

Hospital Alliance November 2020

Speaker Clare Edwards from the CVS was welcomed in her role as Cumbria CVS Health And North Cumbria Integrated Care Health Partnership Officer.

Real focus is on Health Systems , in practice building relationships with the 3rd sector . Practical workings effect better outcomes for patients. Developing different ways of working .

Health Watch is a Voluntary Organisation focusing on people in Communities in supporting health systems eg. how people are treated etc...

Action for Health is where individuals work in health ,sharing with 3rd sector and what they can bring. Produced weekly bulletins during lockdown ,now every 2 weeks . It's a way of sharing communication between CCG partnerships / 3rd sector / speakers / offer support and a way for people to Network.Anyone can subscribe . Mental Health have own forum with its own speakers and bulletins.

CVS —it supports organisations around the County eg. training, governance , / ,is a voice for the 3rd sector eg. in health , mental health. Brings together Action for Health, Health and Well Being, Youth Alliance, Young Children , Mental Health together.Raises Issues through Carolyn Ottley.

What could she help Alston Alliance with ?

Councillor Grew gave an account of what was promised after the Success Regime removed beds from the hospital , and yet nothing had happened, including the loss of staff to Penrith during Pandemic and then resignations to work at Hexham and Haltwhistle. Also, senior members of ICC and CCG no longer bothered to attend Alliance meetings. Yes, Mary port and Wigton Hospitals were great and that's good for that area but not here on the Moor. Work was supposed to be scheduled for the summer but what happened ? No Communication ! Could the plans be still in the in tray of Alan Idle ?

Discussion ensued.

Derek Houston responsible for Adult Social Care to be contacted and asked to attend future Alliance meetings. ICCs Vanessa Connor is the contact for Community Hospitals and staff across Cumbria. Clare will contact both. Clare will also follow up with Vanessa and Matt re supplying equipment used by the Practice for Minor Injuries since hospital remains closed.

Jane Povey works out of ICC Hub and her role is to provide support for Clinical staff , feed into 3rd sector of clinical care. There is a Health and Welfare Telephone Service for Discharges which offers support for patients and relatives / carers post discharge from hospital.

There are 8 organisations which can help you navigate through confusing systems and receive help from Community Services.

Councillor Denoual mentioned that there was shortly to be an election for thePublic Trust Governors for the NCIC. and perhaps the Eden Representative could attend an Alliance Meeting in the future. These people represent the needs of the local Community at Board level .

News from the Practice— - They have had some negative feedback with aggression shown to staff from some members of the Community. Overwhelming support from those present given to Practice Staff. Newsletter to go out with all prescriptions providing information from the Practice, and on the Facebook Page.

Two new nurses are to begin working in Alston . First in December, no date for a 2nd. But good news all the same.

Precise given by Councillor Grew on what happened at the PC meeting re Ambulance ( please see AMPC minutes)

Councillor Denoual mentioned a designated CFR Facebook Page for whole of UK and everyone agreed that it would be a good idea to put out our plight message . “ we are a Community group trying to support volunteers wanting to train as CFRs in an area of North Pennines , some 20Miles plus from the nearest town .Can CFRs / EMT teams working in rural isolation help. Any information appreciated”

Next meeting 10th December .