**WM Migration Network Health Thematic Meeting**

**22nd February 2024 (14:00 – 15:00)**

**Chair: Shaida Bibi**

1. **Introductions**

SB welcomed all to the meeting and apologised for an unavoidable clash with another rescheduled meeting that meant some could not attend. AH will ensure that minutes are circulated to those unable to attend.

Other attendees then introduced themselves and their work.

1. **Previous Minutes and Actions**

There was one action from the previous meetings AH circulated a draft Terms of Reference following the last meeting and will recirculate for comments and amendments with a view to agreeing a final document at the next meeting.

**ACTION - AH to circulate draft Terms of Reference for the group. Members to provide comment and amendments.**

1. **Mental Health Support Pathway**

AH introduced AM who has recently started in the Coordinator role funded through the BCC Sanctuary Grant. AM talked about her previous work with refugees and asylum seekers over the past 15 years and how research can influence policy. She has experience of research and focus groups in several countries and is looking forward to using this experience to support the work being undertaken by the network.

SB and AH agreed to update on the role and development further at the next meeting once AM has completed an induction. AH emphasised that this meeting can be used as a Steering Group for the role in order to identify barriers and challenges as well as update on activity. It will also be useful to link the role to other activity taking place with wider migrant groups in order to ensure a wider input into the understanding of mental health barriers.

**ACTION – Update on Coordinator work to be added as standing agenda item for future meetings.**

1. **Update from Centrala on CE/EE Mental Health Outreach**

Due to technical issues, Centrala were not able to attend to provide an update but this will be added to the agenda at the next meeting.

**ACTION – Item moved to next meeting agenda.**

1. **Ongoing Priorities**

DN gave a brief update on their activities within two hotels in Birmingham providing outreach and immigration advice as well as a health worker on a regular basis.

DN suggested that the new Outreach Coordinator would benefit from meeting with partners as part of any induction. AH agreed and would arrange this was a candidate is identified. DN also highlighted that they will be looking to set up a Service User panel within the hotels and it would be useful for AM to link into these once established.

SB asked about linking all delivery partners together, DN and AH stated that BCC are bringing Sanctuary Grant funded organisations together in order to develop a network working in this area. DN also suggested using the council Migration Forum to give a wider update on this activity as it develops.

DN suggested an input from the local ICB, Mental Health Trust and other partners on current health priorities so we can develop an evidence base to influence these outcomes. SB offered to invite Gary Bowman, Chair of ICB to the next meeting to help facilitate this.

SB gave an input on the Fairer Futures fund that is likely to be launched soon to support community groups on a local level. Flourish will look to hold a series of workshops to help organisations to bid into this.

**ACTION – SB to invite Gary Bowman from Birmingham and Solihull ICB to the next meeting.**

1. **Any Other Business**

DN updated on a recent health and wellbeing project that is due to finish at the end of the month. An update and evaluation will be completed and shared.

**Next meeting- Thursday 11th April at 2pm**