

Health and Wellbeing (H&W) Group Launch Meeting – 15th November

Why do you think this network is needed?

- To share good practice and ideas
- To support the H&W agenda
- It can have an impact on the Quality and Outcomes Framework!
- As a support network
- Because it's important!
- To give opportunities for collaboration
- As a focal point for work in this area
- H&W is in its infancy in a lot of Trusts
- To share workload and reduce duplication
- To reduce absence and sickness
- To raise awareness of H&W and library's involvement in it
- To raise the profile of libraries with senior staff
- To acknowledge the importance of H&W
- To facilitate partnership working with public libraries
- To maintain momentum in the future
- To bring joy to the workplace
- To inspire others
- To contribute and align with Trust's H&W strategies

What can library and knowledge service (LKS) staff bring to the H&W agenda?

- A willingness to help
- Signposting and promotion
- We are approachable and treat everyone equally
- We can offer a non-clinical neutral space – the library as a refuge
- Objectivity
- Research skills
- An evidence base
- We are good at connecting with people
- We are accessible 24/7 to everyone
- We have resources e.g. self-help books both in print and online
- New ideas
- Customer care
- Time

What partnerships do we need to build?

- Public libraries
- CCGs
- Investors in People
- The third sector
- Organisational development teams
- H&W groups and departments
- Unions
- Non library users
- Staff networks e.g. mental-health teams, occupational health, occupational therapy
- Quality improvement
- The Reading Agency
- Induction
- Private-sector companies for freebies!
- Communication departments
- GPs
- Governors/Senior Management/The Board
- Recovery colleges
- NHS Improvement
- Public Health England
- Health Education England
- Chaplaincies
- Public and Patient Information
- Our own library teams!
- Library champions
- Carers' Groups
- Human Resources
- Volunteers
- Universities and Colleges

What would you like the network to do?

Be a repository of data for benchmarking and templates/materials

Facilitate contacting people who have done something similar

Provide access to funding

Share marketing resources

Reach as many people as possible

Share ideas via the mailing list

Raise awareness of library services' role in H&W

Have a big conference!

Compile case studies

Be an ideas bank

Invite non-library people to broaden the discussion

Encourage enthusiasm and resilience

Publish what we do

Share resources

Act as a community of practice

Tackle compassion fatigue

Share best practice

Be a sounding board for ideas – what works and what doesn't work

Increase the impact of campaigns through collaboration

Give training in H&W

Demonstrate our impact on the end user