



Co-production network meeting notes 9th April 2024

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.

Who attended?

Marcia (Chairing), Vicky (chairing), Sue, Marc, Dolly, Vickie, Jane, Bernadette, Gaye, Marj, Ann, Diana, Janine, Joycelyn, Shahanaz, Giuseppe

Apologies:

Vickie, Karen, Natasha, Zhora, Kelly, Jordan, Mike

Introduction:

Dolly

1. Strategic Commissioning transformation Programme

Jane Senior – Director of Commissioning shared updates for strategic commissioning programme.

The commissioning transformation programme's aim is to bring together commissioning activities taking place in Adult Social Care, Slough Children First (SCF), Public Health, and Education and health partners.

Purpose of the programme is:

- To transform our commissioning practice
- Develop strategic function across the council and our partners.
- Deliver better outcomes for people in Slough and deliver financial savings.

Programme will be delivered through three work streams.

- **Workstream 1:** Identify similar projects across all areas of services within the council and our partners that will deliver better outcomes for residents as well as financial saving.
- **Workstream 2:** Improve and standardize commissioning practices across the council and Slough Children First through adoption of agreed Commissioning structure.

- **Workstream 3:** Reorganising how we commission services in the future with the possibility of combining workstream1 and 2 and decide what works best.

The 3 work streams will be overseen by the strategic commissioning transformation board which has two volunteer members representing the coproduction network.

The transformation board will report to the overall board which is overseen by the government appointed best value commissioner.

Workshop discussion

One of the areas highlighted during the workshop is to improve ways of working particularly improving communication and compassion in services including in housing especially for bereaved families and those affected by mental health.

Members of the network asked the following questions:

There are existing housing issues for people supported by extra care programme. How will the programme address these issues?

Response

During the first workshop in January, we identified that there is a shift within the council that people want to work together collaboratively to improve services. As part of the transformation, we will work collaboratively across departments to address and resolve existing issues affecting people who are supported by adult services.

Action:

We would like more volunteers to join the work streams.

2. Autism Partnership Board Giuseppe Di Martino, Learning Disability and Autism Commissioner provided update

- A very successful Autism event on 2nd April to mark Autism Awareness Day.
- Over 70 people in attendance with 12 providers promoting services.
- Great collaboration with the Co-production network
- The event had positive publicity including from Slough Town Football Club who are keen to help raise the profile of autism.
- Summary of the event including some of the presentations will be included on the Slough Borough Council website.
- The Autism steering group take place 9th May and Learning Disability steering group on 16th May.
- If people are interested in joining either of these, please e-mail beinvolved@slough.gov.uk
- Future event details will be on the website. We also intend to start autism newsletter with information promoted there.

3. One Slough Fund – Updates provided by Vickie Atherton from Slough Council Voluntary Services (SCVS) and Diana Balsom. Commissioner. For more information about funding priorities click on the icon below

SCVS administers the Better Care Fund (BCF) to community groups in Slough. The community fund process has been reviewed to make sure it is transparent and accountable.

This year's funding themes were assessed through community engagements throughout last year in forums and community groups to identify existing gaps. Feedback was also gathered from information obtained from the Slough Community Directory and Slough Children First.

Themes were developed from forums, engagements and feedback which align with the Slough Wellbeing Strategy.

There three themes for One Slough Fund 2024 are as follows:

I. Supporting Health & Wellbeing

- Access to free and accessible community activities to improve mental and physical wellbeing, making social connections. e.g. Physical activity or arts classes.
- Access to health information to enable people to make better choices and empowering people to live independently.

II. Reducing loneliness and isolation

- Befriending services: Allowing people to connect better.
- Provide transport to allow people access to community activities and services, attend medical appointments.
- Digital Inclusion: taking opportunity to give people digital connection as well as in person.

III. Reducing the effects of Poverty

- Support with the cost of living: To give residents access to practical support and donations, such as furniture or household items.
- Access to food and fuel poverty support: Access to warm spaces, food parcels and other support to alleviate the effects to poverty.

The funding will prioritise vulnerable groups such as

- Children and young people
- Underrepresented communities
- Vulnerable adults

Bidders will be asked to provide evidence that their activities are.

- Community led.
- Maximising use of volunteer
- Ability to develop digital skills.

Evaluation panel will be made up of representatives from SCVS, Slough Borough Council, Slough coproduction network, Slough Public Health, Frimley Integrated Care Board and a NHS clinician.

Funding applications will open from end of April, applications will close towards the end of May and panel will meet mid-June.

Concern raised.

If an organisation was funded last but does not meet the criteria this year they may lose funding.

Addressing concerns Response

- The funding criteria is relatively similar to last year but with the additional requirement that the organisation has an operational presence in Slough. The same requirement will be in place that the organisation must have a constitution, provide a bank account, and have a safeguarding policy in place. SCVS can assist with

capacity building and fund raising for organisations that will not qualify for One Slough Fund.

We are continually learning to improve the funding process to enable Slough people to continue access community support.

One of the feedback points identified last year's panel was that there was a lot of duplication from applicants providing similar activities. Our recommendations were for emerging groups to work together to support underrepresented communities.

Question

For an organisation to apply for funding, do they need to be based in Slough or deliver service in Slough but be based elsewhere? Can they be new groups or existing groups?

Response

- They can be based elsewhere but must deliver services or activities within Slough.
- These can be new or existing groups as long as they operate within Slough.

Action:

We are requesting feedback for the above themes, is there anything missing or any suggestion.

Two members of the coproduction network are interested in joining the funding panel

AOB

- **Single Homelessness Pathway – Diana Balsom**
We have obtained funds to recruit single homelessness specialist to review the current pathways for single individuals and how they are supported by both statutory and non-statutory systems.
We expect the project to start in May, more information will be provided, and project plan drawn with the view to design and coproduce the project. There will be opportunities for the CPN to get involved in the work stream.
- **Coproduction network newsletter**
The first draft of the quarterly newsletter is underway. This will be reviewed by the network, once agreed we aim to launch during the coproduction week celebration.
- **Recommissioning of South-East Ambulance services**
Participants are invited to join discussions on how ambulance services should be like in south-east. One coproduction member will be joining this discussion with Bestina.

Next meeting: **14th May at Arbour Park**

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