

Alcester Town Council Health and Wellbeing Working Group
Meeting on 18th July 2023, 1.30pm at Globe House

Present: Cllr Kathryn Cargill (Chair), Cllr Alison Leask, Wendy Sherwood, Abi Hall
Apologies: Vanessa Lowe, Ali Mainey, Rev Alison Mackay, Jen Hopkins

1. Update on Teenage Sexual Health

- Unfortunately, the situation with collecting STI kits remains the same as previously stated. STI testing kits can only be ordered [online](#). Under 16's will have to contact [Sexual Health Warwickshire](#) for an appointment.
- They are in the process of selecting a new provider for the Integrated Sexual Health service so from April 2024 the availability of STI kits **may** change, but they do not know yet at this stage.
- Alison and Wendy have spoken to Mick Catheart at Hopkins Pharmacy and he has kindly agreed to everything we suggested. He is happy to distribute STI Kits, EHC and condoms from both pharmacies. He is also happy to be the place where the EHC and STI kits can be collected from for younger customers who do not wish for them to be delivered to their home.
- Claire Crawford has been contacted to see if condom training can be arranged for Wendy, Alison (Leask) and Becky Gribben. With regards the Condom Distribution scheme, this is separate to the ISH service. The training is currently only available for those trained as youth workers and not intended to be a wider offer for other individuals. The scheme is an interim arrangement to enable a quick roll out before the summer holidays. Connect4Health are the providers for the school nursing contract which will be taking over the Condom Distribution scheme, including training from January 2024. Connect4Health will then arrange training directly with any identified teams and/or individuals.
- Poonam hasn't been able to contact Lin, was unable to access the contact details from the link Alison sent through. Can Alison give details? **Action ALEA**
- We have now made contact with the Lead Nurse, Helen from ISH service and will arrange a meeting.

2. Men's shed

- 18 attended the gathering to scope interest
- Wendy, Kathryn and Mark (Cargill) attended the shed fest conference
- Meeting to agree the constitution has happened and the trustee officers agreed. Most urgent is the need to get a bank account.
- Official name of Alcester Community Shed agreed
- Decisions on work required for the squash courts is waiting for the surveyor's report
- Visits to other sheds at Evesham and Redditch have taken place

3. Dental Hygiene

- Wendy has contacted both dentists in Alcester but has heard nothing back.

4. Trips for older people

- These are now organised but have had a poor response from the outings so far. Attendance would probably be better if payment were taken in advance, but this is difficult administratively.

5. Volunteer event booked for 16th September.

- The Community Fair has been booked for Saturday September 16th, 11 till 2 at the EPCC. This will be an opportunity for volunteer groups to publicise what they do and hopefully recruit new volunteers

6. Becky had around 15 responses back from Orbit residents

7. SEND Children

- Alison Leask and Wendy met Hannah from ST. Nicks school. There has been and increased amount of need (Hannah will provide some data around this). The relationship with families is important. There is a 3-year waiting list for children to be assessed and diagnosed. The school support families and children with any additional needs and can buy in therapists, but these are very costly. Hannah currently runs coffee mornings for families with SEND children and we are invited to attend one of these and ask parents themselves what support we might be able to help with. She will also send us stuff about Warwickshire Neuro Pathway Diagnostics Tool. Eve Goodwin is the Autistic Specialist in Warwickshire.
- Agreed that Alison and Wendy should attend a meeting to gather input from the parents.
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- Alison to contact a commissioner of these services to see if they could attend
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8. Working for Marcus (sessions arranged by LoudMouth)

- All three schools have booked teacher training.
- One school has so far booked training for pupils
- Our parent/community session is on 13th September. Disappointingly there has been no interest so far. It is hoped that a publicity push after the summer holidays will generate some interest.

9. Cook and Eat Your Tea and Holiday Lunch Club

- Ali Mainey is organising a new series of Cook and Eat Your Tea sessions
- Ali is also organising a summer holiday day trip to Weston for disadvantaged families
- The Holiday Lunch Club will be running again on Wednesdays during the summer holidays
- The Food Bank will be distributing parcels for families over the summer school break