

## Torpoint Library and Community Hub update for March 2025, for the Development and Localism Committee.

### Review Saturday opening hours

The purpose of this report is for committee to discuss and consider the library opening on Saturday's 10-12 every week. In order to see if we can meet a wider demographic. We would be looking at:

- Quiet Saturday- for people and children with autism and ADHD, who benefit from a quiet environment to regulate sensory input and reduce the potential to be overwhelmed.
- Targeting young people between 9-16 – Stop Motion animation, which is a technique where objects are physically manipulated in small steps between individually photographed frames, creating the illusion of movement when the series of frames is played back.
- Other health related activities in accordance with the new Hub Grant criteria, please see the attached information.
- Opportunity to increase borrowing and membership.

### Financial implications

- Staff costs for overtime. A Saturday would be 3 hours, 9.30-12:30 = 12 hours.

### Community Hub Funding Networking Event

Volunteer Cornwall arranged 3 Roadshows around Cornwall, inviting Community Hubs to attend. The purpose was to look at the new 2025-2026 funding criteria. The event was in Launceston and Torpoint Community Hub and Library manager was asked to do a 5-minute talk on what activities take place in their Hub.

The community hub grant comes from NHS England, which we were told the government is going to disband. VC were going to ask to have a meeting with NHS England to discuss the funding grant for 2026 onwards, as they wanted to propose 3 years funding and increase it to 1 million pounds.

Key messages –

- There will be funding as usual for the core services that hubs provide.
- There will be extra funding available under the headings below of, Start Well, Live Well, Age Well and Die Well.
- It's not about the numbers of people using hubs, its about the services we provide for different groups of people.

New Hub Grant criteria.

#### Community Hubs Funding Proposal – 2025/26 for your information

The total funding available is £700,000 and we currently have 55 hubs.

The minimum grant will remain £8000, protecting smaller hubs. The Core Offer necessary to claim this has been updated to reflect the growth and progress of the network.

**Core**

- Regular Hours
- Outreach into the community
- Opportunities for social contact
- Activities for mental & physical health & wellbeing
- Basic prevention work
- Signposting to other services inc Gateway
- Contribute to work on a new Community Transport Plan
- Work with health & care partners on the roll-out of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs)

The last point is a new addition, and it will be expected hubs will engage with the roll-out of this new model as and when it comes to their area. There may be additional funding or resources unlocked from the roll-out and it will come to all parts of Cornwall in the next three years. Support will be available from Community Makers and Locality Leads to help engage with the roll-out and the level of involvement will vary from place to place.

All hubs will be able to opt to go further on one, two, three or four areas of work linked to the four key strategies for the health & care system and the 4 commissioning priorities of the ICB. Each of these ticks will attract a further £2000. So, the maximum amount a hub could claim would be £16,000 (£8k basic grant plus 4 ticks)

#### **START WELL**

- Working with local Family Hubs
- Toddler Groups
- Providing Parent Support
- Offering Youth Provision
- Immunisation / vaccination clinics

#### **LIVE WELL**

Supporting Discharge to Assess (ie helping with people on discharge from hospital)

- Providing services such as meals on wheels, laundry or gardening\*

Prevention & Early Intervention Offers

- Health Checks
- Growing / Cooking / Healthy Eating

Mental Health & Wellbeing Support

- Talking Therapies
- Peer Support Groups
- Pain / Cancer cafes

#### **AGE WELL**

Frailty & Admission Avoidance

- Providing services such as meals on wheels, laundry or gardening\*

Services targeting older people

- Balance & Stability
- Dementia Support
- Carers Support

#### **DIE WELL**

End of Life Support

- Death Cafes
- Bereavement Groups etc
- Advice, information & signposting

**Family Hub Meeting**

A meeting at the Family Hub has been booked for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The Library Manager and Town Clerk will be attending to discuss ways that the facility could be used.

**Community Hub and Library Assistant**

A successful appointment for this post has taken place following interviews.

Tania Horrocks – Community Hub and Library Development Manager.