NOTES FOR ACTION COMING OUT OF FORUM MEETING MAY 28TH 2015 – NHS AND VOLUNTARY/COMMUNITY/3RD SECTOR.

**1. Re- assert the values of the voluntary/community sector at every opportunity:**

* Write a charter ?;
* Incorporate into our Who Are We? Statement and use the example of local initiatives in supporting the medical needs of refugees excluded by Immigration Act.

**2. Support on-going initiative by local Unison members to build cross-Union group of workers from Voluntary and Community Sector:**

* write to local Union branches asking for publicity and support for next meeting: Monday June 22nd, 5.30, upstairs Earth and Stars BN1 1RJ
* pursue Unite community branch in view of Unite’s strategy document: *A Strong Voluntary and Community Sector*
* supply contacts with St Mungo’s to the group with a view to inviting a speaker

3. **Publicise Social Work Action Network (SWAN)** <http://www.socialworkfuture.org> in the region

* develop contact with local group

**4. Develop arguments using the Social Value Act, more info re Vol/Community sector in Brighton** –

* see Taking Account 3 <http://www.bhcommunityworks.org.uk/research/>
* contacts via Community Works
* contacts via National Coalition for Independent Action

**5. Promote the anti-market position of Defend NHS in relation to NHS and Community/Vol sector via range of means**:

1. Promote our charter and report at NCIA meeting in July (Madeleine to speak);
2. seek support for our document from Unions;
3. pursue with Patient Participation groups.

**6. Confirm, present and pursue anti-market position, to Commissioning Groups (ie HWB, B&H Council, CCG, Hospital Trust Boards**:

* Investigate introduction of volunteer navigators into GP provision