

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE**COUNCILLOR MOHAMMED KHAN****PORTFOLIO CO-ORDINATING****DIRECTOR: SALLY McIVOR****DATE: 31st January 2013****BARBARA MAGEE, MANAGER OF BLAKEWATER LODGE CARE HOME**

I am truly sorry to report the very sad and sudden death of Barbara Magee, residential home manager at Blakewater Lodge home for older people. Barbara had been taken ill whilst at work on 20th December and was rushed to hospital, but did not recover. Barbara had worked in social care since 1986, and was a very well-liked and committed member of the team and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and wishes are with Barbara's family at this most difficult of times.

SHOREY BANK EXTRA CARE HOUSING UPDATE

Plans for an extra care housing development at Shorey Bank in Darwen are progressing. 100 – 150 units will be built, including 30 extra care places and provision for a small number of parents with adult children who have a learning disability. The scheme will have an emphasis on: the use of communal areas; the partnership with health; specialist dementia care; and telecare and telehealth. The tender closed on 10th January and so far there are 4 confirmed expressions of interest. A bidder's day was held on 13th December where potential providers were given more detail on the scheme and taken on a site visit. The build is due to start in January 2014 with scheme completion in August 2015.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE – STANSFELD CENTRE AND HOPWOOD COURT

The refurbishments at Stansfeld Centre are halfway through the agreed schedule, with the extended sensory room and craft room alterations completed. The new Changing Places facility is due for completion in January after which Stage 2 (the remaining internal refurbishments) will begin. The final stage to resurface the rear hard flooring is awaiting planning permission. New fixtures and fittings are being ordered to complete the upgrades and an open day will be planned to showcase the centre once completed.

The finalised footprint for the extension to Hopwood Court will have completed the planning process by mid to the end of March. A plan of extensive consultation is being finalised in relation to the internal layout and use of the facilities and, following the granting of planning permissions, building companies will be selected to carry out the building works in spring 2013. The Hopwood Court developments are part of a broader programme to enable wider engagement with the local community and a range of options are being currently explored.

CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING UPDATE

The Centre for Independent Living project now has a new name – the 'Your Support Your Choice Service'. New branding for the service is being finalised with graphic design students from Blackburn College. The service will provide information, advice and links to a range of community based services and support. It will cater for citizens of all ages who need assistance to remain independent within their community. The service will play an integral role in the delivery of community focused initiatives, including personalisation, 'Think Family' and 'Your Call'. A key priority for the service will be the development of new good neighbour schemes with the help of volunteers to tackle the problem of older people experiencing social isolation. Phase 1 of the project will see the new service being formally opened in February 2013 at 9a Town Hall Street, Blackburn. The service will be delivered through a partnership agreement between Lancashire MIND and Care Network. Phase 2 of the project from October 2013 will see the service rolled out on a borough-wide neighbourhood network basis.

INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING

Plans are progressing for integrated commissioning along two key lines:

- Externally facing - with the Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to agreed priority areas to improve outcomes and generate efficiencies across health and social care, such as urgent care, long term conditions, intermediate care, learning disabilities and mental health;
- Internally facing - within the Council via a proposal to bring together a single commissioning service for adults, children's and public health. Once more, the purpose of this will be to deliver a better and more holistic service for the user, with improved outcomes, whilst delivering efficiencies.

CARE QUALITY COMMISSION INSPECTIONS

Over recent months, the Care Quality Commission made unannounced inspections of the Council's four residential care homes. The inspectors looked at a range of themes in relation to the essential standards of quality and safety, including areas such as: consent to care and treatment; care and welfare of people who use services; safeguarding; complaints; and medicines management. All four homes were judged to be meeting all the standards inspected to the satisfaction of the regulators with minor recommendations that will be built into current service plans. No formal actions were identified. All reports highlight very positive comments from residents and staff in relation to care and support.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSITION

Public Health Transition is managed by a joint NHS and Council 'Transition Management Group'. All actions required for safe and effective transition of the public health budgets and functions from the NHS to the Council are defined within the Public Health Transition Management Plan and are currently on track. This includes:

- Completion of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and the NHS covering the public health transition;
- Completion of Business Transfer Agreements in relation to all NHS services identified for transfer to Local Government in 2013. This involves about 56 'service lines' / contracts;
- Current assurance following financial review that the transferred public health functions and services match the 'baseline indicative financial allocation' set for the public health transfer.

The Department of Health consulted in the summer of 2012 on a new public health allocation formula for local authorities and a final official allocation figure confirming Blackburn with Darwen's public health budget for 2013/14 was expected in December 2012. The Department of Health postponed this announcement until January 2013.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Blackburn with Darwen Health and Wellbeing Board, now in its 'shadow' year has agreed to use 2012/13 meetings for development purposes - ensuring the Board is fully 'fit for purpose' when it begins its full statutory role on 1st April 2013. The Board has been working with funded support and advice from the Local Government Association on this task.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

After intensive work and public engagement over the summer of 2012, the Health and Wellbeing Board 'signed off' the first Blackburn with Darwen Health and Wellbeing Strategy in November 2012. This is now available via www.blackburn.gov.uk and www.bwdgpnet.org.uk