



Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP)
Voluntary Sector Partners Meeting



Friday 7th June 2019, 10.00am – 12.00pm at CNet

Present: Aliya Fazil (Co-Chair), Laila Ahmed (CNet), Lynne Walker (Family Action), Kirin Kaur (Little Minds Matter), Nasrat Bhatt (Inspired Neighborhoods), Judith Nevin (Bradford Breastfeeding Buddies), Lorely Rossell (Baby Basics), Catherine Wallis (Hale), Charlotte Hamilton (Bradford Breastfeeding Buddies), Masira Hans (Sharing Voices)

Apologies: Liz Firth (Co-Chair), Yazmin Shah (CNet), Katie Mahon (Blooming Buds), Dr Tilly Rathmell (Project 6), Sarah Munsie (Airedale NHS Foundation Trust)

Item		Action
1.	<p>Background to Maternity Voices Partnership</p> <p>Laila gave some background to the Maternity Voices Partnership, and shared the schedule of meetings taking places in 2019 and 2020. The partnership aims to bring both patient representatives and maternity/health professionals together.</p> <p>She explained that there are two separate strands of meetings, this being the MVP Voluntary Sector partner meeting aimed at frontline staff in the VCS and the main full partnership meetings which are held three times per year.</p> <p>Themes and issues raised at the voluntary sector partners meeting are then fed into as into the main partners meeting. The voluntary sector meeting usually takes places a month prior to the main partnership meeting.</p>	

	<p>Hearing parents experiences and stories is one of the central tenets of MVP and the voluntary sector (those working with new parents and parents to be) are in a position where they meet and have built relationships of trust with those individuals. Some stories will be anecdotal and with some there will be common themes and threads. These meetings provide a safe space to share and discuss those areas and collective stories. Where common themes and threads emerge these can then be shared at the main partners meeting , with the aim of working together to help shape maternity services in Bradford District and Craven</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Frontline Feedback on the following themes</p> <p>Three groups focused on the following questions</p> <p>What is going well in your work /or interactions with health and maternity services What is not going well?</p> <p>Please see attached notes.</p> <p>During the feedback stage the following points were discussed. LW There was a strong feeling that VCS teams were now more likely to work in partnership. One participants said it was no longer a competition and that a joint up way of working and sharing relevant information was more prevalent.</p> <p>Family Action shared that theirs was s very diverse team, made up of individuals from different nationalities and experiences who were connecting with people in their identified areas. Volunteers were now being recruited from their members.</p>	

	<p>Discussion then moved onto how important something as simple as saying hello is and a smile, as opposed to just giving someone a leaflet or a piece of paper to take away.</p> <p>KK shared her thoughts that feeling comfortable and safe relationships were key engagement areas the VCS were particularly good at. An actual physical presence and fostering those relationships of trust was crucial.</p> <p>Whole group agreed that VCS has perhaps more time for rapport building, and there was now more effective joint working. New strands coming through were My Wellbeing College which was seen as a more creative way of reaching out on issues of low level mental health & well-being.</p> <p>The importance of trying to include wider family members and their involvement in any discussions around pregnancy was also discussed.</p> <p>JN and CH shared that midwives do not always have the time to give to mum so their role kicks in at Breastfeeding Buddies.</p> <p>It was felt that there were not enough pathways for referrals</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Grassroots - Catherine Wallis, working for Engaging People on the CCG Grass Roots project</p> <p>Catherine talked through Grassroots, the CCG’s system that brings together people’s experiences – both positive and negative – of health and wellbeing services from a number of different sources. All</p>	

	<p>experiences are anonymous.</p> <p>Catherine is based at Hale, and part of the Engaging People team. Catherine is meeting with VCS organisations to give avenues and support to feed in what you hear, so that the CCG has a better understanding of a wide range of people’s experiences across the district, and can use this insight in decision making to make services better. Catherine will be linking in with VCS members of the MVP and also developing resource packs, MVP members to be kept updated.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Members expressed great feedback for the new layout for the voluntary sector partners meeting. The interactive discussion sessions and regards sharing of information which will ultimately feedback to the MVP main meet.</p> <p>Ask and reminder to all attendees to bring service users along to future voluntary sector partners meetings</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Date of next Voluntary Sector Partners MVP meeting 10:00 – 12:00 at CNET: Wednesday 16th October 2019</p> <p>Thank you</p>	