



Co-production network 16th January 2024 meeting notes

What words mean...

Words that were explained on our **Jargon Buster** will be explained in **bold** in the blue box at the end of the notes.

Where? Arbour Park

Who attended?

Karen (facilitator) , Sally (facilitator), Natasha, Vicki, Vicky, Marcia, Sue, Gaye, Mike, Ash, Giuseppe, Zhora, Bestina, John, Jordan, Graham, Marjorie, Jane, Shahnaz, Vanessa, Atiya

Introductions and Welcome

John, Marjorie, Graham & Jordan – local residents that are interested in being part of the CPN

Apologies:

Marc, Ann, Janine, Shahanaz

1. Approve meeting notes – All CPN members.

- Meeting notes from December 2023 approved. These will now be included on SBC website.

2. Mental Health Housing update -Ash

Ash provided a brief update to the CPN about the Mental Health re-commissioning of both Hope House and Hope Place (supported living accommodation for people with mental health needs). He explained that:

- The current arrangement for supported living accommodation for people with mental health needs had been extended for a year. This will allow enough time to gather key information to support future re-commissioning.
- Ash will update the CPN about progress and timelines
- CPN representative will be invited part of project group (one member expressed interest in being part of the work).

3. Autism strategy 2024 - 2029 – Giuseppe and Sue

Giuseppe and Sue provided an update on the development of the Autism strategy for Slough. [Check out Appendix A Autism presentation.](#)

In summary:

- Following engagement events which has included the coproduction network and autism community, a new draft autism strategy has been written.
- The strategy aims to make Slough an autism friendly town.
- The engagement feedback have been grouped into eight themes listed below
 - Independent living
 - Support in the community
 - Integration with health care
 - Transitioning to adulthood
 - Employment, skills development, and training
 - Safeguarding
 - Preventing loneliness and isolation
 - Communication and information sharing
- The autism strategy will be presented to cabinet on 26th Feb 2024

Action:

We are seeking coproduction network volunteers and other residents with an interest in autism to

- Be involved in Autism steering group also to support co-chair meetings.
- Develop questionnaires around each themes to support the development of the action plan.
- Develop a project group to deliver the action plan.
- Giuseppe will continue to update the CPN with developments including setting up the steering group after the strategy has been approved by Cabinet.

Outcome

- Three members of the coproduction network expressed an interest in being part of the work

4. Assistive technology – Vicky

Vicky provided an update about the development Assistive Technology project.

- This a collaborative and innovative approach to the use of technology to help promote independence and enhance the wellbeing of adults living in Slough.
- The project aims to ensure that adults eligible for care will have access to assistive technology free of charge
- Vicky is seeking CPN volunteers to be part of the project group.

Check out [Appendix B Assistive Technology presentation](#) for more information.

Actions:

- Vicky to meet with interested CPN volunteers on 2nd Feb to provide a brief about the project.

- First project group meeting will be held on 5th Feb

5. Older People Strategy 2023 - 2026 – Vanessa

Vanessa provided an update on the [Older People Strategy \(Appendix C\)](#).

- In summary the coproduced older people strategy identified eight priorities
 - 1 To reduce social isolation and loneliness for Older People
 - 2 Continued sense of purpose to live best life.
 - 3 To live more years in good health.
 - 4 Integration with the NHS and Public Health to prevent Long Term conditions.
 - 5 Information & Advice on the challenges that affect older people e.g. cost of living, fuel costs, food poverty, etc
 - 6 To support intergenerational families best care for their loved ones and with respect to cultural differences.
 - 7 To have a choice about end-of-life pathway.
 - 8 To have a range of housing options to suit older people in later life.

The CPN asked number of questions which included:

- *What age group is the strategy aimed to support?*

Response

- The strategy is created to support people who are 65yrs and over.

- *What is the outreach like to care homes - workshops, talks etc and links with other organisations?*

Response

- One of the care home visited supports dementia residents by organising activities like pet club and gardening. There is also a quiet room for people to relax.

Actions:

- Plans to create a steering group to support the delivery of strategy and action plans are underway.
- Two volunteers from the CPN have indicated that they would like to be part of the steering group.

AOB

Winter Blues Campaign – Sally

- Volunteer's initiative to support slough residents' wellbeing during winter months is now complete.
- The information leaflet has been designed and coproduced by CPN volunteers.
- The leaflet is now available on [Wellbeing page on Slough Borough Council website](#).

Volunteer recruitment updates – Bestina

- New volunteers profile development meetings will be held on 23rd and 24th. CPN volunteers involved in the meetings
- This is an opportunity to get to know volunteers experience and interests and how we can engage in partnership.

Coproduction week planning – Sally

- We will soon start preparation for the co-production week
- Want to work jointly with mental health to support activity

Equality Objectives Consultation – Bestina

- The council is currently consulting on its statutory equality objectives. The objective's aim is.
 - To reduce inequalities for Slough residents and service users
 - Reduce inequalities and promote diversity and inclusion for the council's workforce.
- An online consultation is now underway and will close on 2nd Feb
<https://slough.citizenspace.com/corporate/equality-objectives-consultation>
- Coproduction members are encouraged to complete this consultation as well as share with friends, family and community.

Inviting CEO to future meeting – Sally

- Slough Borough Council CEO, Stephen Brown has indicated that he will be interested in attending a coproduction meeting in future.
- Suggested that this could be during national Coproduction week.

Terms of Reference signoff – Marcia

- CPN members to review and return any comments before going on SBC website

Volunteer identification badges

- Coproduction volunteers will now wear ID badges when representing the network in events.
- These have been designed and shared with network

Strategic Commissioning Transformation Board – Jane

- This is a new board that is being set up to develop a new approach to strategic commissioning across the council and with partners.
- The programme is in draft.
- SBC is looking for one or two volunteers to be part of the board/other work streams to shape the new approach to strategic commissioning by being a member of the board and other workstreams.

Outcomes

- Two coproduction members have agreed to be part of the project and members of the board.
- The first meeting will be on 26th Jan

Date of next meeting

13th Feb via Teams