

Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB)

Partner Quarterly Update for the Voluntary Sector – Quarter 3: October to December

What's going on in our world	In October Voluntary Organisations in receipt of KCC grants were given two weeks to reapply for their 2016-17 Grant. The deadline was extended but it is widely felt this is the last year that Grants will be available and that from 2017 KCC will put services out to tender.
Success stories since last AHWB	Ashford Counselling Service won a Big Lottery Reaching Communities Grant of £144k to deliver a year project focussing on Post Natal Depression – this will incorporate one to one counselling with mothers and group work involving fathers and children.
What we are focusing on for the next quarter <u>specific to the key projects</u>	Tracy Dighton has a new job and has stood down from the board so Red Zebra has started looking for a new Voluntary Representative to sit on the Board.
Anything else relevant to AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above	
Strategic challenges & risks including horizon scanning?	It is generally felt that 2016-17 will see further cuts in funding really take effect and this is likely to jeopardise the future of many Voluntary and Community Organisations.
Anything else the Board needs to know	
Signed & dated	Michael James 5 th January 2015