

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE COUNCILLOR MUSTAFA DESAI**

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### **ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

#### **COUNCIL SHORTLISTED FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHRONICLE (LGC) AWARDS 'PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR'**

The Council has been shortlisted in the 'Partnership of the Year' category at the LGC Awards for its work with Newton Europe on reducing the number of older people admitted into long-term residential or nursing care. The work focusses on people in short-term residential care placements and involves a range of health and social care professionals, and the private sector, who explore different options to help get people back home where possible.

As a result of the work, long-term residential admissions for older people have fallen with 50 people helped to regain their independence over the past year. Representatives from the project will attend an interview on 29th January in London to make a final pitch to the LGC judges before the winner is announced in March at an awards ceremony held in London.

#### **REABLEMENT UPDATE**

Over the last 12 months the department's reablement team has undertaken a comprehensive review of the way the service is organised and delivered. This review examined how staff are deployed to ensure that the maximum effectiveness is achieved from their time, it also considered how long people receive reablement support and how the referral process works. A number of improvements were identified which were put into place in early 2015. From an average of 7 people per week starting a reablement programme in October 2014, there is now an average of 14 people starting per week. Of these service users 93.1 % were still at home after 3 months, which is ahead of the Corporate Plan target for 2015/16 of 88%.

From the capacity gained through more efficient working, the team are now supporting individuals in short term care by 'in-reaching' into residential care homes to begin a reablement programme whilst the individual is continuing to recuperate. This approach, with clinical colleagues, has been successful for over 20 people who have returned home from short term residential care and has led to the Council being shortlisted for a LGC award for this work (see item above).

#### **EACHSTEP BLACKBURN UPDATE**

Eachstep Blackburn, a specialist older people's dementia care home service will open in May 2016. Recruitment for staff will start in January 2016 with an emphasis on local people with a value base that is suited to a care role. The home will have 64 rooms, all en-suite with state of the art facilities and a focus on person centred support. It will have guest rooms for visiting families and a sensory garden for the community to enjoy.

#### **TELECARE UPDATE**

The department's telecare programme continues to go from strength to strength. The number of installations of complex telecare equipment for vulnerable people in the borough is now averaging 11 per week, up from the historical baseline of 2 per week. Complex telecare equipment covers a wide range of interventions including epilepsy sensors, medication management devices, GPS tracking monitors, falls detectors and memory books for people suffering from dementia. The department supports over 1800 residents with telecare equipment as part of the Council's wider early intervention and prevention strategy.

## **HEALTH**

### **INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT**

Councils are mandated to commission an open access sexual health service, which is the third largest area of public health spend, after drugs and alcohol services, and the 0-5 years Healthy Child Programme.

Following an open tendering process, the contract has been awarded to Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust (LCFT), in a move that will improve outcomes for people at a lower cost. The new service has been redesigned in line with the development of an overarching borough wide sexual health strategy. Starting on the 1st April 2016, the integrated service will improve access and increase focus on prevention across the life course. As 'prime provider', LCFT will sub-contract with Brook and will develop further arrangements with a range of voluntary, community and faith sector organisations: including the Families, Health and Wellbeing Consortium, One Voice, Lancashire's Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender network and Thrivine, a local HIV mutual aid and support network.

The local work has been supported by the Cumbria and Lancashire Sexual Health Commissioners Network, which is cited in the recent LGA 'Sexual health commissioning in local government' good practice guide.

### **FOCUS ON ROAD SAFETY**

Over the last 3 months the Public Health team have been leading and supporting a number of key local developments of the 'Blackburn with Darwen Accident Prevention Strategy Priority 3 - Accidental Injuries' as a result of road traffic incidents.

In November a Pennine Lancashire Casualty Reduction Partnership workshop was co-hosted with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service under the auspices of the new Pennine Lancashire Community Safety Partnership steering group. Blackburn with Darwen was well represented by Council departments, elected members and wider stakeholders including Health Visiting, School Nursing and the third sector. A dynamic group from across Pennine Lancashire has now agreed to become the core membership of a Pennine Lancashire Casualty Reduction Partnership, to take forward collaborative strategies to improve road safety.

November also saw the re-launch of the 'Sticky Hands' campaign during 'Brake' Road Safety Week. The campaign, led and designed by Road Safety Champion Cllr Stephanie Brookfield, and supported by Cllr Maureen Bateson, was commissioned by Public Health during 2014/15 and encourages parents and children to hold hands when out and about.

### **HEALTHTALK 2015**

Building on the success of the first two Healthtalk events in 2013 and 2014, Healthtalk 2015 was held at Darwen Leisure Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> November. The event is part of the Health and Wellbeing Board's communication and engagement plan to talk to and listen to residents about health and wellbeing in Blackburn with Darwen. The main topic of discussion was integrated care and how the Council, NHS organisations and the voluntary sector can all work together with residents to improve health and wellbeing and deliver more seamless services closer to home and all in one place.

A workshop session took place during the event and more than 80 residents from across the borough sat with people from their own locality to discuss how to develop and deliver more integrated care where they live. The members of the Health and Wellbeing Board and invited partners were asked to observe and listen to the discussions. The outcomes from Healthtalk will contribute to the continuing development of integrated care across the borough and add to the Health and Wellbeing Board's engagement with residents and people that use health and social care services.