

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The board continues to make good progress in establishing itself in the borough, further to becoming a statutory partnership earlier this year.

A workshop was held on 24th May to enable the Board appointed thematic leads for the 5 key programme areas to start working with Council Chief Officer leads, public health leads and others, with a progress report back to the first full meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 24th June.

Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been commended for the way in which it seeks to tackle social isolation.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSITION

Following the successful transfer on 31st March 2013, of the Specialist Public Health Directorate, and responsibility for the NHS public health and prevention services, from the NHS to Council management, the Council-led Public Health Transition Steering Group has been closed down. The work of the Specialist Public Health Directorate is now effectively integrated within normal Council business and a business plan agreed for 2013/14.

HEALTH PROMOTION EVENTS

Two popular and successful community events were staged in early June, each with a strong health focus and both boosted by the recent good weather. On 1st June there was a strong presence of public health-commissioned Council healthy living services at the Roe Lee Park Mela. On 9th June the Baiter Sehat (Better Health) Mela in Corporation Park marked the finale of the one year Baiter Sehat project, also commissioned by public health and run by One Voice.

MEDIA INTEREST

During May local and regional radio and television have provided good opportunities to promote public health action in Blackburn with Darwen, including the Heart Town Partnership with the British Heart Foundation, the measles prevention MMR vaccination campaign, and highlighting potential adverse health and social impacts of shisha bars in the borough.

HEALTHWATCH

The establishment of Healthwatch Blackburn with Darwen has moved into a new phase, with the appointment as their new Chair of Sir Bill Taylor, former Leader of the Council and Chair of NHS Blackburn with Darwen Care Trust

Plus. Paula Woodruff, a former member of the Shadow Healthwatch Board, will be Vice Chair. Interviews for Board members are now taking place.

IN-HOUSE CARE HOMES

Following public consultation and a programme of support to residents, family carers and staff, Greenways Home for Older People has now closed as an operational service. An on-site security service is in place whilst alternative options for the site are progressed.

The 11 residents who have moved out are all being monitored by social work staff to ensure they settle well in their new homes and any concerns can be dealt with as and when necessary. 10 of the 11 opted to move to other homes in Darwen itself.

Staff from the home have been redeployed to roles within the 3 remaining establishments, 2 have chosen to become Shared Lives (adult placement) carers and the remainder have opted to take voluntary redundancy.

STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Dillon as the new Head of Strategic Commissioning and Procurement. Peter will head up a new service that is currently being brought together to deliver commissioning and procurement across public health and social care for adults and children. Peter has worked for the Council and Care Trust Plus for a number of years.

YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR CHOICE (YSYC)

This service continues to grow, with the number of official partner organisations standing at 16, up from the previous 8. This includes Macmillan cancer services, with whom we are developing a volunteer scheme to support people living with, or recovering from, cancer. We are now also hosting 'Live at Ease', which provides support for ex-service personnel and they now have a regular drop in session at YSYC.

Following issues that had been experienced by disabled people locally, it was felt that this was a good opportunity to develop a disability hate crime peer support group. A successful funding bid was submitted to the Community Safety Partnership and a group of 10 members now meets fortnightly at YSYC.

We now have 185 members on the YSYC mailing list for bulletins, have received very positive feedback from service users and recently held a promotion event within the Mall. Twitter and Facebook accounts for the service are now active:



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