NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE HEALTHWATCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 14TH JUNE 2022

PRESENT: Ann Heaton (in the Chair)

Adrian Paul Hardy
Jean Peet
Adrian D'Arcy
Annmarie Stone
Mohammed Albaadani
Maggie Skilling

Malcolm Coe
Adrian D'Arcy
Ernie Rothwell
Mary B Hill
Wendy Moss

Janene Davies (Chair)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Wilson (HWWL Senior Engagement Officer)
Karen Parker (HWWL Chief Officer
Henry Sharp (HWWL Communications Officer)
George Sharp & Andrea Arkwright (HWWL Engagement Officers)
Leanne Worsley (Student Youth Worker)
Alexia Mitton and Scott Williams (Wigan Borough CCG)
Kathryn Glass and Kerry Longden (Wrightington Wigan and & Leigh NHS Trust)

1.	APOLOGIES	
	Bill Greenwood and Ann Lloyd.	
	Ann Heaton agreed to Chair the meeting as Janene was delayed arriving.	
2.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	
	AH welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
3.	NOTES OF MEETING HELD 10.5.22	
	Notes of the previous meeting, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record.	
	AA gave an update on the mental health Living Well Design Group. It was agreed that when the final model is agreed a representative will be invited to attend the AC. KP and AM clarified the current position on the mental health transformation.	
	APH explained that this is on the Health Scrutiny August agenda.	
	**Janene Davies arrived	

4.	UPDATE ON ICS EVENT	
5.	ACTION LOG	
	KP has spoken with Lynne Calvert and offered 3 dates for her to attend AC to explain the role of health champions. We are waiting for her confirmation.	
6.	PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) DISCUSSION	
	HWWL want to work with PPGs to build their capacity and engagement with patients in primary care.	
	MC suggested working with PPGs to take the recommendations on the GP access project forward.	
	It was suggested that HWWL approach practices to empower their PPGs to carry out a mini project to look at what their patients want. PPGs could engage with their own patients and work with the practice to make positive change for their patients.	
	JP suggested working with the lead GP and PM in practices.	
	LA suggested a pilot project in one or two practices and agreed to pull a small working group from our volunteers together.	
	The ICS event will look at where PPGs are up to and what is working in patient and community involvement. This will be a good opportunity for discussion as we ae not sure where practices and their PPGs are up to post-pandemic.	
	Anyone interested in joining a working group should contact Lisa. MC, JP and AH volunteered.	
7.	CARE HOME PROJECT	
	AL is leading this project and explained that the aim is to look at whether services are meeting the needs of care home residents and whether visiting restrictions have been lifted in homes.	

The impact is to give care home residents a voice in identifying gaps in service.

It is suggested that we use engagement opportunities to visit homes and only use the power of Enter and View if we face barriers from homes.

The project will use various engagement methods to collect information and will provide volunteers with pro forma to speak with residents, families, staff and visiting services. The team will undertake risk assessments.

Quarterly reports will be provided to the AC and full reports at the end of years one and two.

The core team AL, JD and WM. Anyone wishing to take part in the project will have undertaken training and authorised by the Board.

This was agreed by the AC.

8. CARERS PROJECT

The mental health of informal carers has been selected as a priority for HWWL for 2022-23.

It is felt that the mental health of carers, young carers and families has been affected during the pandemic. CJ agreed and explained that as a carer of elderly parents it is the most stressful role she has ever had and there will many carers experiencing mental health problems. Both mental health and physical health is affected as a long term carer.

The role of HWWL was discussed and the impact we can make.

It was felt that carers are often hidden, and we need to raise their profile with the public and professionals, to promote their role and what is available to them to support their mental health.

AA has out together a small working group to look at this project and how best to carry out the work.

AC agreed to the proposal.

9.	ADDICTION PROJECT	
	Gambling has been highlighted within the Wigan Locality Plan as an issue in Wigan and agreed as a priority by HWWL.	
	The goal is to raise awareness of addiction issues, what services are available and the impact of addition on both the person and the wider family and friends.	
	The aim is to highlight where services are working well and where are the gaps.	
	HWWL is looking to engage with a wide spread of communities and to work with other agencies.	
	We will be working with WhysUp, an organisation who raise awareness and increase understanding around mental health and addiction.	
	We will be working with WhysUp to produce videos to focus on different aspects of addictions and will look to speak to people with lived experience.	
	We aim to hold face to face events, online events, online Q & A sessions and we will offer opportunity for people to engage with us anonymously and in confidence.	
	The work will demonstrate the social value HWWL can offer to show how services are meeting the needs of local people and whether commissioned services offer value for money.	
	There is a cost to working with WhysUp and the AC was asked for approval to the spend up to £10,000	
	AC agreed and supported the work including the cost.	
10.	MISSION, VISION AND VALUES EXERCISE	
	Deferred until June meeting.	
10.	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 14 th	
June 2022 - 10am to 12.30pm in Sunshine House Annex,	
Scholes, Wigan.	