# **Bracknell Forest Climate and Health Working Group**

# Meeting date and time

19.10.23 16:00-17:00

### **Attendees**

Name	Affiliation
Justine Alford	Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Sarah Taylor	Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust
Louise M Duffy	Bracknell Forest Council
Sebastian Wright	Bracknell Forest Council
Faith Everett	Bracknell Forest Council
[Other attendees redacted for privacy]	

### Apologies:

[Redacted for privacy]

### Meeting recording

[Redacted for security]

### Agenda, minutes and actions

1. Introductions	
2. Logistics for meeting going forward	<ul> <li>Bi-monthly meeting, and if needed we can increase to every 6 weeks</li> <li>Continue meeting for now virtually</li> <li>Agreed to start with 1-hour slots and if needed extend</li> <li>Noted Louise does not work on Fridays and Mondays and Wednesdays not ideal for others. Tuesdays and Thursdays preferable but Paul can't make the last Thursday of every month.</li> <li>Late morning would be preferable for the group, for example 10-11 am</li> <li>JA to set up some recurring meetings.</li> <li>Next meeting to be held first or second Thursday of</li> </ul>
	December.
3. Purpose of the group	<ul> <li>All broadly agreed with the defined purpose of the group as suggested by the Climate Action Board</li> <li>All agreed sector is health and social care</li> </ul>
4. Priorities/action areas	<ul> <li>As indicated by Joint Climate Action Board, groups should cover: Water, energy, pollution and biodiversity</li> <li>Group noted that there are subgroups to these, for example medication pollution to the environment, air quality from transport and its impact on health. All to</li> </ul>

# consider what are the subgroups of these 4 action areas.

- ST highlighted the need to cover waste: water, medication. Other areas suggested by ST: digital, food and catering, devices, transport, chemicals, anaesthetic gases
- Active transport also suggested to reduce health conditions related to sedentary behaviour
- LD also suggested impact of extreme weather on health
   physical and mental health

# 5. Potential collaborators/target groups

#### Quorum of the group

- representation from social care, medical representatives, voluntary sector, business sector, patients or underrepresented groups. Also highlighted that the group is not cross-ethnic and the need to have voices from minority ethnic communities. ST to reach out to GP and social care connections, and Chief Pharmacist.
- Noted that [Other] could help with links to ethnic communities. **LD to contact.**
- [Other] to reach out to [Other] at Involve community services who may be able to reach out to potentially interested groups.
- LD has links with a business improvement group and noted community engagement team could be beneficial to join to give access to underrepresented groups. LD to follow this up.
- LD noted local activities happening on green space promotion. LD to review potential links for examples of best practice and case studies.
- FE indicated we may be able to seek representation from patients from other working groups. FE to review current contact lists to see who may fit. FE also has links with local schools who are working on eco-anxiety, to investigate potential representation here.
- [Other] could act as a patient representative.
   [Other] working with Berkshire Healthcare and will seek interest from clinicians here. [Other] also to link with young-onset dementia for potential involvement.
- JA to reach out to community mental health/psychologist colleagues to seek potential interest.

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6. Goals	<ul> <li>Noted that the group needs to establish its goals which could help us identify action areas, gaps, further areas of representation required.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Raised that the group need to establish an action plan</li> </ul>
	for the group to get the best out of its work. All to
	consider prior to the next meeting what our high-level
	goals as a group could be.
	How we want to work moving forwards
7. AOB	<ul> <li>LD asked for clarification on the group – is this about</li> </ul>
	mapping, influencing? What do we want the end result
	to be? Do we need an action plan?
	<ul> <li>Next meeting will serve to establish our goals as a</li> </ul>
	group which will help set our joint direction and
	translate this into actions.

### **Appendix**

1. Purpose and process for working groups proposed by Bracknell Forest Climate Action Board

### Our initial suggestions

- Share best practice in the sector and opportunities for action
- · Collect updates from members on their climate actions
- Select reps to contribute to the Joint Climate Action Board
- · Take on joint projects to tackle climate change where appropriate
- · Facilitation and networking

### Possible process for working groups



All groups must cover: Water, energy, pollution and biodiversity.