

**Minutes 15.09.25**

Barnwell Village Hall, Barnwell, Peterborough, PE8 5QD

**Attendees:**

Name	Organisation
Ashleigh Martin	North Northamptonshire Council
Nathan Isom	North Northamptonshire Council
Sheila White	Healthwatch North Northamptonshire
Catherine Whight	Parson Latham's Hospital
Kelly Smithyman	North Northamptonshire Council
Tracey Kennedy	North Northamptonshire Council
Claire Neilson	Healthwatch North Northamptonshire
Gill Grant	Oundle Town Council
Morag Hornsail	Oundle Town Council
Lauren Wheeler	Thrapston Town Council
Cllr Simon Fairhall	North Northamptonshire Council
Kate Sullivan	North Northamptonshire Council
Lee O'Connor	King's Cliffe Community Hive
Nikki Woore	King's Cliffe Community Hive
Sara Petty	North Northamptonshire Council
Charlotte Williams	Pink House Arts
Caroline Kisby	Pink House Arts
Shareeka Girrach	North Northamptonshire Council
David Gillings	Department for Work and Pensions
Tonya Kingham	Northampton Children's Trust
Evalina Arhire	Spring Social Prescribing
Max Robinson	North Northamptonshire Council

ITEM	NOTES
1	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
2	<p><b>Rural Health Needs Assessment survey feedback – Sara Petty (NNC)</b></p> <p>Following on from the closure of the Rural Health Needs survey, which was launched earlier on in the year, analysis of the data is still ongoing to identify key themes in certain areas. 623 responses were seen across North Northants as a whole, including both paper and virtual responses.</p> <p>The standout response relating to East Northants North, is the struggle residents face to get to emergency services, with the travel time being the largest, and the lack of transport being mentioned multiple times. Alongside this, community life, digital access and service provision were seen as cross cutting themes, where the Stronger Communities team will work with Sara to work on a heatmap for these topics, to know where to have focused conversations around improvements.</p>

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	<p>It was also highlighted that responses from ethnic minorities groups and children and young people were limited, where a focus can be put in place for further engagement to ensure their views are heard.</p> <p>The final steps within the consultation features a final write up of findings, aligning these with recommendations to themes and then sharing the findings with an action focused plan in mind, making sure the responses are listened to.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conversation around transport aligning with financial resilience to be set up with Claire as a potential leader, including DWP and NNC Social Inclusion.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>Healthwatch Functions – Claire Neilson (Healthwatch North Northants)</b></p> <p>Claire provided an overview of Healthwatch North Northants aim, which is to tackle health inequalities by listening to community voices. They aim to talk to the whole system, including Primary Care Networks, Mental Health Services, Adult Social Care and Hospitals and other Healthcare Services.</p> <p>Case studies were shown as an example of some of the previous work taken place, where signposting, interventions and advice was provided.</p> <p>The first priority in place is ‘Access to GP Surgeries’, with a project plan in place. They also have legal power to visit health and social care services, with a plan to visit Kettering General Hospitals Children’s Wards next week, and a further plan for Corby Urgent Care Centre.</p> <p>There are many opportunities for volunteers, as community listeners are needed so an ask was provided for promotion of the opportunity. A QR code also features within the PowerPoint Slide, to be shared, which allows for anyone to share their views on Health and Social Care.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Claire to connect with Tresham around student volunteers (clarify minimum age for volunteers)</li> <li>- Claire to clarify if Healthwatch North Northants cover the Council footprint or ICB boundary (does it cover Wansford Surgery?)</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Health Inequalities Additional Allocation Funding update – Nathan Isom (NNC)</b></p> <p>An update was provided from Nathan around the current outgoings of the funding available to the Local Area Partnerships, alongside the remainders and how this will be allocated throughout the 7 areas.</p> <p>A total of £81K has currently been spent throughout 6 projects, with 3 in Kettering West, 2 in Corby and one in Wellingborough West. The remainder of the money has been allocated fairly across the areas, with East Northants North having £13,500 ringfenced and available to spend.</p> <p>Expressions of Interest will only be taken up to the end of September, to allow for the Full Application in October, ready for the money to be distributed by the end of December.</p>
5	<p><b>Progression of priorities</b></p> <p>The current offer for activities where residents may attend have been mapped and shown. This is not limited to, and any missing groups are welcomed to be added.</p> <p><b><u>Oundle – Single person households – social isolation in ages 66 and above</u></b></p> <p>The majority of the Oundle provision is located towards the town centre, leaving the North of the town with very limited offer which may affect those with limited transport and mobility issues.</p>

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	<p>Provision was shown for the surrounding villages which were identified as having a larger number of people living alone, where no advertised activities could be found in Fotheringhay, Titchmarsh and Ashton.</p> <p><u>Oundle Town Council proposal – Charity Café/Social Afternoon</u> Oundle Town Council are looking at hosting a weekly cafe, with a different local charity leading this each week. The profits from refreshments will return to the charity, alongside giving them good publication during the session. LAP funding is being looked into, to host a social afternoon session to run alongside this, featuring activities or informative sessions for people to attend, socialise and find out about a range of support on offer.</p> <p><u>Barnwell Parson Latham’s Hospital – Warm Space</u> Barnwell Parson Latham’s Hospital are looking for LAP funding to set up a Warm Space during the winter months, where local residents can drop in for a coffee, chat and some activities.</p> <p><b><u>King’s Cliffe – Provision for ages 0-16</u></b> The main provision in the villages identified of having a large number of children and young people, is offered by King’s Cliffe Community Hive. This features a Stay and Play for ages 0-5 years old, and a Junior Youth Club for ages 4-11. Clubs have been seen advertised in Nassington, however they seem to be offered from the school, with no findings to date outside of this. This is similar across Apethorpe, Southwick and Collyweston, with a high number of 0-16s, but no activities that can be seen on offer.</p> <p><u>King’s Cliffe Community Hive – TeenConnect</u> King’s Cliffe Community Hive are looking for LAP funding to further their current offer and set up peer support sessions for teenagers in King’s Cliffe and surrounding villages, with a focus on mental health support.</p> <p><b><u>Thrapston – Financial Resilience in Thrapston and Brigstock</u></b> A specific area in Thrapston has been identified as having a higher range of issues in comparison to the remainder of the town, similar to the previous conversation in Brigstock. From the High Street in Thrapston, along to Highfield Road, and up to Springfield Avenue, this area flags up in a number of issues that may relate into financial issues, ie. no qualifications. <u>Thrapston Town Council – Drop-in Financial Support sessions</u> Thrapston Town Council are looking for LAP funding to set up a years’ worth of drop-in sessions, ran by Citizens Advice, after running a short pilot project and seeing a need there. This will feature advice and support on a range of issues, alongside signposting to any further support needed.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- King’s Cliffe priority to be extended to up to 25 years old with SEN (Special Education Needs).</li> <li>- Pubs and cafes to be added to current offer for socialising for Oundle priority.</li> <li>- Current provision for any priorities that are missing from the slide deck to be sent over to Ashleigh.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Expression of Interest proposals</b> The room broke out into tabletop discussions on each priority, to discuss the current proposals and make more collaboration links with relevant partners.</p>
6	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> Next meeting to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> November.</p>