Appendix C

Voluntary Sector Commissioning Framework

Q1 2024/25 Highlights

- **Community Centre Attendance**: Over **30,000 service users** attended our commissioned community centres, which is a significant number, indicating strong community engagement.
- Social Isolation Sessions: The delivery of over 400 sessions to tackle social isolation shows a proactive approach to addressing this important issue.
- Health and Wellbeing Activities: Running over 500 activities to support residents with health and wellbeing demonstrates a comprehensive effort to improve the quality of life for many individuals.
- **Shopmobility**: Assisting **1,600 service users** with mobility by providing equipment is a vital service that enhances independence and accessibility.
- **Debt Clearance**: Watford Citizens Advice's assisted over **2,300 clients** and helped to clear **£20,000 of debt** is a testament to the crucial financial support provided to those in need.
- Food Vouchers and Council Tax Assistance: The increase in food vouchers and clients seeking help with council tax arrears highlights the growing need for financial aid in these challenging times.
- **Family Support**: Home Start's support for **89 families** through home visiting is an invaluable service that strengthens family units.
- **Mental Health Intervention**: The partnership between Watford Palace Theatre and Herts Mind to provide weekly sessions for early intervention in young people's mental health is an innovative approach to mental healthcare.

Q2 2024/25 Priorities

- Meet with the commissioned organisations to address any areas of concern regarding the new digital process
- Embed the digital process
- Increase the number of digital inclusion sessions that are available to residents



W3RT CVS spent over 100 hours supporting 62 charitable organisations

W3RT CVS hosted a workshop around engaging asylum seekers and refugees in volunteering. This session brought together seven local voluntary organisations and allowed them to share best practice with each other.

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Attendees at our Network Community Event