



**Future Years Forum Committee Minutes
3rd March 2014**

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Present: Shelagh Marshall, Mary Laurenson (Vice Chair), John Welham (Vice Chair), Paul Russell, Neil Martin, Russell Taylor (DWP), Sandra Lester, Katie Smith, Irene Mace, David Jeffells, George Wood, Mary Robinson, Joanne Volpe.

Apologies: Kath McDaid, MashudHaque ,Richard Palmer ,Hilary Thompson
Danny Brown, Liz Gregory

1. Welcome by the current Chair

Shelagh welcomed members to the meeting. It was noted that the presentation by the Big Lottery will now be in the September meeting to coincide with the timings of their Fulfilling Lives fund.

2. Material Deprivation Toolkit

Russell started by questioning members how do we determine pensioner poverty? There were a number of ideas such as: income; being on pension credit; outgoings exceeding incomings; less than 60% of average income. The latter being the measure used by the Government. He pointed out however that if the definition is based on household income then when the country goes into recession some pensioners may be 'out of poverty' by using the Government definition, but actually are no better off.

Russell reported that Steve Webb, who is working on reforming pensions with the single tier for new pensioners coming in a couple of years, wanted a broader measure of Poverty. The Material Deprivation Indicator was therefore compiled from the family resources survey. Years Ahead in the North East felt it did not capture older peoples' issues, could be reworded and needed additional questions. And instead of simply using the survey for research purposes the

questions could be used as part of a toolkit. The national indicator question set could not be changed because the Government had started to use it in its original baseline to track the effects of policies.

They amended the series of questions and then went to all the forums in their region to answer the questions. (Years Ahead added questions 16 – 20)

Russell informed the meeting that on the national survey the questions are weighted e.g. a healthy meal is weighted as more important than a haircut.

The meeting discussed the questions and felt that the simplicity of their wording was good. The following comments were made:

- No. 6 (re state of housing) is becoming an increasing problem and the link between health and housing condition is becoming more apparent. The Foundation report into the link between health and housing was mentioned. (*link*)
- Electric Safety Council could help with no. 7.
- No. 10: all energy companies have trust funds that can pay older people's bills.
- No. 16: BIS is very interested in this question and how much older people spend on lifelong learning.
- No.17 on access to the internet needs to mention the issue of speed. Also Planners should be alerted to the issue of builders not putting in broadband and Wi Fi seems incredible today.
- No. 18 is now very relevant due to the floods.

Mary L pointed out that there is no question on disability. It was suggested that this could be addressed under the section 'If no was this out of choice

George suggested there should be a question on healthcare and Katie pointed out there was no question on carers and cared for.

Russell suggested that forums in the region could complete the questionnaire and any common themes could be identified for a community / regional action plan.

He noted that Years Ahead are using the questionnaire as a resilience tool, because if someone is in deprivation part 2 suggests potential solutions. Part 3 enables community action plans for collective need.

Russell added that he will be sending the toolkit to AAA members to complete the solutions section. It was added that there could be tiers of solutions (local, regional, national).

Mary noted she would like to do a comparative analysis of the original questionnaire compared to this one. It was agreed to send her the original questionnaire.

Action: Russell

It was agreed to discuss at the Away Day how Future Years could use the toolkit. Prior to the day it was agreed that members should send through any additional questions they may have to add to the toolkit.

Action: Members

In addition it was agreed to send a blank copy of the toolkit out to local forums and ask them for solutions to put in Part 2.

Action: Joanne / Forum members

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a correct record with the amendment of Bradford Older People's Power to Bradford & District's Senior Power.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

3.1 UKAFA Update: Clarity was asked for the abbreviations used in this section

DECC: Department of Energy & Climate Change

CLG: should be DCLG: Department of Communities and Local Government

3.2 Sub-Regional Reports: It was noted that the Integration and Transformation Fund has changed its name to the Better Care Fund. It was noted that DCLG is sending a rep to the next UKAFA meeting to talk about the Better Care Fund and they are working with organisation such as Firststop to get local authorities, health and housing to work together.

The role of hospitals in CCGs and Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) was discussed. It was noted that HWBs are functioning without hospital representation and CCGs are able to have a consultant on their board but not from the local hospital.

3.3 Apologies for Absence at meetings: It was noted that Gordon Westell has not been to a meeting in 2013/14 and Shelagh has written to him with no response. It was noted that he would no longer be on the Future Years Committee. It was added that Peter Meer has not attended for a number of meetings. Paul to find out if the NPC will be sending a replacement.

Action: Paul

4. Sub Regional Reports

Sub-regional representatives highlighted activities from their reports as attached, adding the following:

Doncaster: Sandra noted that from 1st April the senior bus pass can only be used from 9.30 a.m. onwards in Doncaster which will mean the Health and Wellbeing Board meetings starting at 9.30 a.m. is not convenient for older people. She added that following the workshop Future Years ran in Doncaster she will be attending the next Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

Leeds: John noted that LOPF are putting in a bid to the Big Lottery Fulfilling Lives fund for £6 million over the next 5 years. The vision and strategy has to be in by the end of March. They are also recruiting a worker, with the Alzheimer's Society, to make Leeds a dementia friendly city.

York: George reported that the Police Crime Commissioner attended the last YOPA meeting and mentioned the increase in shoplifting of food, with a record number of people using food banks. He noted that the Police Crime Commissioner did not mention if there was an increase in older people stealing food.

George questioned the meeting about 'A' boards (signs on pavements) which the local authority is consulting on. Shelagh commented that they have been banned in North Yorkshire.

York Carers Forum: Katie discussed the differences that exist in people's opportunity to die where they wish. She added that they keep track of people that do not get the death they want.

She added that YOPA's Sue Lister is involved with their event 'You Only Die Once'. Katie also promoted their carer's service at York Minster on 11th June.

Bradford: Paul noted that the local authority put on a Dignity Day event which was well attended by health. He added that the National Pensioners Convention

have a dignity code which he agreed to bring to the meeting. Bradford and District Senior Power are now holding 3 days of classes a week at Culture Fusion.

North Yorkshire: Shelagh tabled her sub-regional report, noting that Public Health will be producing their preventative strategy shortly. She added that the Campaign to End Loneliness is holding a regional summit in Leeds on 8th April and that the Yorkshire Post has taken up the Campaign to End Loneliness.

5. Embedding Human Rights in the Commissioning of Older People's Home Care in Leeds

Neil reported that Leeds Older People's Forum and Age UK have been doing a human rights project which looks at Adult Social Care. The forum tweeted about the work, which was picked up by Leeds City Council who is currently looking at the next round of commissioning Adult Social Care. The local authority therefore asked the project to discuss how they commission their care and the costs.

Neil was given the opportunity to set out the Equality and Human Rights Commission's findings of a review the Commission has undertaken which included looking at the impact of commissioning at a low rate on the quality of care and the impact this can have on staff turnover; recruitment costs; complaints etc.

Neil added that Cornwall Council is producing, for the EHRC, resources for elected members to understand their obligations under the Human Rights Act in the commissioning and scrutiny of adult social care.

Mary noted her interest in the issues discussed and added she is doing a longitudinal study on nursing values. She reported she was able to have staff on two wards of York Hospital retrained because of the experience she had there.

6. UKAFA Update

John reported that the UKAFA meeting is being held on 19th March and the agenda includes the:

- Better Care fund
- No-one left alone (a named GP for everyone over 75)
- the Centre for Ageing Better, funded £50mil by the Big Lottery and led by Lord Filkin. It was noted that Lord Filkin will be looking for initiatives across the country that have been evaluated and that could be scaled up across health and wellbeing.
- A framework for action on extending the working life, led by Steve Webb.

Paul raised his concerns on the latter item and the poverty issue this will create for people who are not able to work for as long as expected before receiving a pension.

7. Age Action Alliance: Isolation and Loneliness Working Group

Shelagh reported that 'Making Connections' the Boots questionnaire pilot will start in April. The Boots Pilot to test two approaches to identifying those in the community who may be at risk of the effects of loneliness is planned for April. 100 questionnaires would be given out at the Winchester and Romsey Stores. 50 to each of those picking up a repeat prescription and 50 to those having a medicines review with the Pharmacist. Shelagh added that the Cabinet office has linked to Lloyds Pharmacy who are also willing to do something with the Age Action Alliance.

Shelagh reported that the Isolation and Loneliness Working Group are considering how they can tap into the social capital of the church. The new Diocese of West Yorkshire and The Dales is interested and she has written to the Bishop of Knaresborough to seek a meeting.

8. How we communicate: workshops

George informed members that he and Shelagh had run a workshop in Doncaster on how to influence health and wellbeing strategy priorities in their area. He explained that the workshop looked at the structures and how we can work with them. About 10 – 12 people attended. The event was felt to be a success and it was suggested that we hold other events around the region, perhaps starting with the Humber (North Lincs, Hull and Beverley). It was agreed to discuss this further at the Away Day.

Joanne noted that she and Shelagh had discussed applying for funding to run a series of workshops. She added that Awards for All requires the organisation to have its own bank account. Members agreed Joanne should look into opening a Future Years bank account.

Action: Joanne

9. Away Day

It was noted that the Away Day is being held on 1st April to develop our workplan for 2014-5. It was noted that the budget has been cut by 8%. It is being facilitated by Sue Mann from Age UK. Jo to send out the agenda shortly. George asked we set the date of the AGM at the Away Day.

Action: Joanne

10. Finance Report

Joanne apologised for not tabling a financial report. She added that in mid January we had spent £16,037, including the conference. With carry forward from previous years, Joanne estimated we would finish the year with reserves of £22k. Joanne to bring a full financial report to the Away Day.

11. Presentation at the next meeting

It was agreed Russell should find out the name of someone from the regional Public Health England office who could come to the next meeting to discuss prevention strategies.

Action: Russell

12. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meetings will be held on:

2nd June 2014

8th September 2014

1st December 2014

Neil to book Lateral for the June meeting.

Action: Neil