

Sub Regional Reports 7.12.15

York

1 Closure of Bootham Park Hospital

The sudden closure of Bootham Park Hospital in York on 30 September became a national news story – if you live in York and you require acute psychiatric care you go to Middlesbrough or Darlington. The local MP described what happened as a consequence of there being “no controlling force” following the last reorganisation. It is hoped to establish some local in patient facilities in 2016 ahead of a new hospital around 2019.

2 Financial Situation

The local financial position remains very difficult – the local CCG is now classed as an organisation in “turnaround” due to the ongoing deterioration in the financial position.

3 RVS – Home Library Service

There was a presentation on the RVS Home Library Service at the most recent York Older People’s Assembly Open Meeting – five new volunteers were recruited from the meeting itself – personal stories really brought home the value of the service to certain individuals.

4 Integration

It is worth trying to keep up with what is happening locally in any discussions concerning “**New Models of Care**” affecting health, social care and the voluntary sector and the implications for older people.

George Wood

Leeds

- LOPF's partnership work to address loneliness and social isolation across the City (Time to Shine) continues. We have just approved a new "LOGO for the project.
- I spoke at the Leeds Equality Assembly Conference on 26th November about the work of LOPF on later life issues.
- Our Trustees meeting recently heard from a LCC representative about the proposal to close the last 3 LCC care homes/ data centres that cater for those living with dementia.

John Welham

Bradford

In Bradford we had a fully packed meeting at the Victoria Hotel on Loneliness. Main speaker was our Shelagh. Joanne was not there but Carol managed even with the audio-visual idiosyncrasies.

Mashud Haque