

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

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ADULT SOCIAL CARE

NEW BUILD AUTISM SCHEME

The Council is working with Homelife, Inclusion Housing and Lifeways to develop a supported housing tenancy model for 12 people with autism on Apple Street and Garden Street in Blackburn. The scheme will be designed specifically for people with autism and provide self-contained apartments with 24-hour background support and bespoke assistive technology, as well as individualised packages of care. The provision of personal care will be through existing framework mechanisms. The scheme has been designed following consultation with service users, carers and staff. It will provide a local solution that meets identified needs and help people remain in their community, as well as being more cost effective. It will reduce the need for expensive out of borough placements and will enable several young people presently placed out of borough to return home. Preparations are being finalised and work is planned to start within the next 2 months.

LOCALITY TEAMS UPDATE

Each of the four Locality Teams across Blackburn with Darwen continue to see social workers and reablement staff working closely with colleagues from community nursing teams, GP practices and the voluntary, community and faith sector. Developed in line with Better Care Fund objectives, Integrated Locality Teams reflect a commitment to reducing unnecessary admissions to hospital and residential care and a drive to provide individuals with a single case manager, able to coordinate the response to all of their health and care needs.

Each of our Locality Teams holds a weekly integrated care meeting which helps to provide a more responsive and joined up service to local residents who experience a mixture of both health and social care needs. The development of an integrated referral and case management process is ongoing as a means to support the principle of individuals being asked to describe their needs only once and prevent delays associated with referring across organisations. Similarly, the identification of shared office bases is moving forward successfully. This will bring practitioners together on a daily basis, further enabling integrated care planning and improved customer experience by ensuring that the right support is available within local communities.

VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH SECTOR (VCFS) UPDATE

As part of the integration of local services to provide better care, the Council and the CCG are working together with the voluntary sector to ensure people receive the right support at the right time, to keep them independent and healthier for longer. To improve access to support in neighbourhoods, services providing information, advice and guidance have been joined up. Individuals will have one assessment and their care will be more co-ordinated. The aim is to ensure that the patient regains both independence and confidence, setting and achieving their own personal goals and is able to cope with daily living within their own home. The next phase of the integration is now underway which will include improving the quality of life for carers, by increasing the number of informal and unpaid carers who receive an assessment and develop a personalised support plan. A 'lifecourse' offer for carers will ensure smoother transition from young carers services to adult carers services and will be better linked with wider voluntary sector services, reducing duplication.

In addition, the voluntary sector have been supporting efforts to reduce the amount of time people spend avoidably in hospital. The Age UK 'Here to Help' Integrated Care Programme is

targeted at people with two or more long term conditions who have experienced at least two emergency admissions in a 12 month period or meet other high risk criteria. The programme works alongside health and social care services in the community, providing voluntary support as part of the Integrated Locality Teams to address non-medical needs which may pose a barrier to improving the individual's health and wellbeing. The service also works pro-actively to identify those awaiting discharge who may be suitable for the programme.

HEALTH

TACKLING DOMESTIC ABUSE TO IMPROVE LIVES

1 in 4 young people aged 10-24 have experienced domestic abuse during their childhood, which can have long-lasting and devastating effects on behaviour and educational attainment, as well as physical and mental health, including increasing the risk of suicide and self-harm. Supported by the Community Safety Partnership and launched in Blackburn with Darwen on 8th February, 'Be a Lover not a Fighter', is a Public Health campaign across parts of the North West, which aims to help end domestic abuse for good. You can find out more at: www.lovernotfighter.org.uk

PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT 2016/17 AND 2017/18

On 9th February the Department of Health announced the Public Health Grant allocation for 2016/17 and indicative amounts for 2017/18. This confirmed that the 6.2% 2015/16 in-year cut is being taken recurrently from the baseline, and also that further cuts would be applied of 2.3% and 2.5% in the next two years, in total amounting to a £1.776 million reduction. Getting the announcement so near the start of the new financial year has made planning difficult, but the department has worked hard to develop a balanced budget and investment plan to maximise improvement of health outcomes for local people. Announced in the Autumn Statement, during 2016 the government plans to consult on options to fund local authorities' public health spending from retained business rates receipts from 2018.

NEW DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES

People across Blackburn and Darwen affected by drug or alcohol misuse can now get help through a new community-based service commissioned by Public Health and provided by leading drug and alcohol charity CRI and local partners, including THOMAS, Fast4wd, the Work Company, GPs and pharmacists. Officially launched on 18th February, CRI delivers Inspire Integrated Prevention and Recovery for adults and Go2 which is tailored to the needs of young people. Services are based in 'hubs' in Exchange Street and Regent Street in Blackburn and several locations in Darwen, with smaller services operating from a number of community-based access points and venues across the borough. The support is 'open access', meaning anyone who needs help can get it without an appointment or a referral. Find out more at: www.cri.org.uk/blackburn-darwen

BEST START IN LIFE

An underpinning theme of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy is the vital importance of the early years to life long health. The Public Health Department is working in partnership to transform the 'Healthy Child Programme' for children and young people in Blackburn with Darwen. This exciting programme will include the re-procurement of Public Health Nursing Services (0-19; Health Visiting and School Nursing) and other Public Health programmes for children and young people, integrated with 'Start Well' collaborative delivery within localities. The new model will be in place ready for delivery by 1st April 2017. An initial Healthy Child Programme Transformation Engagement Event was held on Monday 29th February at Witton Park City Learning Centre, attended by over 60 professionals from a wide range of children and young people's services who contribute to Healthy Child Programme delivery in Blackburn with Darwen.