

## Hannage Brook PPG AGM 16.10.18

### Introduction and welcome from Chris Saunders, chair of PPG

**Richard Murrell** from Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network based in South Derbyshire, described the endemic problems nationally of loneliness, which has been recognised by the government who have launched a loneliness strategy.

Loneliness has been found to have huge impact on both mental and physical health. Recent research on Derbyshire befriending services has found that these can make a big difference to all age groups of lonely people. These can include informal visits, telephone contact, supported friendships, specialist befriending and group befriending.

DBTN began in 2012 with money from the county council, organised by South Derbyshire. It can award quality marks, provides a directory of befriending services, has a useful website and co-ordinates data. Under this umbrella over 1000 people are supported. It also provides training and funding to smaller groups.

What next? - They hope to continue to support individual projects, improve networking, work with support of Minister for Loneliness and support voluntary organisations in south Derbyshire.

Derbyshire Dales CVS is in place and should advise us re our own plans. Careline is already functioning in Ashbourne

Richard is optimistic that there is such demand that there must be a future for new projects, which Dr Blackwell is very keen to pursue.

Richard answered questions from the audience.

Chris thanked Richard on behalf of the PPG and Hannage Brook.

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### Report from chair

Problems of communication still being addressed. Registration handouts distributed. This year -

1<sup>st</sup> open meeting featured valuable update on developments in NHS and their impact on H Brook  
2<sup>nd</sup> open meeting had extremely interesting talk from Hope Care Line which is something we would like to work on, but a leader is needed for this.

Moira spoke briefly about WISH

Treasurer's report showed very healthy balance but most needed for next year's project to support young people. We will continue to fundraise for this.

The committee was introduced and thanked. Hannage Brook said that they enjoyed working with our vibrant team.

### Questions from the floor-

Family Support in Derby was recommended but no sign of spreading to D Dales. Chris is aware of need.

Where are dementia boxes? 50% in Waltham House, rest in bags to distribute as needed and at Dementia Cafe.

Thanks given to chair for all her hard work by Janice on behalf of committ

