
OVERVIEW OF HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO

Purpose of the Report

1. Since the last meeting of Council, the main areas of work under my Health and Partnerships Portfolio were as follows.

Public Health

0-19 years: Children's Services

2. The procurement process for the 0-19 years children's service public health has concluded and a contract has been awarded to Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust.
3. Following a period of mobilisation the service commenced on 1 April and is now fully operational in Darlington.

Community Contraceptive Service

4. Work is on track to procure a new Community Contraceptive Service (CaSH) for Darlington with a proposed start date for the new service of 1 August 2016.
5. The consultation work is now complete, the key findings of which have informed the model being commissioned going forward. Specifically this involves improving access through better marketing of services and a centralised appointments booking system. This has increased access to training and support for those involved in the delivery of sexual health services across the Borough.
6. In response to concerns, access to services during the transition period have been increased by the provision of two additional clinical sessions which provide evening and weekend access to people of all ages.

Teenage Pregnancy Rates

7. The latest figures for teenage pregnancies were released by the Office for National Statistics) in March. The figures show that the conception rate amongst 15 to 17 year olds in Darlington in 2014 was 26.8 per 1,000 which is lower than the north east rate of 30.2 per 1,000.
8. The 2014 rate is 58 per cent lower than the rate in 1998 which was when work began to reduce rates. This reduction in rates is greater than the reduction in England (51 per cent) and the north east (46 per cent).

One Darlington Partnership

9. In response to a discussion about volunteering at its Board meeting in November 2015, One Darlington Partnership is developing a proposal to create a gateway to volunteering which could recruit and vet volunteers and introduce them to public sector agencies with suitable volunteering opportunities. It would also be able to sign-post potential volunteers to other voluntary sector organisations if they indicated a preference in that direction. In addition, it would share good practice and provide guidance to managers in participating agencies. The proposal is that the service would be managed by volunteers with the intention that this volunteering gateway would support the Council's ambition to build stronger communities.

Healthwatch

10. Healthwatch Darlington's (HWD) communication and engagement strategies continue to expand reaching more people and organisations daily. Promotion on social media continues and HWD continues to visit and identify Access Points in different community venues to ensure health and social care information is available for residents when and if needed. A new monthly access point has been established at Darlington College for young people to access information and provides feedback on the services they use.
11. The Mental Health, Learning Impairment, Darlington Ageing Well (DAWN) and Darlington Organisations Together (DOT) Networking Groups have all met recently. Guest speakers spoke in relation to the 'At Risk, Yet Dismissed' report, Dementia Action Alliance, Pension Wise, Primary Healthcare Darlington, and the Halo Project.
12. HWD hosted the Darlington Dementia Alliance as an independent partner to stakeholders within the alliance and will use current networks and local knowledge to help cascade information and support needed to the people of Darlington.
13. The HWD team has been consulted upon the Care Quality Commission Strategy Event, Tees Esk and Wear Valley's review into service user involvement in Adult MH services in Durham and Tees Valley Localities, Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Cancer Services and Darlington CCG End of Life/Palliative Care.
14. Effective ways of working with Black and Minority Ethnic groups and young people is continuing to ensure that their views influence policy and strategy and delivery.
15. HWD continues to gather the views of Children and Young People (CYP) for the CYP Mental Health Transformation Plan and recently worked closely with Public Health regarding Contraceptive and Sexual Health Services in Darlington to ensure the information is much clearer and young people feel better informed about where to go for advice and services.

16. HWD is facing a proposed 50 per cent plus budget cut in 2017/18 which will significantly reduce all its activity and leave patients without a strong voice in big changes to local Health and Social Care Services. Work is ongoing to form the basis of a coherent strategy to responsibly entrust the safety and care of vulnerable people and the new arrangements must be in place early enough to cope with demand as existing services are reduced.

Health and Well Being Board

17. The Board received a report from the Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) which provided an update on the Better Health Programme, formerly known as Securing Quality in Health Services (SeQiHS), led by NHS organisations across Darlington, Durham and Tees. The Better Health Programme continues to focus on the key aspects of acute care however, it has now been extended to include 'not in hospital' services. These services were deemed essential for patients to maintain their independence and provide services closer to, and in the home; to reduce hospital admissions and to facilitate discharge.
18. We received a presentation from Darlington CCG on the Strategic Transformation Plan (STP) covering the County Durham and Darlington, North Tees and Hartlepool and South Tees Hospitals Foundations Trusts. The Board noted the difficulties identified in delivering standards, performance and finance before STP; role of the BHP within the STP; pathway to develop the STP, transformation themes; and the CCG's aims by the end of 2016.
19. The Board noted the initial findings of the Joint Health and Social Care Learning Disability Self-Assessment Framework 2015 and the progress made since the last Self-Assessment, which would be a light touch data extraction rather than a full self-assessment with further guidance on the 2016 process to be issued.
20. A further presentation was considered by the Board in relation to the Commissioning Intentions and Clinical Commissioning Group Annual Operation Plan 2016/17. The Board was informed that the NHS Planning Guidance, Delivering the Forward View 2016/17 to 2020/21 set out clear lists of national priorities and longer-term challenges for local systems. It was stated that the Five Year Sustainability and Transformation Plan was place-based and drove the Five Year Forward View and the one year Operational Plan for 2015/17 was organisation-based but consistent with the emerging STP. The Board noted that Darlington CCG's commission priorities and schemes must deliver to the plan 2016/17, support delivery of the 2020 vision and deliver the STP.
21. The Board welcomed the designation of Darlington as a Healthy New Town and endorsed the arrangements put in place to manage and implement the programme. Darlington is one of ten sites chosen to lead a new programme which will tackle prevailing health and social problems in ways which will reduce public sector costs in time.
22. The Board approved the publication of the new Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016, an internet-based source of information for use by staff, partner organisations and the general public. It is a requirement of Health and Well-Being Boards to

complete a JSNA for its local area as part of its duties under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

23. The Board approved the draft Better Care Fund (BCF) 2016/17 and in doing so noted the requirement to pool budgets in support of BCF and the requirement of a signed s75 Agreement by NHS England by 20 June 2016.

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