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**OVERVIEW OF HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS PORTFOLIO**

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**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**

**Children and Young People**

2. Work on the projects within the children and young people's mental health strategy; Future in Mind (FIM) Transformation Plan has commenced. The consultation has been completed and a report produced, this was comprehensive with over 300 individuals being consulted which included a variety of children and young people, parents, carers and stakeholders. The findings from this will be used to inform future provision.
3. Youth Mental Health First Aid and Mindfulness in Schools contracts have been awarded and mobilisation plans are currently being completed.
4. An anti-stigma campaign has been launched as a collaboration project between FIM and the Darlington Partnership Board. This commenced in May during Mental Health Awareness Week and will also focus on World Mental Health Day in October.

**County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (FRS)**

5. On 22 April 2016, I represented the Council in launching the County Durham and Darlington 'Safe and Wellbeing' programme, an enhanced prevention project led by the FRS working with the public sector and voluntary and community partners.
6. The FRS has built on its long standing experience in preventative activities and has carried out Home Fire Safety checks for over a decade. The local enhanced programme focuses on a number of key areas including alcohol, smoking, dementia, social isolation, winter warmth and slips, trips and falls.
7. The Safe and Wellbeing programme will be reviewed in late Summer and a report will be presented in due course to the Health and Well Being Board for consideration.

## **Darlington Partnership**

8. I attended the Partnership Executive Group on 5 July 2016 and was informed that Darlington Cares has appointed a new Programme Manager. Darlington Cares is an initiative which was established with the support of the Partnership and helps companies align their corporate social responsibility activity to the benefit of Darlington.
9. The Partnership managed to secure incredible levels of support from local businesses for the Festival of Ingenuity held 8 and 9 July.
10. The Partnership is planning to hold an assembly in the Autumn to consider how it can best bring people together to build stronger communities, one of the key objectives of the town wide strategy, One Darlington: Perfectly Placed.

## **Healthwatch Darlington (HWD)**

11. Healthwatch Darlington is a strong independent community champion giving local people a voice that improves and enhances health and social care provision on behalf of Darlington residents. HWD's priorities are Information Gathering, Informing, Influencing and Governance.
12. The Mental Health, Learning Impairment and Darlington Organisations Together (DOT) have all met recently. Guest speakers spoke in relation to Darlington Mental Health and Wellbeing Transformation Plan, Learning Impairment and the work of both Clervaux Trust which offers help to people with learning difficulties and Harbour, which offers support to families experiencing domestic abuse.
13. HWD's 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.
14. HWD has concentrated its efforts on three major projects based on easily overlooked members of the community including, Black, Minority, Ethnic Communities, Working Population and Children and Young People.
15. To ensure the patient, carer and public voice is heard meetings attended by HWD included System Resilience Group, Special Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, Darlington Borough Council Syrian Refugee meeting, Children and Young People Mental health and Resilience Building, Better Health Programme Stakeholder Event, Dementia Strategy and Crisis Care Concordat.
16. HWD is constantly seeking additional funding streams and working collaboratively with others.

## **Health and Well Being Board**

17. The Health and Well Being Board met on 19 July 2016 and a summary of business will be included in my next Council report.

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