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Project Update Meeting

Tuesday 15 September 2020

James Miller House, 98 West George Street, Glasgow

Attendees

Niven [REDACTED]

Alastair Muir

Will Linden (by Zoom)

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1. Welcome and Introduction

Niven welcomed everyone to the meeting and made particular welcome to S38(1)(b) [REDACTED] who were attending as observers for the first time. He also welcomed back S38(1)(b) [REDACTED] who had not been at a meeting in a while.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been S38(1)(b) [REDACTED] remained absent S38(1)(b) [REDACTED].

3. Minutes and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting of 18 August 2020 were adopted as a true record and Niven ran through the action log updating as required.

4. Current Projects – Update

4.1 Braveheart Industries

S38(1)(b) [REDACTED] reported that S38(1)(b) [REDACTED] had returned S38(1)(b) [REDACTED] and that with S38(1)(b) [REDACTED] now having started there were three trainees at the dental hospital. Footfall remains slight, however, and takings had dropped to about £150/day from £400 pre COVID. He had

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been in touch with the multiplex and the situation there remained unchanged. The small Airsteam is being moved to a different storage location near Paisley where we can do work to upgrade it ready for redeployment.

Chef S38(1)(b) is to start a 'pop-up' project at the docklands social project on weekend of the 10 October which will see himself and one trainee work there Friday – Sunday for a nominal fee selling products. It is hoped this will off-set some of the loss of finance we have experienced and give some variety to the trainees.

Alastair updated on board progress with new members being recruited and S38(1)(b) doing more accountancy work, albeit S38(1)(b) remains heavily involved and further steps need to be taken to reduce her commitment.

S38(1)(b) new job description had been submitted and approved and Alastair was encouraging the board to seek to appoint a CEO as business opportunities, such as the recent offer at Kilmarnock Railway Station, require a professional knowledge to advance. The suggestion has been that this may happen in the New Year.

Sadly, S38(1)(b) contract has ended and S38(1)(b) the second mentor, has been told that there is no longer employment for him given the loss of the Multiplex. Assistance is being provided to them in order to find new roles elsewhere.

4.2 Navigator

S38(1)(b) provided a full report on Navigator:

Edinburgh – aiming to launch in house recovery programmes similar to Crosshouse Hospitals CA programme but has been awaiting the restrictions lifting further. Encouraging discussions about finance have taken place with Colin Briggs, Director of Planning, and a business case has to be submitted to fund Navigator at ERI and St Johns. This will be a variation of the funding template employed at other hospitals.

Glasgow funding – the £80K committed by the ADP has yet to be received but is apparently being held up in procurement. This will be received shortly it is hoped.

S38(1)(b) has commenced discussion about next year's funding.

GRI – a new office has been provided in an outbuilding for use by the Navigators. This has been an excellent development providing a safe space to meet patients and also arrange return appointments. S38(1)(b) hopes it may become best practice in time.

QE – Navigator S38(1)(b) has accepted a promoted post at Turning Point and will leave in November. This is a managerial position providing rapid response to overdose and homelessness. He is serving his notice period and the post will be advertised.

RAH, Paisley – the ADP have intimated that they will reduce their funding of the programme to 50%. Discussion regarding this has taken place with S38(1)(b), Community Mental Health Manager and a business case will be submitted to the Health and social care partnership for the other 50% funding.

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Wishaw general – Funding in place for two years at this location. Community Partnerships have been widened through connections with former Navigator S38(1)(b) S38(1)(b) at the Beacons project. This is an extremely busy location receiving 58 referrals in the past month – such is the scale of referral that a waiting list has developed and dialogue has started regarding potentially employing a third Navigator here.

Crosshouse – Contact has been made with Neil Kerr, Chair of the EAC ADP re funding but response awaited. Niven suggested that as he previously worked with S38(1)(b) he might make contact and advance this dialogue.

ACTION – Niven to contact East Ayrshire ADP regarding funding proposals for Crosshouse hospital.

Ninewells – No funding concerns as funding is established on a rolling basis. The Navigators have been invited to join the Dundee Mental Health partnership (this arises from the Strang Review and meets once a fortnight). They are also to present to the quality improvement forum in November to showcase their work and the benefit of the service.

S38(1)(b) also reported other developments including proposals to develop a ‘talking heads’ video to brief Police officers about the service.

Talks continue with St Johns and Forth Valley about expansion and S38(1)(b), paediatric consultant at St Johns, also wants to pilot navigator as a youth service and potentially the sick kids in Glasgow. This proposal will be included in the funding submission to S38(1)(b). Similarly, CTACS remains on the table for a further pilot in a doctors surgery.

Finally, S38(1)(b) reported that the hiring of area co-ordinators will commence when the Glasgow ADP monies are received.

S38(1)(b) reported on wider MAV issues – a board meeting and AGM are required to sign off the annual accounts and he is in dialogue with S38(1)(b) regarding this. He also highlighted that the more Navigator expands the greater the need for more infrastructure around the charity.

Will highlighted several projects in Glasgow that he had become aware of – one aimed at reducing police officer time at A&E, another regarding the number of walk outs from A&E and finally one looking at a ‘compassionate distress response’. He felt there was a role for Navigator in each of these and will try to link the navigators to them.

4.3 One Community

S38(1)(b) confirmed that One Community had received charity status and the first board meeting was being arranged for the first week of October. In the main her work in present is with regard to children looking for employment. She had been in touch with Skills Development Scotland for assistance and was explaining to parents about ‘modern apprenticeships’ due to a lack of knowledge.

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Of greatest concern was an apparent rise in racism in schools. At first the belief was that this was only within one school in Glasgow, S39(1) but it now appears to be more widespread and taking the form of blaming BAME kids for spreading COVID. The result is that young people who are already significantly traumatised are not wishing to go to school due to the conflict there. Added to this their parents do not understand the problems they are experiencing.

This issue was discussed in some detail and it was decided that Alastair, S38(1)(b) will attempt to identify the scale of the problem as currently the reporting was in Glasgow alone and largely anecdotal. They will contact police officers in their area regarding reports and also make contact with BAME community leaders in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee to ascertain the scale of the issue and allow appropriate action to be taken. Claire provided advice on potential use of the media in this regard.

ACTION: Alastair, S38(1)(b) to investigate the scale of the racism in schools linked to COVID and report back before the next meeting.

4.4 The Crib – Edinburgh

S38(1)(b) had submitted a written report and highlighted issues including the fact that the second bus destined for Saughton prison will come from Aberdeen. S38(1)(b) also highlighted that, for a variety of reasons, CISCO had left the café in Edinburgh Prison and a recovery café had now been established internally. There may be opportunity for the VRU to become involved here. S38(1)(b) will monitor.

4.5 Dundee

S38(1)(b) had also submitted a written report and highlighted the that the recovery website was almost complete and in use – there is potential for this to be adapted for access in respect of police officers providing details of contacts and support available.

Work continues in respect of a potential Navigator style project for people leaving Perth Prison involving the charity 'Positive Steps'. S38(1)(b) suggested that S38(1)(b) could assist with this due to the ongoing evaluation of the similar project in Kilmarnock.

A presentation on Navigator has also been arranged for the local policing team in Lochee, which is the closest office to Ninewells.

Niven updated S38(1)(b) on discussins with ACC Hawkins and by extension the divisional management team regarding her post.

4.6 Custody Navigator

S38(1)(b) reported that two employees will start induction training next week and should be able to provide services from week commencing 19 October. He added that CJSD were

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preparing a video to help provide rights of accused information for disabled people and those with language barriers. It will include details of the navigator service.

4.7 ECHO Project

S38(1)(b) started by reporting on progress at a strategic level. It was understood that the Robertson Trust will not open for bids for a while yet but there is a window available to apply to the Big Lottery Fund until 30 September. Despite the short timeframe there is an opportunity to link funding bids through BHI, MAV and One Community and also involve other partners such as the Wise Group. Niven undertook to discuss this with S38(1)(b) at the Wise Group.

ACTION: Niven to contact the Wise Group regarding funding bids.

Will also reported that due to collapsed funding the Youth workers employed in the Springburn, Saracen area funded by Glasgow City Council have been withdrawn. Thus there is currently nobody working with youth on the edge of offending in these areas. This may be a priority in our funding application.

Will had met with S38(1)(b) at Glasgow City Council who are conducting a property review as only 25% of office space is being used due to COVID. These empty corporate spaces are unlikely to address our need for a hub as they are largely corporate spaces. S38(1)(b) is meeting S38(1)(b) from Glasgow Life who may be able to identify more appropriate premises from which we can work.

Procurement of a researcher to do asset based research and social studies in the area is almost complete.

The desire to repeat our 'ACIM' work in schools has been delayed due to COVID and will hopefully be able to commence in the New Year as it is community based involving community dinners and networking events.

S38(1)(b) added that ongoing work has been concentrated on 'upskilling' two community groups – G20 and Lambhill Stables. This is aimed at establishing a youth work service at Lambhill Stables and working with existing staff at G20 where a 'You decide' programme is planned. The 'you decide' will be a train the trainer to give a sustainable model and S38(1)(b) are developing this at present. There has also been an approach from NG homes to help develop a youth project around sport.

Linked to this S38(1)(b) reported on the development of a boxing intervention project at G20 which includes trauma informed work alongside numerous aims including employability.

S38(1)(b) provided an update on SMART which is also developing into a sustainable model and along with Scott McEwan she aims to train some VRU staff members to deliver this programme.

Finally S38(1)(b) reported on contact with No Knives Better Lives with a view to linking 'You Decide' to their peer education programme with a view to moving You Decide graduates into the peer programme as mentors.

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4.8 Community Navigator

Will said that the two navigators who had successfully passed the vetting had been employed but there was now a need to employ a third. S38(1)(b) has started to evaluate the programme. There is a need to discuss access to prison estate from former offenders with SPS as programmes such as this develop.

5 Future Projects.

5.1 Caithness/Sutherland

Nothing further to report at present.

5.2 Prison Project

COVID has restricted this project substantially, not least several outbreaks within Low Moss prison. Potential exists to utilise contacts to move this along at Perth or Edinburgh prisons.

5.3 Football Related Violence

S38(1)(b) added to S38(1)(b) written report regarding Hamilton Academicals. Will then outlined continuing dialogue with the SFA regarding Bystander. He highlighted in more detail an approach by the Centre for Good Relations relating to sectarianism. There is potential for workshops to be developed here and to form an operations group to supplement the strategic group which contains senior representatives from PSOS, Government and Glasgow City Council.

5.4 'You Decide' Project

S38(1)(b) provided an update in relation to this programme and the establishment of a second pilot in Castlemilk. Dialogue is ongoing with various people to obtain referrals for this pilot.

5.5 Legal Aid Board

S38(1)(b) said that he had spoken to Colin Lancaster, CEO of SLAB, who believes in the current 'landscape' this project cannot progress. There is still a desire to deliver this project and it links to numerous other areas of work. Niven asked S38(1)(b) to discuss this further with Iain Smith from Keegan Smith Law who was the initial conduit for the work.

ACTION: S38(1)(b) to discuss this project and potential to progress it with Iain Smith, Keegan Smith Law

6 Media

Claire said she was spending time catching up with colleagues and getting up to speed following her return S38(1)(b). She was also reviewing the website content following the relaunch. Niven thanked her for several important contributions since her return. He also asked Will to progress the employment of an individual to fulfil the other half of her contract and he confirmed the matter was presently with HR at PSOS.

7 Training

S38(1)(b) was unable to attend the meeting due to the fact that he was on a training course. His submitted a written report which was noted. A number of items he was involved in had also been updated under different headings.

8 Evaluation/Research

S38(1)(b) submitted a written report in advance which was noted. She said that she was also starting to prepare an evaluation of the Hamilton Academicals project.

9 Website

S38(1)(b) was not present to report.

10 Strategy Development

Will had prepared a draft document which he had shared with S38(1)(b) for comment and discussion. Once the detail was complete it would pass to S38(1)(b) for language to be adjusted. Thereafter there will be a period of consultation and then finalisation with publication.

Niven is to meet senior government officials on 23 September and this document will inform information submitted in advance of that including the quarterly statistical return.

11 Partner Updates

Niven invited the observers to provide a short update from the viewpoint of their organisations. S38(1)(b) reported on cross overs with the work of PPCW (partnerships, preventions and community wellbeing). S38(1)(b) updated on staffing changes at Government, Safer Communities and Alan outlined changes from a strategic perspective.

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12.1 *Kilmarnock*

Niven provided an update with regard to the development of a VRU hub in Kilmarnock and hoped that this will progress in the near future.

12.2 *Moir's Run*

A decision had been taken not to organise a Moir's Run this year due to COVID but following the successful television documentary S38(1)(b) had asked that we consider assisting to organise a virtual event. S38(1)(b) is currently examining this proposal.

12.3 MVP

Alastair reported on discussions he had held with S38(1)(b) who is now co-ordinating MVP. COVID had presented challenges but the programme is still being delivered albeit on a more limited basis.

12.4 Staffing

Alastair also reported that S38(1)(b) remains absent S38(1)(b) but he is in regular contact with her.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 1030hrs on Tuesday 13 October – at JMH.