



Partnership Meeting: 25th June 2014

Nearly 50 partners met at the Southville Centre to:

1. Catch up on the bid.

The key issues raised were:

- What the given base address meant?- simply our HQ and contact address.
- The importance of the BBC and elder presenters in our on going communications.
- How on board are our councillors? - Kay replied very on board.
- How fixed is our governance structure- and how well known. It is under review- but won't change much.
- The importance of inter generational work.
- The engagement of the CCG was queried and recognised as vital and improving.
- The opportunities to evaluation in using digital and research resources.
- The opportunity to engage the trade unions a bit more- not very engaged so far.
- The need to get highways and transport involved- especially in local issues.
- The need to understand that the threshold for contact will be lower in many areas.

2. Procurement principles

Judith and Mark introduced some 1st draft principles for discussion- from which our overall procurement process would be developed- working closely with a small group of Partners- including VOSCUR, the Care Forum and the Council (and anyone else interested in doing so).

These were discussed in small groups and altered to read:

- a) **Older people** will play a lead role throughout this process.
- b) We will aim to secure the **best services** we can.
- c) Organisations will work together in/ through the partnership to build services that can **be sustained** after BAB funding ends.
- d) Providers will be sought who can **build community assets and work closely with local organisations and older people.**
- e) The process will be fair, transparent and **high quality.**

- f) BAB partners will be **highly engaged** throughout the process.
- g) Service proposals will need to demonstrate **value for money**.
- h) Service **specifications** will be refined and developed working closely with all our partners and those interested in providing them.
- i) Our **local third sector organisations** will be encouraged to provide as much of the BAB plan as possible- and be supported to do so.

Key points for us to consider in designing our procurement process (that emerged from the group work) are:

- (i) having an emphasis on collaboration.
- (ii) the importance of financial sustainability.
- (iii) having a separate procurement panel to avoid vested interests.
- (iv) the importance of equality and diversity.
- (v) keeping the process as simple as possible.
- (vi) understanding where risk lies in the process.

Partners agreed that it would be useful to hold an interactive exercise at our next partnership meeting, where all partners present set out what their organisation does to tackle social isolation of older people. Shelagh Hetreed from LinkAge offered to run this session for partners and several liked the idea of building a visual representation of our work in the City on the wall, as we discuss what we do.

3. The meeting closed at 4pm.

We expect to hear whether we have been successful in our bid from the Big Lottery later in July. We will share that with you all as soon as we hear. Keep your fingers crossed.