**Joining up the Communities of Norwood:**

Actions and Notes from meeting held 17 October 2019, 7:30 – 9:30pm

at the Community Room, West Norwood Library.

**Attendees:**

Norwood Forum (5)

Norwood Action Group (3)

Norwood Planning Assembly (3)

Lambeth Safer Neighbourhood Board (2)

Rathbone Society (2)

Thurlow Park Safer Neighbourhood Panel (3)

Christchurch (2)

Fulham FC Foundation

Lambeth Patient Participation Group Network (LPPGN)

Lambeth Council

London Grid for Learning (LGFL)

Knights Hill Councillor

Station to Station Business Improvement District

Several attendees including all from the Norwood Forum had more than one relevant affiliation

**London Grid for Learning (LGFL)**

LGFL [www.lgfl.net](http://www.lgfl.net) provides broadband connections and online content for 94% of London schools. Free links to open access content, on child/youth protection and on-line safety are available under the Digisafe banner <https://lgfl.planetestream.com/Default.aspx?catid=6> including on:

* http://counterextremism.lgfl.org.uk/ (being updated)
* http://survive.lgfl.net (serious youth violence)
* http://countylines.lgfl.net (e.g. why quiet, respectful children are targeted)
* http://saferesources.lgfl.net (themed filters with resources)
* http://parentsafe.lgfl.net (for parents supporting their children)
* http://hopesandstreams.lgfl.net (joint research survey with NSPCC)

LGFL also carries uncharged links to open access materials on neurodiversity and in support of Personal, Social, Health and Economic education.

**Actions:**

1. The Digisafe site does not cover substance abuse. It would be helpful to provide MB with details/contacts of any relevant materials to enable this to covered.
2. The Digisafe on-line videos should be reviewed by Rathbones and LPPGN to see if that designed for use by teachers with school pupils would also be helpful for medical/clinical staff and youth workers.

**Patient Participation Group Network (LPPGN)**

There are 41 GP practices in Lambeth. Historically they have worked in silos and not been able to deal with non-medical issues such as crime and housing which have a large impact on people’s health. The practices are being group into 9 Primary Care Networks each of which will have a link worker to handle “social prescribing” to help handle such issues.

The primary care networks for Norwood are:

* “Hill, Brook & Dale” (Brixton Hill, Herne Hill, Knights Hill, Tulse Hill, Deer Brook, Crown Dale), clinical director Dr Sadru Kheraj (from Herne Hill Group practice)
* Croxted (Brockwell Park, Old Dairy, Paxton Green), clinical director Dr Alex Mackay (from Paxton Green practice)

**Actions:**

Identify the link workers for the two Norwood Networks and support them in creating the networks they will need in order to make a reality of “social prescribing”.

**The Norwood Consortium (led by the Rathbone Society)**

The Norwood Consortium (Rathbone Society, Norwood Community Group Services, High Trees Community Development Trust, Fulham Football Club Foundation, 4ALL and Ashdon Jazz Academy) is contracted by Lambeth Council to organise youth and early intervention activities. They have 2 major priorities:

1. Training up local mentors
2. Outreach and development work.

With regard to the outreach work they have found a blind spot around the Central Hill area but is struggling to find suitable premises in the area. The Council were being negative in giving approval for an existing site which could be converted by local residents fearing that if the area is redeveloped they would have to replace the service.

There is a clash of priorities with regard to the enclosed Norwood Park ball court. This was resurfaced a few years ago but not to the quality (e.g. Astro Turf) required by sports clubs wanting to book the court for use during evenings and week-ends. Funding is available and Norwood School is willing to lock/unlock the court in return for use during week-days. Local residents did not, however, want a locked court which would not be available for informal local community use, e.g. BMX bikes and children on cycles, when not used by the school or booked by amateur footballers or other clubs.

**Actions:**

1. Rathbone to provide requirements for mentors and this to be promoted via FEAST, Norwood Forum and local social media sites,
2. It was suggested that Rathbone go back to Children’s Services and ask them to help the Council to reconsider the site rejection,
3. Christchurch may have space to accommodate a youth services team.

**London Village Network (LVN)**

Rathbone has reviewed the site and found it to be easy to use and easy to upload material. There is a requirement for DBS checks and training as part of the process.

**Action:** Contact LVN to discuss follow up. [A discussion and training session has since been agreed for 7th November, 10.00 a.m. onwards in the Old Library on Knight’s Hill].

**Station to Station Business Improvement District**

There have been serious issues with shoplifting and anti-social behaviour and particularly in Tulse Hill. The BID is unable to finance security provisions and there appear to be no street police available other than via 999, which leads to retaliation (e.g. broken windows) after the response car has departed.

It was said that there was a time when local police would contact Rathbone over anti-social behaviour. If the perpetrator was known they would seek to defuse the situation. This no longer happens. It was alleged that the supermarket chains, which used to employ security guards have taken the view accepting the cost of stolen goods is cheaper than taking action.

**Actions:**

1. BID to inform Rathbone of anti-social activity to enable engagement with those responsible.
2. Check the situation regarding the former Bail (now young offenders) Hostel on Thurlow Park Road and possible action with the management to help address the problem.

**The Power of Food**

Reference was made to an International study (Royal Society of Arts Churchill Scholarship by Det Supt in Operation Trident) on the use of Food to break into organised crime gangs. This referred, inter alia, to a successful experiment in Lambeth some years ago. It was agreed that this approach should be explored.

**Next Meeting** week commencing 17th November, date and venue to be confirmed.

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