

## **Representatives sought for various Healthier Communities and Older People Delivery Partnerships**

We are seeking expressions of interest from those active (in a paid or voluntary role) within the voluntary and community sector who would like to make an effective contribution sitting on the various Delivery Groups of the new Central Bedfordshire Healthier Communities and Older People Partnership on behalf of the sector.

### **Role**

Third Sector Assembly Representatives to sit on each of the Delivery Partnerships within the Healthier Communities and Older People Partnership:

- Learning Disability Delivery Partnership
- Strategic Housing Delivery Partnership
- Carers Commissioning Delivery Partnership
- Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment Delivery Partnership
- Health Improvement Delivery Partnership
- Older Peoples Delivery Partnership
- Long Term Conditions Delivery Partnership
- Mental Health Delivery Partnership

Further information on the aims and objectives of each partnership is set out in Appendix 1.

### **Role Purpose**

Acting individually and collectively with other members of the Delivery Partnership to contribute a voluntary and community perspective to discussions concerning the strategic direction of the Partnership and the effective delivery of local services.

### **Main Responsibilities**

- Preparing for, attending and contributing to Partnership meetings and other meetings the representative is invited to attend.
- Representing and advocating the views, interests and priorities the voluntary and community sector at Partnership meetings and any other public meetings, conferences and forums attended as an Assembly Representative.
- Contributing to the overall direction and development of the Partnership through clear strategic planning, in accordance with the Partnership's Terms of Reference.

- Using the Third Sector Assembly and own contacts to promote and publicise the Partnership, develop links with individuals and organisations, and encourage support for the work of the Partnership.
- Preparing written articles on the work of the Partnership for publication in local voluntary and community sector newsletters as a mechanism for reporting back to, and gathering views from, the sector.
- Attending meetings of the Third Sector Assembly and through this to gather, represent and feedback views to those they represent.
- Informing own effectiveness as a representative through reading, networking, training and an understanding of the issues affecting the work of the Partnership.

## **Person Specification**

The initial term of office will be until May 2010. Thereafter, renewable in accordance with arrangements put in place for the election of representatives as part of the emerging Third Sector Assembly.

The person fulfilling this role is expected to:

- regularly attend Partnership meetings, usually held every two or three months during the day;
- have a commitment to partnership working and an understanding of community involvement processes;
- be involved in strategic issues and developments in, and be able to contribute to decisions on behalf of, the voluntary and community sector in Central Bedfordshire;
- be able to analyse complex issues, identify priorities and communicate information clearly;
- have experience of representing the voluntary and community sector and/or local communities in meetings and partnership settings;
- have experience of contributing to discussions and debates on, and knowledge of, health and social care related issues relevant to a specific Delivery Partnership, local communities and the third sector;
- be involved in a local 'frontline' voluntary, community or other third sector organisation delivering services in Central Bedfordshire and have a proven involvement with the wider third sector;
- be committed to the vision and priorities included in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

## **Applying for the Role**

If you would like to be considered for one of these important roles please set out your skills, knowledge and experience in meeting each of the above expectations (maximum one side of A4) and send this to [partnerships@action-centralbeds.org.uk](mailto:partnerships@action-centralbeds.org.uk).

Informal interviews for short listed applicants will be arranged and the chosen representatives will be expected to undertake an induction programme before attending the next meeting of the Partnership.

If you would like to discuss the role with someone informally, please do not hesitate to contact either John Gelder (Director of Voluntary and Community Action) on 01525 850559 or Martin Trinder (Chief Officer of CVS) on 01234 354366.

## APPENDIX 1

### Aims and Objectives of Delivery Partnerships

#### Learning Disability Delivery Partnership

- Implementation of *Valuing People Now* for adults with learning disabilities and ensuring that effective links are made with Childrens Services to include plans for young people aged 14-25 in transition to adult life
- Work with key agencies to ensure that personalisation strategies include person centred planning approaches.
- Work in partnership with NHS Bedfordshire to ensure that people with learning disabilities and their family carers can act as partners in improving healthcare for people with learning disabilities.
- Ensure more choice for people over where they live and the support they receive to become involved in their community, including people with learning disabilities living with family carers over 70 and those with complex needs.
- Link to the local area multi-agency employment strategy and develop robust plans to increase opportunities for meaningful training, employment and work based activities for people with learning disabilities

#### Strategic Housing Delivery Partnership

- Ensure identified housing priorities are delivered.
- Ensure that good quality homes are available for the diverse needs of a changing population.
- Act as an advisory, consultative and co-ordinating body in relation to the housing implications of the strategic vision of our partners and key stakeholders.
- Contribute to the delivery of national and local targets relating to housing services, including those set out in the Local Area Agreement.
- Support the development of an integrated approach to the commissioning of housing services and oversee strategic resource allocation to achieve key priorities.

#### Carers Delivery Partnership

- Work with carers, statutory and third sector partners to identify carers needs, enable carers to maintain their own well-being and provide breaks that make a real difference to social, work and educational opportunities for carers.
- Produce, deliver and monitor a multi-agency Carers Strategy that co-ordinates work to support carers across statutory and third sector organisations.
- Produce, implement and monitor the outcomes and performance of a joint Carers Plan with NHS Bedfordshire.
- Oversee the performance and the delivery of national and local targets relating to carers, including those set out in the Local Area Agreement.

#### Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment Delivery Partnership

- Ensure the strategic direction, commitment and joint working with partners to achieve health improvements, reduce health inequalities and improve the health and wellbeing of people living with a Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment are achieved.

- Undertake and oversee a joint strategic approach, which reflects local priorities and targets; to commission services for people with Physical Disabilities and/or Sensory Impairment, including transforming the social care agenda.
- Co-ordinate the work of statutory organisations, with partners in the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to ensure that all key strategies and action plans are properly integrated and reflect health improvement priorities for People with Physical Disabilities and/or Sensory Impairment in Central Bedfordshire.
- Oversee the performance and the delivery of the national and local targets relating to Physical Disabilities and/or Sensory Impairment, including those set out in the Local Area Agreement.

### **Health Improvement Delivery Partnership**

- Achieve health improvements, reduction in health inequalities and improvements in adult social care and housing through the development of a Central Bedfordshire Healthier Communities Strategy.
- Provide strategic oversight for the delivery of the national and local priorities for Social Care, Health and Housing including the implementation of *High Quality Care for All: NHS: Next Stage Review*, and NHS Bedfordshire's strategic plan – *A Healthier Bedfordshire*.
- Ensure a joint strategic approach to commissioning and that commissioning decisions reflect local priorities and targets, including Local Area Agreement and Vital Signs targets.

### **Older Peoples Delivery Partnership**

- Ensure strategic direction, commitment and joint working with partners to achieve health improvements, reduction in health inequalities and improvements through the development of an Older People Strategy for Central Bedfordshire.
- Undertake and oversee a joint strategic approach, which reflects local priorities and targets, to the commissioning of services for older people, including transforming social care agenda as it relates to older people and the principles of *Our health, our care, our say*.
- Coordinate the work of statutory organisations, with partners in the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to ensure that all key strategies and action plans are properly integrated and reflect health improvement priorities for older people.
- Oversee the performance and the delivery of national and local targets relating to older people, including those set out in the Local Area Agreement.

### **Longer Term Conditions Delivery Partnership**

- Ensure the strategic direction, commitment and joint working with partners to achieve health improvements, reduction in health inequalities and improvements through the development of an Long Term Conditions Strategy for Central Bedfordshire.
- Undertake and oversee a joint strategic approach, which reflects local priorities and targets, to the commissioning of services for people with Long Term Conditions, including transforming social care agenda as it relates to people with Long Term Conditions and the principles of *Our health, our care, our say*.
- Coordinate the work of statutory organisations, with partners in the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to ensure that all key strategies and action plans are properly integrated and reflect health improvement priorities for people with Long Term Conditions.
- Encourage and promote self care and independence for people with long term conditions, including the use of Personal Health Plans and Personal Budgets so that people with long term conditions are in control of their lives.

## **Mental Health Delivery Partnership**

- Agree and implement a joint Mental Health Strategy that encompasses key national and regional drivers including *Transforming Social Care*, the principles of *Our health, our care, our say* and *New Horizons*.
- Develop, agree and implement a joint commissioning strategy and implementation framework.
- Provide a forum for key stakeholders to share information and contribute to the commissioning and development of mental health services.
- Coordinate the work of statutory organisations, with partners in the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to ensure all key strategies and action plans are properly integrated and reflect health improvement priorities for people with mental health needs.
- Oversee the performance and delivery of Local Area Agreement targets for Adult Health & Wellbeing Partnership and support the developing Comprehensive Area Assessments process and achievement of other significant national and local targets.
- Facilitate and ensure that people with mental health difficulties and their carers are involved in all aspects of service development.