

## Well Placed Group

30 January 2025, held at YMCA Leeds Street

### Minutes

#### Present:

Ellie McNeil (Chair) (EM)  
Jacinta Ashdown  
Shantanu Kundu  
Debbie Nolan  
Mike Smith  
Matty Caine  
Lucy Dossor  
Rocio Castillero  
Win Lawlor  
Bev Morgan  
Rachel Lindsay (notes)  
Dagmara Wojciechowicz  
Joanne Parr  
Diane Hesketh  
Dave Horsfield  
Jill Sheldrake  
Ant Hopkinson  
Maxine Ennis  
Jemma Guerrier  
Karol Zwolinski  
David Carter  
Kevin Peacock  
Tom Harrison  
Lisa Taaffe

YMCA  
Age Concern Liverpool & Sefton  
Be Free Campaign  
Citizens Advice  
Compass  
First Person Project  
Growing Sudley  
Incurably Wonderful  
Irish Community Care  
Koala  
LCVS  
Merseyside Polonia  
MSDP  
Natural Breaks  
PC24  
PSS  
Sahir House  
The Rotunda  
The Reader  
Turner Homes  
Whitechapel Centre  
Options for Supported Living  
Local Solutions  
We are Nugent

#### Apologies

Richard Davies  
Matthew Cliff  
Matthew Philpott  
Anne McKenna  
Andrea Rushton  
Rachael Stott  
Elaine Mathers  
Zoran Blackie  
Jo Henney

LCVS  
Bradbury Fields  
Health Equalities Group  
The Bobby Colleran Trust  
Blackburn House  
PSS  
Imagine Independence  
Merseycare and Healthwatch  
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#### Welcome and Introductions

Ellie McNeil (EM) welcomed all representatives to the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

#### 1. Health 2040 Report – Matt Ashton and Chris O’Brien Public Health

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Matt Ashton and Chris O'Brien attended the meeting to present the Health 2040 Report.

Following the presentation Matt and Chris opened the floor up to questions:

Ant Hopkinson – felt that the voluntary sector could do more with additional funding and felt that the evidence base and activity already happening could be used for future activity.

Matt Ashton – responded by saying about the power of groups speaking together with a common purpose which is exactly the purpose of this group.

Bev Morgan asked how much public health invest in the sector. Matt said 'not enough', however, they are investing in the Community Champions Programme and trying to increase this.

Kevin Peacock – felt that the view of the community sector was misaligned and that the collective is often under appreciated. Need to look at how we get the required level of resource now to save into the future. The voluntary sector have strong locally rooted relationships that can make a huge impact that the statutory sector would struggle with. How do we get this message across that we are an invested part of the solution?

Matt Ashton – agreed there are barriers in the system – people can't see/feel the cost saving. Need to make that real for people which is more a case of hearts and minds.

Gemma Guerrier – the plea is to have different conversations about how the money is shaped and directed.

Shantanu Kundu – there are marginalised ethnic minority communities – need an understanding of the disparity of those from ethnic minority communities. What's the data around this and what's going to be done and how can we help? Voluntary sector has the data around this.

Matt Ashton – agrees entirely and feels a missed opportunity to focus much more in the report on minority. Marginalised and ethnicity is part of Marmott.

David Carter – brilliant report but need actions that follow it – since covid, homelessness has got worse. What is the strategy that sits underneath the report, we have the data and could share with the Council. We have a voice but it's not changing anything.

Matt Ashton – there is now a Director of Housing in place working on this agenda. Public Health has shaped the Housing and Homelessness Strategies heavily.

Debbie Nolan – require joined up thinking and action – the report mentions oral health and multiple teeth extractions in Alder Hey. Families on the list for multiple teeth extractions for children under 5 years have all the markers of being overwhelmed by the determinants of health. If we had access to that list and could proactively work with people, we could get rid of the list with minimal investment from Public Health.

Matt Ashton - met with Alder Hey charity last week and raised this issue. This has been taken as a priority for Alder Hey to explore and Matt will take this back.

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## 2. Minutes of the meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

The minutes of both meetings were agreed as a correct record.

## 3. Representative roles for Well Placed

Well Placed Representatives will provide a link person to key system leaders across Liverpool. The purpose of the representation is to:

- Share the experiences and expertise of the sector
- Advocate on behalf of the sector for parity of esteem, equal footing, equal voice
- Hold to account the people and organisations leading in the system and be able to provide feedback

The following roles were agreed:

Area	Rep
Mental health	Ant Hopkinson and Matty Cain
Public Health	Matthew Philpott and Debbie Nolan
Housing and homelessness	David Carter and Jo Parr
Social Care	Kevin Peacock and Jacinta Ashdown
Secondary Care	Dave Horsfield Zoran Blackie ( <b>Ellie to speak with Zoran</b> )
Neighbourhoods	LCVS and Maxine Ennis
Children and families	Lisa Taaffe, LCC rep Jemma Guerrier, Alder Hey rep
Equality Rep	Win Lawlor Shantanu Kundu
Safeguarding	Karol Zwolinski and Diane Hesketh
Voluntary sector leadership – ICB Rep	To be agreed
Primary Care	To be agreed

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Health and Wellbeing Board – EM is to write formally to request a place for the Chair of Well Placed onto this Board in addition to the LCVS place.

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Priorities for reps on the group – understanding the whole of the systems and structure. Embed and keep pushing.

Consider approaching elected officials and portfolio holders

Need to connect to the person responsible for quality impact assessment on all programmes, along with any equality reps. Jo Parr to obtain details for the Head of EDI. Also suggested Adult Safeguarding Board and a combined interest.

It was agreed that EM would draft a letter for group reps to send out to their individual reps.

The group asked about the payment for reps from UKSPF, therefore this is to be followed up with LCVS.

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## 4. Rep Feedback

Out of the original segment groups, it was confirmed that the following segments are still running: Children and Families, Learning Disabilities and Neuro Diversity and Falls.

Kevin Peacock informed that the Learning Disabilities Group met on Tuesday. The attendance tends to vary with more people with learning disabilities attending the last meeting. The group has become less strategic and more of a consultation around emerging strategy which is something to monitor. Membership and structure feels a bit haphazard. Next stage is the planning of a stakeholder engagement development plan.

Debbie Nolan - Children and families has not met since last year. Deb attended 0-19 service meeting.

Jacinta Ashdown – nothing to report from the Falls Group.

Ellie, Kevin, Rachael and Richard have been doing some work with Andrea Astbury around a piece of work in North Liverpool around complex families. There will be an engagement event taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> February at PSS in Kirkdale. If anyone is interested in the piece of work, they are welcome to attend. LCC were keen for the work to be delivered through the third sector. This will be an 18 month pilot and evidence will be used to make it a citywide project with long term funding. The event is specifically looking for someone who might be able to say ‘this is my life and how I’ve had to engage with different services etc and how the system can work for me rather than working me for the system’ Details to be sent to Kevin.

## 5. 12 month Work Plan

It was agreed that this would be pushed forward to the next meeting.

## 6. Any other business

Dave Horsfield – on 12 February, PC24 will be launching small grants available for asylum seekers, child mental health and child poverty. Dave will circulate the information to Well Placed. Funds available are between £5k and £30.

Dagmara Wojciechowicz informed of Community Champions funding Merseyside Polonia are currently facilitating and will circulate details to the group.

**7. Date of next meeting**

20<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 10am, LCVS, 151 Dale Street

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