

Community Works Representative Feedback and Communication Form

Your Name	Sally Polanski
Your Organisation	Community Works
Name of Partnership Meeting	Brighton and Hove Connected
Name(s) of other reps that attended	Jess Sumner, Caroline Ridley, Ian Chisnall
Date & time of meeting	Tuesday 16th December, 2014
1	<p>The annual City Tracker report is showing a significant drop off in satisfaction with BHCC services, although it was felt that this could be attributable to the survey having been undertaken during the week of the industrial action around the bins. It also showed a high volume of people still not recognising they even make use of a BHCC service, which remains a reputational issue for BHCC. Satisfaction with VCS services remains high, just under that of pharmacists and fire service.</p> <p>The report can be found here: http://www.bhconnected.org.uk/sites/bhconnected/files/BHC%20%2814%29%2022%20City%20Tracker%20Wave%207%20Report%202.pdf</p>
2	<p>VCS colleagues expressed concerns with budget proposals, such as the proposed total cut to VCS youth services and the lack of rationale for this (other than political ideologies). The meeting also discussed whether there are meaningful opportunities for engaging in budget discussions and the VCS suggested that budget proposals fail to align with strategic issues long identified as priorities for our city, eg early intervention/community based support for young people is recognised as a priority however youth services are being cut. Business colleagues reiterated that working together to find joint solutions in a timely fashion is required. It was noted that the budget consultation period remains open until the new year.</p>
3	<p>There was also a review of the achievements of the City Management Board, which it's felt it working well in key city partners tackling citywide strategic issues.</p>