

Terms of Reference (Revised March 2016)

The Cumbria Action for Health Network

Supporting third sector involvement in health, wellbeing and social care

The purpose of the network is to:

- Enable third sector organisations to be effective planning and delivery partners in local health, wellbeing and social care initiatives and decision making processes
- Provide access to a well established and experienced forum for public sector engagement with the third sector working in health, wellbeing and social care
- The Cumbria Action for Health Network is part of the Cumbria Third Sector Network, and the specialist network for 'Health and Wellbeing'

Membership

The core membership of the network comprises third sector organisations working in Cumbria that have an interest in health, wellbeing and social care.

Public sector colleagues can be associate members of the network and attend network meetings, but do not have a vote (when electing representatives or the Chair for example).

Activities

The Cumbria Action for Health Network will:

- Be a voice for the third sector on health, wellbeing and social care issues in Cumbria
- Support individuals to share information within the third Sector
- Raise issues of concern with the relevant public sector organisation(s)
- Act as a forum for mutual support and training
- Support good practice in partnership working (as outlined in the Cumbria Compact)
- Form links with strategic partnerships and other relevant networks
- Elect individual members from within the Cumbria Action for Health Network to representative the third sector on statutory / formal bodies

Support

The Cumbria Action for Health Network is supported Cumbria CVS, and receives funding from Cumbria County Council. The Cumbria CVS Engagement Team will provide support to the Cumbria Action for Health Network, including news updates and events organisation. Costs such as room hire will be met by Cumbria CVS whilst funding allows.

Meetings

The group will meet approximately 3 times a year.

Governance

The Cumbria Action for Health Network will not be a legally incorporated body.

Review date

These terms of reference will be reviewed every two years.