# Stroud District Community Hub Network meeting

## 29th January at Minchinhampton Community Centre

## Summary: Topic – Financial Inclusion

**Reminder**

Severn Wye have new Household Support Fund (HSF) funding and so can offer grants to support households with fuel poverty.

[www.warmandwell.co.uk](http://www.warmandwell.co.uk)

**Household Support Fund round 6 open**

There will be supermarket vouchers available and these can be applied for via the District Council through Leanne – [leanne.sutton@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:leanne.sutton@stroud.gov.uk).

If you have any questions relating to these and their use please contact Emma Keating Clark – [emma.keatingclark@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:emma.keatingclark@stroud.gov.uk)

* There is a desire for these to be monitored more than previously to prevent the abuse of the support by a small number of people. There will no longer be Iceland vouchers to remove the ability to buy alcohol. There was a discussion of how these can be provided in conjunction to signposting to other support services as appropriate.
* The Network of Stroud Town Hubs (NoSH) is exploring how to monitor and distribute differently to try and support the households in a wider way – updates from this will be shared.
* Household Support grants via Citizens Advice (CA) – information attached on how to refer individuals to this support held by the CA.

**Advice First Aid (AFA)**

Elizabeth reminded everyone of the project and the purpose. Please see the attached flyer.

If you are interested in the training, please contact Chloe Little – [chloe.little@ca-sdc.org.uk](mailto:chloe.little@ca-sdc.org.uk)

* We had a wider conversation around CA, availability, process and capacity. This has started some preliminary work on exploring how the CA and SDCHN can work closer and provide more access to CA advisors.

If you would like to further this conversation with Elizabeth, please email her. [elizabeth.hall@ca-scd.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.hall@ca-scd.org.uk)

If you would be interested in being part of this exploration or having more contact within your hub from the CA please contact Lizzie – [lizzie@forgingequitablesolutions.com](mailto:lizzie@forgingequitablesolutions.com)

* Our conversation let to a broader discussion about how to enable more access to professional/specialist services within hubs.

Initial thoughts are to engage providers as a network to overcome the number impact and present the opportunity of geographic coverage.

It would be very useful to hear from you all on what services you would like better support from and presence within your hubs. Please contact Lizzie accordingly. [lizzie@forgingequitablesolutions.com](mailto:lizzie@forgingequitablesolutions.com)

* There was a request for information on statutory financial support from the District Council, this is being drafted and will be circulated in due course in a separate email.

### Next meeting Date:

Tuesday 25th March – Pagan Hill

Topic: Children and Families

* Update on 25/26 HAF provision
  + Changes to delivery
  + Opportunities for hubs to be involved
* Update from Family Action
  + Greater opportunities to collaborate
  + Current offer
* What is working well, gaps, opportunities what is needed to fulfil or expand on these?

**Attendees**

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