

On the few occasions I've attended the HWB meetings I've always gained a great deal - they bring people together who wouldn't normally meet yet are working towards the same outcomes. I know the meetings take up a lot of time and you're getting fewer and fewer attendees, but I do think having the meetings is worthwhile. It's a great forum for hearing what others are doing, for information sharing and to discuss ideas / new projects. And often it's the only face-to-face contact we have with this network of extended colleagues. For all these reasons, I think they should continue. The only thing that does concern me, occasionally, is the length of the agendas - is there a better way to manage this? The admin for the HWBP is excellent - you always send us the papers to read a good while before, and that's great.

(public sector)

More focus on young people and the issues relevant to them would help – a change of time (to a 4pm start) and a more youth focus would allow Youth Cabinet members to attend

Stroud District Youth Council (but this should only be in their role as youth representatives), those agencies delivering HWB to young people – perhaps private sector people who provide youth gyms/ facilities and alternative therapy to adults and young people.

Youth Council

Groups that could be represented: Disability Groups eg MS Society, Parkinsons, Alzheimer's Societies

(GOPA)(1)

good planning and fantastic work with older people.

(Youth Service)

Established links for potential partnership working , A good forum for promoting awareness of our services

(Department of Work and Pensions)

An action plan , better joined up working and the opportunity to network with other local and national health orgs/individuals that we would otherwise not see very often  
The new Stroud and district Community Sport and Physical Activity network (CSPAN) is a sub group of this group in order to connect what we are doing for sport and physical activity to the group and LSP – it is vital that we maintain this link.

Stroud District team leader for Youth services

(Sports Development)

Re question 'Feeling part of a joint effort to improve health and wellbeing in Stroud district' – important for voluntary sector and for those of us who have retired for active paid work in the sector.

What has the partnership achieved in the past two years?

- Information – awareness of new and existing services
- Networking –
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy cards – relevance to my own work

Notes usefulness – Reference points and contacts

What function would you like the HWB partnership to fulfil for you?

Important for holders of statutory posts to remember that for smaller commercial and voluntary sector organisations, it is an opportunity to meet others in the statutory sector.

The flexibility of presentations is helpful e.g. the breast feeding project, smoking were important but don't need to dominate frequently.

GOPA (2)

clashes with other meetings, sometimes other health and wellbeing partnership meetings

as I sit on four of the six h&wbp in the county I have always felt that Stroud was one of the most developed and active partnerships I attended. One of the issues that I feel affects the achievement of any partnership is the absence of funding to carry out important pieces of collaborative work. Some of the most interesting and effective pieces of work I have undertaken in partnership with others has been with funding from the h&wbps

Representation gaps - Have always thought Stroud has got the balance right in representation, although in the past year, attendance has dipped. I think people are just very very busy and having to make difficult decisions about what they go

I find the meeting notes very useful

(GRCC)

Focus not really relevant to delivery of our service – more health and community orientated

It is good to keep aware of changes and new policy which is well covered within the info sent out when you cannot attend meetings.