

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

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### **ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

#### **COMMUNITY CONNECTORS**

Social workers within the Adult Social Care have started making referrals to Community Connectors within the Neighbourhood teams in order to help individuals to source local activities which will support their independence and wellbeing. At the same time the Community Connector Team is increasing their promotional activity to attract volunteers to match to individuals seeking community support.

Over the coming months this number is expected to gradually increase as social workers, Neighbourhood Teams, wider organisations and individuals become aware of and make use of the service.

#### **INTEGRATED DISCHARGE SERVICE/HOME FIRST & DELAYED TRANSFER**

Over the last twelve months, the Hospital Team has embraced and implemented new ways of working in order to reduce delayed transfers of care and promote patient wellbeing. To reduce the duplication of assessments that patients were experiencing, the team have promoted the 'One story, One assessment' approach.

There has been a national drive to embed the 'Trusted Assessment' which has been developed for patients and is undertaken by therapists on the ward or trained nurses. The assessment enables patients with needs for intermediate and low level reablement services to be discharged safely from hospital, with the social care assessment taking place in their own home, or within a community resource

The team is developing a Home First Pathway taking the Discharge to Assess model further. The Trusted Assessment document, will travel home with the patient and be carried out by a therapist and a Home First social worker who will assess their care needs and put in Crisis or Reablement support to fully assess and promote independence over a five day period. This is a pathway tried and tested by East Lancashire Hospital Trust with positive outcomes. It is envisaged that this pathway will see a reduction in delayed transfers of care and assessments will be more person-centred.

#### **APPLE HOUSE AND BALMORAL HOUSING UPDATE**

Consultation has taken place with service users and their families on the Apple House and Balmoral housing developments for people with a learning disability. The developments are proving popular and prospective tenants have been identified. 'Show flats' will be available from October and open days will be arranged with stakeholders and prospective tenants nearer the completion dates. It is anticipated that tenants will start moving in from November.

#### **RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS**

The new Riverside Heights housing with care scheme in Darwen is progressing well but a sprinkler system is being installed which will delay the opening until May 2018. A new care provider has been identified and will start working in partnership with the local authority to develop the care model for the scheme. A "topping out" ceremony took place in September at which the scheme was publicised to a wider audience.

## **ALBION MILL**

Work will soon commence on the new extra and intermediate care scheme (Albion Mill) which is a joint venture with Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group. A positive consultation event was held with stakeholders in August, providing several innovative ideas for uses of the link building.

## **BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) 2017 - 2019**

The Council and the Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commission Group has submitted its plan for the Better Care Fund. The key aims of this programme are:

- a) Building capacity within the voluntary sector (VCF) through phase one Information Advice and Guidance; phase two Integrated Carer Services; phase three Keeping Well & Healthy Homes;
- b) Co-ordination of dementia services
- c) Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs)
- d) Developing the reablement offer
- e) Intermediate Care including an Integrated Discharge Service and Home First (a further allocation of iBCF funding has been agreed across Pennine Lancashire health and care providers to deliver a single leadership function across the existing Integrated Discharge Service)
- f) The Intensive Home Support Services (IHSS)
- g) Care Navigation Hub/Directory of Services (DoS)

Following the 2017 Spring Budget, local authorities now benefit from additional Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) allocations for social care. This has been provided for the purposes of:

- Meeting adult social care pressures and demands
- Stabilising the social care provider market
- Reducing pressures in the NHS – including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready (reducing DToC)

## **INTERNATIONAL OLDER PERSON'S DAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> was United Nations International Day of Older Persons and to mark the day balloons were released outside Blackburn Town Hall. The focus and theme this year was to influence the readiness of older people to participate in securing health care, ensuring older people have a regular income and promote legal protection and access to financial services. This year the Older Persons Forum led the events which included Friendship Groups to tackle loneliness and isolation.

## **HEALTH**

### **THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

The Director of Public Health has a duty to produce an Annual Report, which is a professional statement about the health of local communities and increasingly an important vehicle by which Directors of Public Health can identify local issues, flag problems and report progress. The report is publicly accessible and a key resource to inform local inter-agency action for health and wellbeing. The 2016/17 report for Blackburn with Darwen is set out in two parts: 1) Health as a Social Movement describing the major cultural change required to address current health and wellbeing challenges and, 2) the Integrated Strategic Needs Assessment (ISNA) Summary Review setting out the environmental and social context of Blackburn with Darwen as a place and their impact on the health and wellbeing of the population.

### **NEW HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAMME FOR BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN**

Housing is a key determinant of health. The right home environment can, protect and improve health and wellbeing and help to prevent physical and mental ill health. Public Health, in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen CCG, have commissioned Care Network to deliver a new Healthy Homes programme for the borough with the aim of reducing the health risks associated with living in a cold or unsafe home. From October 2017 the service will deliver awareness raising, advice, signposting and workforce development to increase understanding of the effects of poor housing on health and ways in which people can improve and maintain health through the home, alongside a coordinated approach to home safety risk assessment and interventions, targeted at the most vulnerable groups. A launch event will be held at Blackburn Library on 22nd November 2017 complemented by a borough wide campaign to raise awareness raising of the home-health relationship.

### **BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH STRATEGY**

The recently approved Blackburn with Darwen Integrated Sexual Health Strategy aims to provide a coherent approach to the promotion of good sexual health and positive sexual relationships across communities and groups. The strategy will inform multi-agency planning and commissioning decisions to ensure resources are effectively targeted to reduce sexual health inequalities within the borough. The three year strategy (2017-20) adopts a life course approach, aligned to the three Health and Wellbeing life stages of Start Well, Live Well and Age Well and provides a framework for action including building knowledge and resilience among young people, improving sexual health outcomes for young adults aged between 16 to 24 years and continue to reduce the rate of conceptions under 16 years and under 18 years.

In a related development, Blackburn with Darwen supported the LGA in a court case which successfully challenged NHS England to fund Pre-Exposure HIV Prophylaxis (PrEP), following a clinical trial in London demonstrated that it reduced infection in gay men by one third. This is a very significant public health improvement in which Public Health played an influential role, including co-authoring a key Editorial in the British Medical Journal during the campaign. We are also encouraging the locally commissioned integrated sexual health service to take part in the delivery of a national PrEP trial, the aim of which is to answer outstanding questions regarding PrEP including; eligibility, uptake and duration, and to assess the impact of PrEP on new HIV diagnoses over the next 5 years.