

Better Conversations Stakeholder Event

Meeting Details	Name of Meeting: Better Conversations Stakeholder Event Date of Meeting: 14th November 2018 Third Sector Rep: David Smith, Cross Gates Good Neighbours
Key Issues / Themes / Messages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Better Conversations Team explained what they are doing and why, their progress to date, and how Better Conversations could benefit health and care stakeholders, their work area, and the people of Leeds. 2. All of the talk and discussion was about older people, frailty, etc., even though the Leeds Health & Care Plan should cover everyone, including children. Mental health and dementia were amongst topics raised at a table discussion I took part in. 3. It was noted that there are 57,000 health, social care and wellbeing workers in Leeds, from which I've estimated that about 1 in 8 of the entire working age population of the city are engaged in these sectors!
Key Actions of Third Sector Representative	<p>My principal ambition is to support and participate in the establishment of the Local Care Partnership for Seacroft and Cross Gates as part of the realisation of the Leeds Health & Care Plan.</p>
Areas where additional support is required	<p>Better Conversations began in earnest in April 2018 after securing almost £1 million in funding. As always with the third sector, I felt that more funding would help to support our involvement with this initiative, which will include a Health & Care Evaluation Service to oversee outcomes determination, data collection, analysis, reporting, etc. However this didn't seem such a concern for the mostly statutory sector representatives that I encountered at the event.</p>
Anything else?	<p>The interactive themes at this event promoted networking. One of the "Better Conversations Facilitators" said she'd like to visit Cross Gates Good Neighbours to find out more about us and I hope to arrange this soon. Also I met and spoke with the Business Transformation Lead of South and East Leeds GP Group, a federation of 30 GP practices that covers Cross Gates Good Neighbours' catchment.</p>

David Smith 15/11/18