

Update

We last met as a group at the end of July:

- There are now 12 active Health and Wellbeing Alliances/VCSE Networks across Eastern Devon. All alliances are very well attended with often 20-30 people in attendance from across VCSE, statutory and public sector.
- We have a new webpage on the OED website which provides more information <https://oneeasterndevon.co.uk/about-us/eastern-devon-community-wellbeing-infrastructure/>
- A new Health and Wellbeing Alliance will be starting in October in partnership with Cranbrook Academy and supported by the town council. If anyone is interested in attending the first meeting on 22nd Oct please email amy.slater18@nhs.net
- Shared principles - as a group we recently discussed the need perhaps for some shared common principles for our groups, and we will be exploring this further.

Risk

- Funding - Since the loss of the ICB health inequalities funding, the alliances are now not funded, but we have been reassured that the VCSE Assembly will hopefully be funding the alliances moving forward e.g. for Chairs time and venue hire.
- Engagement - Not all health and wellbeing alliances/VCSE networks are actively engaged in the Chairs group and OED forums (this is often because they are volunteers or are running CiC's, so struggle to attend any additional meetings).
- Community Insight - These alliances/networks provide rich community insight, however previously there hasn't always been a clear feedback route to OED.
- Neighbourhood Health - the group would welcome the chance to explore how the alliances can support/fit into the Neighbourhood Health agenda.

I'm happy to come to future meetings on behalf of the group once the future reporting structure is agreed. And I have no doubt the group members would be happy to come and have the opportunity to talk about their communities and their needs too, so we would welcome this opportunity should it arise.