

Appendix Four – New Partnerships

New partnerships

As part of the project evaluations for the 2020-21 ICF evaluation report, service leads were asked to comment on the question 'Has this project resulted in new partnerships with Council services and/or other organisations or networks?'

A selection of their responses for live and completed projects is collated below:

Arthur Rank *'The Befriending Project- for people with life-limiting conditions'*:

Through this project Arthur Rank became aware of the myriad voluntary and community services within Cambridgeshire that can support people to live independently. To gain a wider knowledge of the services and activities available Arthur Rank Hospice created a community map. This information will form part of the support that the hospice offers to individuals and families to ensure that they are supported further. The information gained by the mapping is also being shared with staff and volunteers within Arthur Rank to grow knowledge within the team.

Ormiston Families *'MPower Cambridgeshire'*:

There is a strong link between the project and Cambridgeshire Children's Social Care (Fenland district). This has enabled representatives from the project to attend team meetings within children's social care family safeguarding. To date 9 of the 15 referrals came from Children's Social Care. This strong link has also meant that MPower has been a guest speaker in a webinar for lawyers and judges dealing with care proceedings and social work practice in relation to new-born babies who may be removed into care.

Papworth Trust *'First Steps to Success'*:

This project has been instrumental in building community connections and links with other organisations who are delivering similar supported employment projects. Papworth Trust have embodied partnership working in their offer and worked with other organisations to share best practice models and collaborative working to address any identified issues. Partnership working was evident throughout the project with varied organisations reporting the project as being hugely beneficial and positive. For example, one participant with multiple needs was supported by FSTS for employment support, the Adult Autism team for his Autism and the Adult Mental Health team for his Mental Health needs. This collaborative work has meant that the participant received a holistic approach to their care and support.

The Prospects Trust *'Prospects Trust Unwrapped & The Barn at LuvEly'*:

This project has been instrumental in building community connections and links with other organisations who are keen to look at supported employment projects. Prospects Trust have pioneered partnership working with other organisations to share best practice models and collaborative working to address any identified issues.

Thera East Anglia of Thera Trust *'Supported Employment Project'*:

Thera championed partnership and network working throughout this project and worked collaboratively with the other providers (Royal Mencap, Papworth Trust and The Prospects Trust) delivering a similar offer rather than working in competition for referrals. Thera were of the opinion that a unified offer across Cambridgeshire would help map the future pathway for supported

employment opportunities. Thera met with the other providers regularly to provide feedback on the project, identify any issues and how best to address them and ensure that they were aligned to the other models to offer a consistent approach across the County.

Connected Lives '*Cambridgeshire Hub*':

Key partnerships have been developed with three local Primary schools, the Pre-Natal Mental Health team for referrals and the Regional Infant Mental Health Special Interest Group for on-going professional development. An additional key partnership is with the Social Prescriber at the local GP Surgery.

Huntingdon Town Council '*Supporting Older People Oxmoor Friendship Group*':

This project has built on the principle of bringing a range of organisations together within a safe community space to offer support to the community and as such this project has successfully engaged with a range of partners including:

- Caring Together - monthly carers support group
- Regional College - monthly free hand massages and manicures to members
- DISH - ensuring that people are receiving the correct disability benefits
- Care Network - providing activities, support and information and advice
- Everyone Health - health MOTs
- Huntingdonshire District Council - information and advice
- Age UK - practical activities, information and advice
- Healthwatch - information and advice
- Community physiotherapy (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust)
- Medway Christian Fellowship

KICK '*Siblings Project*':

Referral routes have been established with Huntingdonshire District Youth Offending Service through attending a full staff meeting to share details of the project, the benefits and approach taken, and explanation of referral method. Follow up information was sent with processes and contact details. Attended Early Help District Meetings for Huntingdonshire. Strengthening partnerships with Young People Workers, Family Workers, Children Centres and Transitions Advisors. Main contacts identified to ensure referrals will continue to remain a focus for the teams. Youth & Community Co-ordinator able to share information about the project at Huntingdonshire District Council, Youth Problem Solving Group. Possible referral routes from the schools, PCSOs, Early Help etc. Partners at meetings made aware of KICK's work and referral routes.

Littleport Parish Council '*Community Link Worker – elderly residents*':

The Community Link Worker has already built working relationships with key service providers such as St George's Medical Centre Social Prescribers, Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Care Network, East Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council officers. Connections have been made with many other organisations and groups such as Alzheimer's Society, VCAEC, Cam Sight, Pos+Ability, Cambridgeshire Acre, Sanctuary Housing, Townlands Charity and the Littleport and Ely Timebank. Also, the project felt that reaching out and building a relationship with other parishes who provide support for older residents would offer an opportunity to share ideas and support.

Sawston Parish Council '*Sawston Timebank*':

Sawston Timebank has been extremely proactive to reach out and work with a range of groups and organisations. Good links have been established with the three schools in the village, with

joint litter picks and presentations at assemblies. The Timebank has recruited 12 organisational members and worked together in partnership with a wide range of organisations including other Cambridgeshire Timebanks, Care Network, John Huntingdon Charity, Sawston Mutual Aid Group, CPFT and the local district nurses, Sawston Parish Council, Morsbags making, South Cambs Child and Family Centre, St Mary's Church, Sawston Catholic Church, East Roast Coffee and others.

During this uncertain time, the Timebank has established links with the Sawston Mutual Aid Group. The Timebank did not have capacity to run the village support as quite a lot of members are over 70 or have medical conditions so were needing to self-isolate. Through this partnership working the Timebank gained new members who either needed help or wanted to help but also those who were not wanting or able to join the Timebank at this time could still help by supporting the Mutual Aid group. The 2 groups worked well together and have been there for those self-isolating and in need in Sawston and hopefully made this time a little less stressful and isolated during Covid-19.