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		Agenda Item
Stakeholder Reference Group		
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Date of meetings	30 th January, 2023	
Summary of matters considered by the Stakeholder Reference Group at its meetings on 30th January, 2023		
<p>As outlined in the last report, the Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) underwent many changes during the Covid pandemic and had to operate differently during this time and we wanted to learn about what had worked well, what we could do better and how the SRG could run better in the future, in considering matters of importance to the Group and communities and organisations represented.</p> <p>As a result of the feedback received from members at a workshop, the first meeting under the new arrangements was held on 30th January, 2023.</p> <p>The first thing to report is that the attendance at the meeting had improved with a total of 18 members present.</p> <p>As the Group remains without an elected Chair and Vice Chair the meeting was facilitated by the Interim Chair of the Stakeholder Reference Group, Nuria Zolle, Independent Member.</p> <p>It had been decided previously that the topic for discussion at the meeting would be the Cost of Living Crisis and Health Inequalities.</p> <p>Members shared their views on these topics and how they had affected people in the community. These comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of transport in getting to appointments. • Are people managing in A&E when they have to wait 12 hours? • Health Board needs to be aware of social aspects and the reality of what's going on – it needs to go back to “grass roots” 		

The Group was then provided with an overview of what represented organisations were doing to assist with the current crisis. Examples of the work being undertaken is as follows:

- Support for people who require Welsh translations without having to pay for translation services.
- Coffee mornings and Warm Spaces
- Support for Carers who have electrical health equipment and heating
- Production of a directory of advice
- Group work / Cookery course
- Re-assigning staff to help Older People access help with services

The remainder of the meeting was used to discuss the roles of the new Chair and Vice Chair and the membership of the SRG, with the suggestion of inviting representative from BaYouth and Maternity Voices. The agenda arrangements going forward were also discussed and it was agreed that:

- Service Change Engagement information and detailed papers would be shared electronically with members. Discussion would take place at the SRG meeting, or a special meeting will be convened to discuss, should members request this.
- A copy of the Chief Executive Report for Health Board meetings would be circulated with papers for SRG meetings.
- A copy of the monthly report submitted to Welsh Government around Health Board engagements / communications would also be shared as this gives a useful overview of activity.

Key risks and issues/matters of concern of which the board needs to be made aware:

None at this time

Delegated action by the committee:

None

Main sources of information received:

Highlights from sub-groups reporting into this committee:

N/A

Matters referred to other committees

None

Date of next meeting

01 March 2023