



## Co-production network 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.

**Date:** 13th August 2024

**Venue:** Chalvey Community Hub

### Attendees:

- Marc (co-chairing), Gaye (co-chairing), Mayowa, Beverley, Karen, Dolly, Shahanaz, Vicky, Jordan, Vickie, Shahnaz, Diana, James, Zhora, Sue, Bernadette, Joycelyn, Vicki, Bestina, Marcia,

### Apologies:

- Natasha, Jane, Sally, Kevin, Mike

**Introduction:** Beverley

### 1. #OneSlough Community Fund – Updates

Jointly presented by Vicki Atherton – Director of Operations Slough Council for voluntary services, James Parker – Head of Resources and Projects (Slough CVS) and Diana Balsom – Interim Commissioning Manager - Prevention (Slough Borough Council)

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The #OneSlough community fund issues grants to local voluntary and community groups to deliver projects that meet wellbeing needs for Slough residents. Of the 44 groups that applied for the funds, the bid evaluation panel successfully awarded 27 groups through a thorough and fair process distributing grants to support various community projects focusing on health, wellbeing, and social issues.

The funding panel included representatives from Public Health, Adult Social Care, Frimley Integrated Care Board, Coproduction Network, Social Prescribers, and Community Connectors.

### **Funding Distribution:**

The #OneSlough fund budget: £108,235

Total requested amount: £291,980

10 groups awarded up to £2,000.

12 groups awarded up to £5,000.

5 groups awarded up to £10,000.

### **Outcome**

Due to a lot of funding applications, not all groups received the total amount they applied for. Therefore additional £65,000 has been allocated for partially funded groups this year, with proposed increase to £70,000 in the overall funding budget for the year 2025.

Members of the coproduction network asked the following question.

- Will the funding criteria be reviewed to support groups that deliver community events?
- For community groups to receive funding, they should be able to deliver long term community activities and not a one-off event.

### **2. Mental Health Strategy development**

Mayowa Kushimo, Interim Mental Health Commissioner, Slough Borough Council  
Presented the following.

Slough borough council is developing a Mental Health Strategy that is more effective, inclusive, responsive, and reflective of the needs and priorities of Slough residents. We want to ensure that the strategy is informed and shaped by people who have experience of using mental health services, their carers, and the broader community.

To coproduce this strategy, we are seeking participants from the coproduction network, and service users to participate in focus group discussions, provide feedback, develop strategy priorities which will guide mental health services provision.

Members of the coproduction discussed various options to engage with Slough community to make sure people are involved in the design and development of the strategy reflective of Slough cultural and demographic needs.

### **Outcomes.**

Two members of the coproduction network have agreed to be part of the Strategy focus group alongside other stakeholder.

### **3. Coproduction celebration event feedback**

A well-attended coproduction event held in July. Attendees have expressed that the event was a source of information and inspiration for a lot of people. Overall, the event was well received and praised.

### **Volunteer Recruitment & Training**

Two new coproduction volunteers have been recruited and we delighted to welcome them into the network.

**Volunteer Training** - As we continue to train and develop volunteer to carry out their role, in July, we delivered training about the role of public health and Adult Social Services facilitated by our colleagues in Public Health as well as Adult Social Care Operations. Other training will follow throughout autumn.

### **Local Government Association review**

The LGA will be assessing Slough Borough Council against Responsive Services & Customer Care section of the equality framework for local government. Coproduction volunteers have agreed to be part of stakeholder review. The review will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Sept at 2.30 – 3.30pm at Arbour Park after the coproduction meeting.

### **AOB**

#### **Transitioning – Strengthening Young people’s voice**

Vicky Tutty – Head of Commissioning

Vicky gave an overview of the intentions to build connections with Slough Children Services to develop shared understanding in supporting young people to have a voice when transitioning from children to adult services.

Members of the coproduction network had a short discussion on the topic.

- Young people may be transitioning to adult services because they have reached the age of 18 but consider that their age may not always reflect mental development and abilities.
- Consider enabling young people to understand the changes and making a transitioning process simpler.

#### **Marc’s farewell**

- As Marc Gadsby (Executive Director for Adult Services) is moving on to take on similar position at Waltham Forest Council. He thanked the coproduction network for the amazing achievement throughout the years. He expressed his sadness for leaving Slough. Marc wished the network well.
- The Network thanked Marc for his support, commitment to Adult Services and wished him well in his new role.

Next Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September at Arbour Park.

#### **What words mean...**

**Jargon terminology** or language which is complicated or difficult to understand.