



THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

REPORT OF MEETINGS

Equalities and Diversity Working Group (EDWG)

7 December 2022

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Working together to put our sector first
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

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1. The EDWG received a presentation on the MacMillan Cancer Care project called Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ). The purpose of the project is to improve the experience of individuals after a diagnosis of cancer.
2. This will focus on giving all patients a single point of contact.
3. There is a role for the third sector in providing support services to patients and these would be covered in the individual care plan.
4. ICJ are holding three events in April and May for TSOs who currently provide services to cancer patients. I mentioned the role of the third sector in working with 'hard to reach' groups who often do not take up screening opportunities. I mentioned the role of TSOs such as ILS who work with these groups on a daily basis and agreed to liaise with ICJ on this.
5. I also reminded the EDWG that the DGLocator app can provide the patient link worker (Single Point of Contact) with access to a huge range of third sector services that might be useful to the patient's journey.
6. DGLocator can also be used by any organisation to access third sector services and I agreed with the Scottish Prison Services representative that the app would be useful to anyone being released at the end of a sentence, downloaded onto a mobile phone to assist with rehabilitation.
7. D&G College gave a presentation to the EDWG on their equalities performance which generally seems to be improving (for example on pay gaps)
8. There was a discussion about the appointment of a chair of the EDWG from the third sector. TSOs in attendance were asked if they would be willing to volunteer either now or after the meeting. I pointed out that the impact of taking on the role of chair on a small TSO is quite different to the impact on the public sector and perhaps anyone taking this on from the third sector might want to be recompensed.

[Papers for meeting \(ZIP file\)](#)