
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

2. The new Stop Smoking Service commenced on 1 April 2017 and is provided by North East Council on Addictions (NECA) in partnership with County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.
3. The Stop Smoking Service offers a universal and a specialist service. The Service will also provide a programme of training, in relation to brief intervention advice and making every contact count, available to staff across Darlington who working in the public, private and third sector, to enable the provision of brief intervention with smokers. It also offers an enhanced level of smoking cessation support for those over the age of 18 who meet the criteria.
4. The Universal Service provides a single point of access for smokers in the Borough seeking advice and support to quit via www.darlingtonstopsmokinghub.org.uk. It also provides a range of information and tools that will engage smokers to stimulate behaviour change.
5. Mental Health Awareness Week will run up to 14 May this year and a multi-media anti-stigma campaign is being held using the posters designed by Darlington College students.
6. The new Child Health profile for Darlington was published online at the end of February 2017. Darlington has shown improvement in some key areas, including, under 18 conception rates and smoking status at time of delivery. However there are other areas, such as oral health, where work is continuing. The Darlington Profile can be viewed at http://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/child-health/profile/child-health-overview/area-search-results/E06000005?place_name=Darlington&search_type=parent-area

Darlington Partnership

7. There were over 140 nominations submitted for the Best of Darlington awards this year. The awards ceremony will be held on 19 May at the Dolphin Centre. At the last Partnership Board meeting thanks were recorded for Darlington College which had hosted the event in previous years.
8. The Festival of Ingenuity will be held on 22 and 23rd September this year. All the organisations involved last year have agreed to participate again with new businesses joining. The Tees Pumping station will be opening during the Festival with visits being laid on from the festival site and also to the A1 Locomotion shed and Head of Steam.

Healthwatch Darlington (HWD)

9. The most recent Mental Health Network received two guest speakers, one from Darlington Borough Council who provided a verbal presentation about the Community Learning and Mental Health Research Project and one from NECS (NHS North East Commissioning Support Unit) who gave an update on the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat. The Network also received updates around Learning Impairment and Autism Self-assessment.
10. The latest Darlington Aging Well Network welcomed a member of the Public Health Team to give a presentation on the Children and Young People's Mental Health Consultation Report (Future in Mind). The plan offered more support in schools by providing more information to children and young people, more training and support for staff, Mindfulness training, Youth Mental Health First Aid and School Peer Support.
11. The latest Darlington Organisations Together Network included presentations from Darlington Mind relating to the Young People's Self Harm Project and the Darlington and District Talking Newspaper which provided information around the service which had operated since 1979.
12. The Black Minority Ethnic Health Connector volunteers have recently disseminated information regarding Digital Care Records information; Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP's); and Darlington for Culture Website.
13. HWD has also been involved with the Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group's Blueprint and the North of England Commissioning Support Unit where key objectives included:
 - (a) Providing commissioners with meaningful and timely insights about the views of patients, carers and the public to assist in evidence based decision making
 - (b) Patients, carers and the public, knowing how to input into the work of the CCG
 - (c) Patients, carers and the public knowing the result of their participation and believing their input has made a real difference.

14. HWD has also been involved in the Health Call Under nutrition project which aims to reduce the number of people suffering with under nutrition by 10 per cent in a cohort of 'hard to reach' patients and the STP's for Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby.
15. Healthwatch England (and Darlington) believe that when it comes to STPs, or any other health reform, the NHS should follow five key steps to ensure that communities have a say in decisions that will affect them.
16. The case for change needs to be clearly set out so that people can understand both the current situation and the reasons things might need to be done differently.
17. Following withdrawal of funding, HWD provided details of its new structure and new Business Plan which takes into account, the budget cut impact on other third sector organisations and how, or if, they will continue to work with HWD.

Health and Wellbeing Board

18. The Health and Wellbeing Board met on 25 April and covered a variety of topics including presentations by the Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Transformation and the Senior Project Manager, People Group, on the development of the Children and Young People Plan 2017/22 which was a partnerships document. Following an engagement activity 22 emerging priorities have been identified and areas for improvement in the 2014/17 plan acknowledged.
19. The Public Health Principal gave a presentation which provided information on Life Expectancy and Mortality Data for the Tees Valley.
20. The Director of Public Health updated the Board on the development of a five year Health and Wellbeing Plan, in line with the children and Young People Plan. The Plan is one of a number of plans delivering the strategic objectives of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Darlington.
21. The Chief Executive Officer of Healthwatch Darlington provided the Board with an update on Healthwatch Darlington's key priorities, projects and work recently undertaken in championing the views of people in the Borough in order to influence and improve health and social care services.

22. The Board considered a report of the Director of Children and Adult Services outlining work being undertaken to review the Board's governance arrangements, together with proposed amendments, as the Board will now take on the role of Children's Trust to embed the children's agenda within the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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