

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

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### **ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

#### **LOCALITY TEAM CO-LOCATION**

A team of social workers, Reablement staff and Independent Living Services (ILS) representatives have co-located to Darwen Health Centre to form a Darwen multi-disciplinary team. Staff will share office space with colleagues from a range of disciplines including district nursing, the rapid assessment team, mental health services as well as the voluntary sector. The multi-disciplinary team meet weekly to discuss cases referred from the practices' GPs for individuals who need additional health and social care support to remain at home. The move will enable colleagues from the neighbourhood teams to become more involved with social work and clinical staff, enhancing our asset based approach and the development of a joint working model.

Further planning is underway to agree joint locations for North, East and the West teams over the next few weeks and months, following a similar model.

#### **VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT**

A joint approach is being developed with colleagues in Prevention, Neighbourhoods and Learning Services to encourage a growth in the recruitment and use of volunteers for people receiving adult social care.

The first pilot is being developed in one locality to begin with, having particular emphasis on people with a learning disability and older people. A workshop has been set up with representatives from Lancashire Volunteer Partnership (LVS), community connectors, adult social workers, health colleagues in integrated neighbourhood teams and reablement. As individuals express a desire to work with a volunteer, referrals will be channelled through the wellbeing service through our partnership with LVS who will recruit and support the volunteer and offer ongoing oversight to the volunteer and person receiving support. Going forward we will embed this arrangement in neighbourhoods so that we can ensure that it becomes part of the local support available to individuals and their carers.

#### **APPLE GARDEN AND BALMORAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

Work is progressing well with the new housing developments for people with Learning Disabilities and Autism. The roofs have now been completed and internal fit outs works are beginning. Balmoral will be available for new tenants from the end of August and Apple Garden will be available from November. Open days will be arranged for stake holders and prospective tenants nearer the completion dates.

#### **DELAYED TRANSFER OF CARE PEER REVIEW**

An Executive Team of NHS and Social Care Leaders has been established to provide support and challenge to local systems, drawing upon the learning, best practice and experience from organisations and systems that are performing well. The visit to Pennine Lancashire took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> June and senior officers attended from the local authority. The focus of the visit was primarily on levels of delayed transfers from hospital. The team, however, worked to a framework of four key lines of enquiry; leadership, culture, improvement plans and community capacity.

Although the formal feedback is not yet available, the informal feedback was very positive. The reviewers found examples of good practice and were complimentary about system leadership and the capacity to drive positive change. They also made suggestions in relation to areas for improvement which will be incorporated into existing system improvement plans and overseen by the A&E Delivery Board.

## **HEALTH**

### **BEST START IN LIFE**

Giving every child the 'best start in life' is a priority of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and a key public health goal, with a strong evidence base.

#### **Healthy Child Programme: Public Health Nursing Service**

Following a competitive tendering process, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is now working in partnership with the Council, East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust and voluntary sector providers, to deliver a new, fully integrated, 0-19 years Healthy Child Programme. In April this year, building on previous achievements in the Borough, NHS health visiting, school nursing and their skill mixed team co-located within Little Harwood, Audley, Darwen and Livesey Children's Centres to work alongside Local Authority Children's Services and Education colleagues. This is the first phase of the model, and the council is working closely with the Clinical Commissioning Group to identify other children's and family services that could be aligned, to promote a more joined up collaborative health and wellbeing offer for children, young people and their families.

#### **It's a Poor Do!**

Poverty in childhood is a key determinant of poor outcomes, both for children and the adults they will become. Blackburn with Darwen has both significantly higher levels of child poverty than the national average, and a track record of working hard to ameliorate its impact. The third It's a Poor Do! conference organised by Together Lancashire was held in Blackburn in May, chaired by the Director of Public Health, with speakers from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Many examples of local good practice were provided, and much of the discussion around tackling child poverty centred on better collaboration across sectors and organisations at a local level and for political will and adequate funding at national level to address the underlying determinants of child poverty. The Public Health team is working closely with Together Lancashire on a range of topics to address local poverty, including currently developing a multi-agency Food Poverty Network as part of the Eat Well action plan.

#### **Whole School Mental Wellbeing**

Half of all mental health conditions develop before the age of 14. 1 in 10 children aged 5 to 16 have a diagnosed mental health disorder and 1 in 4 are at increased risk of future mental ill-health, making schools a key setting to promote mental wellbeing. St. Thomas's Pupil Referral Unit for children and young people with behavioural problems recognised their need is even greater and has piloted a whole school approach to building personal resilience and mental wellbeing, and to share the learning with other schools. Action has included the development of a whole-school Wellbeing Strategy, supported by Lancashire Mind, developing the emotional health and resilience curriculum with support and resources from Young Minds, and staff training, including Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) and Safetalk suicide awareness, both of which the Public Health Department has committed to continuing to commission, as a collaborative partnership with schools across the Borough.

### **WELLBEING SERVICE NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

Prevention and early intervention has a key role to play in reducing demand for more intensive, and expensive, health and care services. A major plank of that approach locally is the Council's integrated Wellbeing Service. As well as advice, guidance and practical support with exercise, stopping smoking or drinking less, the service also helps deal with issues such as housing, employment and money because these problems can affect emotional and physical health just as much. After picking up a national award in April for 'transformation in health and social care' in May, the Wellbeing Service went on to take the runner-up spot in the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Shared Learning Award.