# Minutes of the Cheshire & Mersey Patch Meeting – 12th January 2023

**Present:** Adam Ballinger (Countess of Chester); Graham Breckon (Countess of Chester); Tilly Dixon (Mid Cheshire); Victoria Ferri (Royal Liverpool); Samantha Gillies (University of Liverpool); Natalie Hall (Royal Liverpool); Razia Nazir (Bridgewater); Clare Payne (Warring & Halton); Jacqueline Pearce (Wirral); Susan Smith (Mid Cheshire – Chair); Debbie Spencer (University of Chester); Yvonne Stubbington (St Helens and Knowsley).

**Apologies:** Carolyn Benny (Liverpool John Moores University).

**Review of Actions:**

1. SF: to explore use of lists to act as tags to crosslink items being marketed to different groups *(Carried over)*

2. VF: Email list of requested e-learning courses to SS. *(Complete)*

3. SS: Liaise with Gil Young about national e-learning programme and supporting joint ICS training initiatives. *(SS has arranged a meeting 23rd Jan 11am with some experienced training and GY to discuss feasibility of developing training. YS shared their recent work developing a page:* [*https://www.knowledge-nw.nhs.uk/writing-for-publication*](https://www.knowledge-nw.nhs.uk/writing-for-publication)*)*

**Equality, Diversity & Inclusion**

* Lancaster Uni have a library guide to decolonsing literature searches: <https://lancaster.libguides.com/decolonising>
* At University of Liverpool have an ED&I working group within Libraries, Museums and Galleries (LMG). They have been working in collaboration with the Centre for Innovation in Education (CIE). <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/centre-for-innovation-in-education/curriculum-resources/inclusivity/>
* St Helen & Knowsley have signed up for RNIB Book Share: <https://www.rnibbookshare.org/cms/>
* St Helen & Knowsley have 'Wellbeing Knowledge Box' that we lend out to wards which are placed in staff rooms: <https://www.knowledge-nw.nhs.uk/wellbeing-knowledge-box>. Mid Cheshire Menopause box, has been expanded in include further wellbeing topics and made available in staff toilet areas. Warrington and Halton also have a borrow box scheme: [Quality Academy Knowledge and Evidence Service (KES) - BorrowBox](https://whh.borrowbox.com/).
* YS recommended the Mind the Gap dermatology resource: <https://www.blackandbrownskin.co.uk/mindthegap>
* YS shared the staff network pages: [Library & Knowledge Service | Wellbeing and Staff Networks Resources (knowledge-nw.nhs.uk)](https://www.knowledge-nw.nhs.uk/wellbeing-and-staff-networks-resources)
* CP is the vice chair of the LGBTQ+ network. The Library service has supported training on the BAME staff courses and sessions with HealthWatch. Recently have been integral in supporting the award of the Navajo quality mark: <https://merseysideintrust.org/navajo-information/>
* Warrington & Halton also provide a horizon scanning service.
* Discussion was held on the change of network names from BAME to reflect broader multicultural & ethnic elements.
* University of Chester have been successful in a bid to recruit four student partners (200 hours) to develop a diversity toolkit for reading lists. They partner with Academics Libraries North (ALN) to deliver the ED&I agenda.
* Inclusive recruitment is a hot topic just now as is intersectionality. Mid Cheshire has recruited ED&I champion to review HR applications for bias. University of Chester has recently been working on inclusive recruitment.
* Many services are also supporting ex-armed forces networks.
* Mid Cheshire has started to do video recordings of patient stories and hopes to extend this to staff stories to promote the work of network (has equipment, but pending editing software), work with the Health & Wellbeing Committee to develop a calendar of event including ED&I celebration times, recently held a Disability Awareness coffee morning, is currently working with the network to review library suitability.
* Equipment wise, Mid Cheshire provides hearing loop, dyslexia overlays and is waiting to hear about a bid for OCR digital pens which read aloud text. There are two types: accessibility and translation.
* SS reported on recent Human Library event which was held jointly with East Cheshire. <https://humanlibrary.org/>
* Discussion was held on the importance of collecting impact quotes.
* Many services sit on local ED&I committees and within networks. YS reminded people to invite self to groups and become involved.

**Actions:**

1. YS to share details for RNIB scheme
2. YS to share monthly ED&I bulletin with group.
3. SS to invite Liam & Yvonne Stubbington to the Training meeting
4. SS to investigate evidence base for Human Library participant selection.
5. ALL 13th April – planned unconference. Any volunteers to support organising contact SS.

**Next meeting:** 9th February 2023 Health Literacy