

OC group Meeting notes 11/3/25

Apologies

Alison Skinner (Holsworthy & District Community Forum)
Emily Abbott (One South Molton)

Attendees

Mary Midson & Charmain Lovett (One Ilfracombe / Ilfracombe Town Council)
Adam Crispin (One South Molton)
Trudi Mackie-Brown (One Atlantic)
Adrian Avery (Torrington 100 / Torridge District Council)
Bev Triggs (North Devon Council)
Louise Flagg (NDVS)
Hannah Shackleton (Active Devon)

Message from Chair (Kay Brenna, ICB) - Stepping down.

'I wanted to take a moment to share that I will be stepping down as Chair of the One Northern Devon 'One Communities' group, as I move into a new role with NHS Devon as a Long Term Conditions Strategic Clinical Advisor. It has been a privilege to chair this group and work alongside such dedicated individuals committed to meaningful collaboration and positive change. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity and for all the support, passion, and hard work that make this group so impactful. I wish you all continued success in your collaborative efforts.'

Action - secure new Chair and admin support for OC group. Any interest, please contact james.lander2@nhs.net

Presenters

Suzanne Ingman & John Kelly ([Northern Devon Community Mediation](#))

- Social prescribers have highlighted patients with conflict with neighbours / wider community
- They are able to take referrals - Ideas from group: Town and Parish Councils were recommended, North Devon / Torridge Council (Bev/Adrian offered email). Devon Connect. The Voice radio.



Agenda

- Introductions
- History of NDCM
- Funding
- Referrers
- Case handling
- Confidentiality
- Non-legally binding
- Our ask from One North Devon
- Q&A



Thank you

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One Communities

Torrington 100

- Going well: Visibility and representation is growing. Attending events, conversations, and CDs is more visible in the Community. Good information coming through from the community to share
- Challenge: Link with social prescribers - times to attend OC meet are not suitable, not attending OC group, not sharing trend data (action JL to email TTVS Dawn/Beki)
 - In Ilfracombe CD attends the SP team meetings which has really helped Mary gather relevant information
 - South Molton, monthly standing item on agenda for SP feedback (see below)
 - In Bideford CD attends SP led wellness groups to build relationships
- Youth provision is a priority (lack of local facilities)

- Changed ToR to include diversity (community groups / events we attend) to ensure minority groups feel more welcomed

One South Molton

- Good: sharing with SP: SP feedback: case load, barriers (mobility and lack of exercise classes for older people). Local priority survey has been sent out and is currently being analysed. 250 people and collected demographic data, linked to index of multiple deprivation (can link to funding to support need) - public presentation on 9th April (Natali Phd student)
- Challenges: transport and childcare are barriers to getting involved in local groups (incl. lack of nursery provision)

One Atlantic

- In Bideford CD attends SP led wellness groups to build relationships
- Challenges: Sourcing for a new chair. Will be sharing the OND chair role description with OC members and volunteer agreement template
 - [Volunteer-agreement-One-Community-Chairperson](#)
 - [One-Community-Chairperson-role-description-June-2024](#)

Ilfracombe

- Going well: Ilfracombe youth forum, started by the junior school headmaster (One Ilfracombe board member). Youth club and support for children excluded from mainstream education. Into the blue watersports programme, linking with the Aspire project to involve excluded pupils). Culture team (culture club) working on trails and multimedia. Hidden quiet voices - spaces within the community (noticeboards) in key locations to tackle digital poverty
 - Important to be part of other external forums to be an active participant to reduce duplication of effort and resources
- Going well: Set up a Cancer Care hub with attendance of 18 - the fern centre
- Challenge: food pantry boom or bust with stock, trying to work with volunteers to get more food. Supermarkets are already donating elsewhere. Are aware that these places can have a stigma attached to existing food banks (and strict criteria) and SPs have made aware there is a need for different populations - when food is there it is emptied quickly so there is need.
 - Could ask gardening club and allotment for fresh donations (this could work in slade as the allotment is next door)
 - Speak to food bank for excess stock (often given gluts of items near end of date items)

Bev Triggs (North Devon Council)

- Gone live with Health strategy on new engagement platform
 - One Barnstaple are going to be using the platform to reach out for their priorities engagement. Platform is available to all One Communities in North Devon - Contact Bev Triggs for more info.
- Councillor grants from April 2025
- [North Devon Council encourages community to mark the 80th anniversaries of VE and VJ Day | North Devon Council](#)
- [Housing Strategy | Let's Talk North Devon](#)

- Keeping North Devon Connected Fund and Community Councillor Grant funds – will both go live on 1 April 2025 and information will be included on this link [Community grants and support | North Devon Council](#)

Adrain Avery (Torridge District Council)

- Community regen (levelling up fund) £20m fund success
- £750k for a NHS funded community hub in Torrington - TDC working with them
- Playzone projects (Sport England funding) working to secure funding
- Cycle friendly employer scheme success to provide 3-year cycle award programme, positive comms to public around benefits of cycling / changes to built environment

Hannah Shackleton (Active Devon)

- Sport England funding will soon be available via Active Devon for Northern Devon
- Adult cycle confident in Bideford, Torrington and Barnstaple
- Working closely with Library unlimited, they are a great partner to work with