

June 2017

*supporting people
with multiple needs
in West Yorkshire*

WY-FI beneficiaries

1050

the number of beneficiaries the WY-FI Project aims to work with by 2020

525

the number of beneficiaries we have started working with at the WY-FI Project

309

the number of beneficiaries currently active
*as at 30.4.2017

Welcome

The Kirklees WY-FI Team would like to offer a very warm welcome to Caroline Burnley who is covering Gem's maternity leave as Service Manager, and Michelle Monkman who is filling the Lead Navigator role.

We also say hello to Peer Mentor Rob Henson. And congratulations to Paul Lockwood who joins Community Links as a part-time Trainee Navigator. Paul was previously a member of the WY-FI Network so it's great to welcome him on board as a fully-fledged member of staff.

In the local news

Leeds drug and alcohol service teams up with Waterstones to form new book club for clients

A new book club for people in treatment with the city's alcohol and drug service Forw3ard Leeds has been launched with the support of Waterstones. [Read more](#)

WY-FI Network

Recently the Network has been collaborating with Calderdale Recovery Steps, to work towards improving awareness of addiction in pharmacies and reducing the stigma which beneficiaries sometimes experience there. This is part of a piece of work culminating in a presentation to pharmacies on the 27th June. More details to follow!

Latest reports

CRESR (Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research) have published a briefing paper following an evaluation of the work of the Peer Mentors within WY-FI.

"The main finding of this research is that peer mentors play a valuable role in the delivery of the WY-FI programme. Navigators and peer mentors report a number of organisational benefits to using peer mentors that include: acting as a role model to beneficiaries; using lived experience to communicate and support beneficiaries more effectively; and freeing up the time of navigators to manage growing caseloads.

Peer mentors clearly complement the skills and experience of navigators to provide a "complete package" of support. Peer mentors also benefit personally, and often considerably, through a routine and structure that supports recovery; enhanced employability that has helped to secure paid work in some cases; and improved health and well-being. In some cases, the benefits have been transformational."

You can read the full paper [here](#).

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Event

BME Fulfilling Lives Network Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd June, 11am-3pm in Nottingham at:

AWAAZ "Voice" for all BME Communities, Unit C, Tennyson Hall, Forest Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EP

Fulfilling Lives: Supporting people with multiple needs

As a partner in the Big Lottery Funded 'Fulfilling Lives: Supporting People with Multiple Needs' Programme we are pleased to be involved in a national programme that aims to improve the lives and wellbeing of people with the most complex needs who are currently excluded or disengaged from services [Find out more](#)

Farewell

We said a fond farewell to Sarah Stead who temporarily left the Hub Team to start her maternity leave.

We also say goodbye to Tracey and Emma from TWP and Fidelis from Touchstone. Many thanks to them for all their hard work and dedication.

Latest reports

An overview of the first six months of the Basis Yorkshire Housing First Project

- 15 referrals received
- 11 of these completed the assessment process
- 7 of these assessed as being suitable for the Housing First project
- All 7 of these women have been housed through the project

To read more in depth, click [here](#).

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Workforce Development

Multi-agency Practice Development Groups

Multi-agency Practice Development Groups are for any front-facing staff who wish to develop their skills and knowledge around multiple and complex needs. If you are interested in joining, would like to come along or would like further information, please contact Roger Abbott roger.abbott@disc-vol.org.uk or 0113 887 0045

21st June - Wakefield multi-agency PDG 26th June - Leeds multi-agency PDG

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