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ADULT SOCIAL CARE

SHOREY BANK EXTRA CARE SCHEME

This exciting new scheme is set to go ahead in Darwen and see 119 new homes created for people aged 50+, an investment of £13m in the town and the creation of a number of care and support jobs. Shorey Bank is a crucial part of our plans to meet the rising need for high quality accommodation, care and support for older people in the Borough and will be a third flagship extra care scheme in Blackburn with Darwen, as well as providing bungalow accommodation that will help frail older and disable people more independent for longer.

BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) UPDATE

The new BCF guidance released in July outlined a number of key changes to submission requirements. The pay for performance aspect of the BCF has been reintroduced and will now focus solely on the reduction of hospital admissions. Health and Wellbeing Boards will be expected to propose their own performance funding pot based on local ambitions for reductions in hospital admissions. Where performance is not achieved, the funding will be made available to CCGs to pay for acute hospital activity. Performance will be measured on 'total emergency admissions' instead of 'avoidable emergency hospital admissions' as set out within the initial guidance. The updated BCF plan including financial and activity projections must be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to submission on 19th September.

Work is progressing to provide further detail on the agreed schemes that will be funded by the Better Care Fund including investment requirements and impact. They include:

- Capacity building in the voluntary sector;
- Local co-ordination of dementia services including development of a dementia friendly community;
- Integrated offer across health and local authority for carers;
- Development of integrated locality teams;
- Integrated intermediate care;
- Integrated discharge service;
- Intensive home support linked to integrated locality teams;
- Directory of services and care co-ordination.

MOORGATE MILL SUPPORTED LIVING SCHEME

The first tenants of this exciting new scheme began moving in during July and so far 17 people have agreed to take up places from a total of 20 places on offer. An official opening is being planned by the tenants and support provider during autumn 2014. The scheme, as reported previously, will focus on promoting a high quality of life and independence for working age adults with complex needs, using personalised packages of care and state of the art assistive technology.

NEW CARE HOME DEVELOPMENT

We are pleased to report that the proposed care home on the former Blackburn Infirmary site will be proceeding further to recent planning approval, paving the way for a high quality new build development to support local people with dementia. The new service will help us respond

to the increasing numbers of people with dementia and at the same time provide an important regeneration opportunity as well as new jobs for local people.

CARE ACT 2014

The new Care Act marks the most significant transformation in social care law in over 60 years and replaces multiple strands of social care legislation with a single unified legal framework. The Council and partner agencies are working at a regional and national level to implement the broad range of new duties and powers contained in the Care Act. A detailed local implementation plan has been created to ensure that we are prepared to meet this challenging agenda with the first tranche of changes coming into place by April 2015.

We are currently scoping the potential financial and resource implications of the changes, for example the increased numbers of carers who may request an assessment, new duties to support self-funders and extend deferred payment agreements. The Local Government Association and Association of Directors of Adult Social Services are working closely with local authorities and the Department of Health to support the effective implementation of the Care Act.

PUBLIC HEALTH

THE GOOD HEALTH INITIATIVE

A key focus for Public Health is the delivery of the 5 priority themes of the Blackburn with Darwen Health and Wellbeing Strategy. In 2014, additional funding was allocated to support community groups and organisations deliver health and wellbeing outcomes for the benefit of Blackburn with Darwen residents. Some of the positive outcomes that have been achieved are as follows:

- A community consultation with young people to gain insights from young people about employability and health issues, which highlighted their appreciation of the importance of personal qualities and resilience, as well as the support of family and friends;
- 'Drive & Ride' pre-driver awareness for 14 to 17 year olds highlighting consequences of hazardous driving, and cycling road safety proficiency for younger children;
- Recruiting volunteers for a course on how to provide antenatal and postnatal support to new parents, including young parents and training volunteer grandparents to offer parents practical help, support and resources through the early years.

ALCOHOL INQUIRY

During July and August social enterprise 'Our Life' ran an Alcohol Inquiry in Blackburn with Darwen with the aim of bringing together local residents to discuss "What would help make people's relationship with alcohol healthier?"

The inquiry was held at the Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre and the panel was made up of a diverse group of residents from around the town centre area. Their deliberations were informed by a number of experts, including Professor Sir Ian Gilmour, a national authority on alcohol and liver disease.

The panel questioned the contributors then discussed, debated, reflected, learned and then drafted their recommendations. These recommendations, considered and prioritised by Blackburn with Darwen residents, will be presented at the Alcohol Inquiry Recommendations Launch event on 11th September.

COLLABORATION ON CANCER

Due to improvements in diagnosis, treatment and care, life expectancy following a diagnosis of cancer has been dramatically improved for many, and attention has shifted to helping those people living with cancer achieve as good a quality of life as possible, very much like other long term conditions.

Led by Public Health, Adult Services and other Council departments have worked with NHS partners across Pennine Lancashire to collaborate with Macmillan Cancer Support. Starting with the appointment of a local doctor as Macmillan GP for the area, most recently a pioneering 3 year Macmillan Cancer Improvement Partnership has been announced, to provide better care and support for cancer patients from the moment of diagnosis to beyond treatment.

One of the first outcomes has been the recruitment to some new posts to sit with Blackburn with Darwen Council services which will focus on:

- Recruiting cancer service users to inform and support the work of the Cancer Improvement Partnership;
- Helping cancer survivors reap the benefits to their wellbeing of increasing levels of physical activity.