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Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin Board Meeting

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Title:

**Interim Report on the Progress of the
Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin Youth
Network (HWTWYN)**

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For Information X

For Decision

Executive Summary:

- Outline of the First Meeting
- Future plans for the HWTWYN
- HWTWYN Newsletter

Financial Implications:

None specifically

Equality and Diversity:

None specifically

Public Engagement:

None specifically

Legal Impact:

None specifically

Recommendations:

- For Information Only

Is there a need to consider inclusion in the
Corporate Risk Register?

No

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Introduction

The first HWTWYN meeting has taken place on 13/01/15, and was attended by 22 enthusiastic young people, and have had 10 further sign ups. They have all shown a great interest in the HWTWYN and are passionate to support Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin (HWTW) with the work we do. Two of the members have already attended the Healthwatch induction training, and some of the members have already helped out at some of the engagement events in the town centre as well as the PRH in response to the SaTH CQC report. In addition to this a few members have already shown a further interest in becoming E&V representatives and we will be looking to arrange training for the remaining members in the near future.

Set up of the HWTWYN

The staff at HWTW has been attending various schools since early December in order to reach out to the young people of Telford and Wrekin and give presentations to them about HWTW and the benefits of joining the HWTWYN. This included sixth formers and year 11's at Madeley Academy and its partner school Thomas Telford. We have received a very strong interest from the students, and have built a positive relationship with the career advisors at both schools, who have arranged transport for the students to the meetings.

We have also attended Wrockwradine Wood Arts College on four consecutive days in order to be present at their house assemblies, this proved a great opportunity to reach out to the younger age group (14-16 year olds) and recruit them onto the HWTWYN. In addition to this we have recently attended Hadley Learning Community, and gave a presentation to both "Health and Social Care" classes, where more interest has sparked to join the HTWYN with students already recognising issues with the services they are provided at their own schools. It has also been brought to our attention that as part of their course they need to complete a "Health Promotion", which could be a potential for HWTW to provide some assistance to the school's students with this.

Finally to reach out to the older age group of the spectrum (18-25 year olds) we have promoted the HWTWYN to RAFT and Telford Talent Match, and asked them to pass the information on to any people they deem to have an interest in becoming a member.

First meeting

First meeting was highly successful with over 20 young people attending. This consisted of variety of people at various ages, between 14-25 years old. The meeting undertook of a few ice-breakers as well as an introduction of the volunteer pack, and the potential work the HWTWYN will be undertaking. There have also been talks from the executive chair of HWTW and the HWTW board member with responsibility over the HWTWYN. The frequency, time and length of the meetings was discussed.

Future plans for the HWTWYN

It has been proposed that the managing of the group needs /to be thought through due to its size (20 members +10 further sign ups).

The next meeting will be taking place on 27/01/15 where the members will be prompted to discuss any issues with the Health and Social care services that they are aware of which are affecting people

their age. They will also be prompted to put forward any interests they particularly have and would like to get involved in, such as a particular condition or service provided in the area. This will then provide a basis for any future projects the HWTWYN will undertake.

The HWTWYN will play a major role in the Sexual Health Project, ensuring the young people are reached and their views heard on sexual health services. This will also provide them with a better understanding of how projects are run within HWTW, and make them more confident when taking on their own proposed projects/work in the future.

It has also been proposed that a HWTWYN newsletter produced on a regular basis. This will be a separate newsletter from the HWTW newsletter, although sections from the HWTWYN newsletter would be included in the HWTW one. The first few editions would be produced by staff, until the assigned HWTWYN members feel confident enough to take over the production. The staff would then review it before publishing.

Summary

Overall we are very happy with the positive outcome at such an early stage, and we are very enthusiastic about the input the HWTWYN will have in the future. We have high expectations for the group and hope to see some positive and productive outcomes from their work in the near future.