for posterity.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>HSCF –</p> <p>SIM –</p>