

Robin, thank you for the introduction.

Hi Hilary,

I will give you a little background around recent developments which have led us to form our LCN in Arun.

As I'm sure you're aware, it is a time of unprecedented demand for our NHS and care providers and it is widely recognised that we cannot continue as we are. There is a vast and growing gap between available resources and demand and this is felt acutely across all Health and Social Care Providers in Coastal West Sussex. Change has to come to ensure that we can continue to provide the services our patients need now and in the future.

In response to this, West Sussex Coastal Care has formed, which is the alliance of health providers, commissioners and councils. Together we have a bold and ambitious mission of developing more integrated community health and care models for people, focusing on the health of whole communities rather than just the 'sick' people within them, and preventing illness before it takes hold.

Central to this mission is a shift away from: just managing patients and illness, disconnected services and departments, doing to people, and just seeing needs and problems... to a new world, with a collective (across all sectors and working with communities) focus on individuals and communities, on their needs and capabilities, and services / communities developing a more integrated approach shaped around and with local people. In this new world, the engagement and involvement of the voluntary and community sector is crucial and knowledge and use of our community assets (people, skills, buildings, spaces) pivotal.

This new framework for working - called Local Community Networks - is about working together with local communities to shape a different mindset to what good health wellbeing looks and feels like in our communities.

At the heart of Local Community Networks (LCNs) is a commitment and desire from health and social care to reimagine a new system convened around local people and communities. They are about:

- Forming and developing new relationships in LCN places, between General Practice, Community Nursing, Social Care, Councils (social care, wellbeing, public health, and Communities), Voluntary Sector.
- Focusing on individuals, what they need and have;
- Re-imagining services around people - doing things together, challenging ourselves, changing / adapting and pooling resources.
- Redefining what health means to communities - with more focus on prevention, communities, and focus on those that need services most.

Local health and social care providers in Arun have just started to come together and, as described above, want to ensure we develop and realise this vision in partnership with key assets within our communities, including our voluntary and third sector providers.

I know your work will span across more than just the Arun LCN, there are 7 other new LCNs across Coastal West Sussex, including in Chichester, in Regis, in North Chichester Rural, South Cissbury, North Cissbury, Adur and Chanctonbury.

I wonder if VAAC would be interested in sitting on Arun's LCN board? Our next meeting is on 28th April from 9AM-11AM, venue TBC but within the locality. I would also be happy to meet you before or arrange a call, if you would like some more details.

Many thanks,
Dani

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Hi Hilary,

I was invited to attend a meeting this morning of the newly formed Local Community Network (LCN). The group were keen to engage with the VCS and I offered to provide the Project Manager, Dani Plowman with an introduction to VAAC. I'm sure Dani will be in touch with you over the coming weeks.

We had a really positive meeting and the LCN are keen to work in partnership with the third sector and service providers to provide a comprehensive range of integrated services that will improve the health and wellbeing of our community. Dani will I'm sure add more detail!

Kind regards,

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