

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND PREVENTION SERVICES

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COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Multi-agency approach with Police, Fire and Rescue and Ambulance service to engage and deliver schools projects to raise children's awareness around emergencies and emergency planning. The initial pilot was successfully delivered, phase two has recently been rolled out to two primary schools with children fully engaged. A full roll out to all primary schools is planned for September 2016.

During the project the Children took part in workshops which included learning about keeping calm in an emergency, making their own home safety plans, educating their parents and family and learning about the roles of the emergency services and the Local authority in emergency response. They also looked at the school's preparation for emergencies, discussed national and international emergencies such as floods and earthquakes, and had the chance to hold a 'Question Time' event with members officers from of the Council and the emergency services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

The new CCTV Hub progressing well and on schedule although a very tight timescale. The contract has been awarded and building work has commenced. The new hub will centralise CCTV monitoring for several areas across Lancashire and will be situated in the Northgate Suite (formerly the registrar's space)

SOMME COMMEMORATION

On Sunday 3rd July 2016 Blackburn Cathedral hosted the NW commemoration ceremony followed by a parade, inspection and civic reception. Later in the day the Military Band played to a joyful audience in the Cathedral Quarter. The event was lead and managed under the Directorate with staff volunteering and supporting the event from early hours on Sunday for the full day until the events had concluded. Equally great support as ever from our partners Lancashire Constabulary, the MALL, Lancashire Fire and Rescue, the community who turned out to cheer on the Parade. We would like to record our thanks to all those who have worked behind the scenes, tirelessly over many months to ensure that it was a respectful and dignified way to commemorate the centenary for the Somme.

PHASE 2 - TROUBLED FAMILY PROGRAMME

The overall five year target (2015-2020) to be met through the programme is to work with 1670 families. At mid-June of this year, the programme was working with 546 families, equating to 2303 family members. Wards with the highest volume of open cases are currently:

- Shadsworth with Whitebirk - 44
- Sudell - 38
- Ewood - 29
- Highercroft - 29

- Wensley Fold - 21
- Mill Hill - 20

The programme now over several years is an important preventative programme helping to stem demand on our statutory services.

The Troubled Families programme continues to support the development of staff by offering access to a Level 4 qualification delivered by Blackburn College. Alongside the formal training for key workers on the frontline we are also supporting development of employees and partners through Strengthening Families programmes which is an evidenced based training programme and a key deliverable for the BwD Parenting Strategy.