

Community Forum Meeting



TIME 09.00

PRESENT: M. RATHORE (BCHS) S. HUSSAIN (BCHS) H. PATEL (BCHS) CLLR. A. HUMPHREYS (BWD). J. DURHAM (VICTIMS VOICE). A. GIBBONS (PREVENT). E. JONES (ARC PROJECT). J. ROGERS (ST. MATTHEW'S PRIMARY). C. HARTLEY (INTERNATIONAL NEW ARRIVALS TEAM). S. MURPHY (POLICE EARLY ACTION). S. KHAN (IMO). J. WIGNALL (RESOURCE CREATIVES LIBERATE). I. HASHAM (BWD)

APOLOGIES: J. CARNE (RESTORATIVE JUSTICE). CLLR Z, KHAN. D. ESTILL (WESTBURY GARDENS UNITED REFORMED CHURCH)

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Item	Discussion	Further Action by whom
Welcome and Introductions	<p>M Rathore, Community Lead for BCHS, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. She stated the aims of the Community Forum were to bring cohesion between local organisations and the school to raise awareness of facilities available and share information, resources and knowledge.</p> <p>Samir Khan, sports and recreation lead, from IMO which is a local community charity which has three strands Health and Wellbeing, Education and Employability and Sports and Recreation.</p> <p>S. Murphy, Lancashire Police Early Action Team.</p> <p>K Hartley from International New Arrivals and Gypsy Roma Traveller Team.</p> <p>J. Rogers, Headteacher St. Matthew's Primary School.</p> <p>E. Jones, (Asylum Refugee Community) ARC Project.</p> <p>A. Gibbons Police Office with the PREVENT Team. PREVENT supports vulnerable people at risk of becoming involved with extremism or radicalisation.</p> <p>S. Hussain, Deputy headteacher BCHS.</p> <p>H. Patel EAL (BCHS)</p> <p>J. Durham, outreach worker for Victims Voice (Lancashire Hate Crime</p> <p>Councillor A. Humphreys BwD councillor for Shadsworth and Whitebirk area.</p>	
Update on Community Events	<p>Recently at BCHS we have recommenced Adult Literacy classes. They are on Wednesday 5.00 – 6.30 p.m. They are very successful and everyone is welcome. H. Patel shared some leaflets for the Adult Literacy Classes. There are 51 nationalities in school which we are hoping will grow. There are a large number of Eastern European families which we need to bring into our community by raising awareness. Translation services could be available via the primary learning support assistants. All agreed that raising awareness of different cultures and traditions is an excellent thing.</p> <p>Autumn Bazaar at BCHS is on 22nd October 11.00 – 2.00 p.m. Stalls are £15 and the money will go straight into school funds. J Rogers explained they are getting some children via Fair Access which are mainly coming from Italy. These are Italian Muslim Children who are coming in with little or no English, but they tend not to get many Eastern European students. The</p>	

	<p>numbers of these children is increasing because if a family is resident in a European Country for 12 months they are afforded the same rights as any other EU Citizen which means they are free to move so an awful lot of children are coming through in this manner. Cllr Humphreys clarified that many of these children are placed at Intack School.</p> <p>Grandparent's day was a successful event. These events reinforce links with the community and recognise the help and support that grandparents provide to families.</p> <p>There are a number of Heritage Open Days coming up.</p> <p>Anti-bullying and Hate Crime. The decision as to where this will be has yet to be made.</p> <p>The Government have introduced a funding scheme for Hate Crime. There is a community scheme, Faith Place Security Funding Scheme. J. Durham outlined Victims Voice. Previously a group in Burnley, Smile Mediation, provided mediation and the now do restorative justice. They are a charity staffed mainly by volunteers. They had a perpetrator programme for perpetrators of hate crime and hate incidents which has been evaluated and shown to be quite successful. This was set up because perpetrators didn't accept that their actions were racist. It also addresses missing life skills and tries to make them understand the ripple effect of their actions.</p> <p>J Durham shared the Victims Services leaflet. When the Police and Crime Commissioner set up Lancashire Victim Services, which includes Victim Support, Victims Voice (hate crime), Virtual Trust and Trust House (Child sexual abuse and attacks counselling service) and NEST which is a consortium of six charities working with young people.</p> <p>What we look to provide is in recognition that victims of hate crime take twice as long to recover emotionally. They can feel that they could be targeted anywhere and could become hyper vigilant. The service doesn't just look at encouraging people to report. If they won't report to the police we work with community resources, councils, charities or schools to look for a solution. If they will report to the police we would work with the neighbourhood team to get support for them. If they go to court, we recognise that witness support is available, but they need support preparing to get there and sometimes they may need to be de-briefed. Support continues until confidence and self-esteem has been restored.</p> <p>We also have a volunteer buddies. Leaflet was shared and request made to circulate in the community asking for volunteer buddies.</p> <p>As the outreach worker I would visit schools.</p> <p>We have issued clickers to some of our clients to count the number incidents. Discussions around reporting, feelings and support take place and we try to increase the number of reports to the police.</p> <p>M Rathore outlined our Pathways facility and suggested maybe having a drop in session. J Durhan stated all staff are DBS checked and they have many youth workers so this would be ideal.</p> <p>I Hasham works in the Community Safety Team for BwD. In Hate Crime Awareness Week we are working closely with the police. Ideally we would like support from school and communities to take part in the campaign through social media or actual attendance at the event. A tentative date of 13th October 11.00 – 2.30 p.m. has been set. Details have yet to be finalised and he will share them with school and the local community as soon as possible.</p> <p>Throughout the week different agencies will be raising awareness of what hate crime is and signposting avenues of support.</p>	<p>MRA to email details</p> <p>J Durham will send out details</p> <p>I Hasham to send details to M. Rathore</p>
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Fund Raising – discussed at previous meeting– we know criminals and organised groups tap into fundraising for their own ends. A Gibbons advised a workshop had been set up with the Charities Commission. It has to be linked to a faith group. Information was shared with the group. There have not been as many cases reported this year so the initiative is proving successful. If any more information is required please contact A. Gibbons directly.

Ebrahim Chand joined the meeting he is in charge of British Values and PHSE within school. He gets the school involved with the local community as much as possible. This assists our students in becoming vital citizens and well-rounded members of the community.

E Jones outlined the ARC Project which works with asylum seekers and refugees in BwD. It has existed in different forms since 2004. At any given time the can be up to 350 asylum seekers in the area. We work with people as soon as they are dispersed to Blackburn. Support is indefinite with no cut off period. We offer practical support by explaining the systems of the country. We run an English club and we dedicated 1 day per week to socialising to reduce isolation. We involve other agencies e.g. British Red Cross, The Prince’s Trust, Lancashire Mind etc.

J Wignall from Resource Creatives explained they have been commissioned to be one of three organisations delivering the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy, Liberate. My colleagues send their apologies to the meeting.

There are three programmes running and organisations can refer into all three projects simultaneously. Liberate Pink which is run by Lancashire Women’s Network. They run a programme for Women and they are piloting a young girls group. They work with small groups or individuals over a six week period. Details have been shared with BCHS and they have been fed through. Liberate Blue is run by Triangle Care and they offer one to one support and coaching. They also work with small groups and families. Liberate Green whose aim is to work with Primary and Secondary schools. They also work with one COC. They offer resources on making positive choices. It is very much a preventative tool. We are forging partnerships with the early action teams.

The format for Secondary Schools would be focused on years 10 and 11 we would deliver 45 minute workshops on a carousel. We could work with whole year groups and families could also be invited.

There is a Liberate website with all the contact details.

We do have a parent’s open evening on Tuesday 27th September if anyone would like a stand. This also applies to the Autumn Bazaar. If you are interested please contact M Rathore.

S. Khan outlined IMO and passed on his gratitude to school for the use of facilities and in particular to the PE staff for the use of equipment.

H Patel has referred some students to Mr Khan and will refer more. There is a childhood obesity strategy running and both the IMO and school are keen to engage in this. Also the Diabetes Strategy.

We have also run some sessions addressing mental health in women which have been successful.

	S. Murphy from the Early Action Team, which is in its infancy but starting to grow, is already working with several agencies.	
AOB	Christine Briercliffe was recommended to M Rathore as a useful contact. M Rathore asked the members to share details of our Community Forum and asked that they publicise it and feel free to bring anyone that may be interested in joining.	
	M Rathore thanked everyone for attending .	