

4 July

Informal interviews with those who had expressed an interest in taking up the VCS places on the Health and Well Being Board and Help Improvement Group. Carole Cumino was selected to be the lead VCS member on the HWBB and Jonathan Sutton her substitute. John Taylor was chosen for the Health Improvement Group. All three will work closely together to ensure the best interface between the VCS and other partners. Unfortunately nobody expressed an interest in the Safeguarding Adults Board; we will look again at this position in the autumn.

9 July

Met with Lorraine Preece (Voices member) to catch up.

Regular quarterly meeting with Richard Harling and representatives from CCGs. Topics included the Better Care Fund / Well Connected Programme, the likely impact of the Care Act, funding to provide infrastructure support for the VCS in providing Health and Social Care Services, update on Future Lives and Digital Inclusion implementation.

14 July

Meeting with VCS Colleagues and senior team of the University of Worcester Institute of Health and Society to explore possible research projects which we could collaborate on.

17 July

Worcestershire Voices meeting: This was the first since our new way of working and the debates were more focussed on our engagement with the sector. A particular issue was the capacity of members to carry out Voices activity in addition to their 'day job' – we agreed to be realistic in producing our work plans.

24 July

Meeting with Alan Smith, of Worcestershire Partnership, Suzy James and Richard Quallington to discuss a paper to go to the Worcestershire Partnership Executive Group about on-going support for Worcestershire Voices.