

Note of 22nd April 2013 Meeting

10.00 am The Brownlee Stone Centre, Town Street, Horsforth.

Present

Cllr Latty (Chair) – Guiseley & Rawdon
Cllr Cleasby – Horsforth Ward
Cllr Anderson – Adel & Wharfedale
Julia Suddick - Adult Social Care
Dawn Appleyard – WNW Homes External Funding Officer
Claire Bunyan – WNW Homes Independent Living
Gerry Burnham – WNW Area Support Team

Introductions and apologies:

Cllr Latty welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies were received from Cllr Lay.

Key Issues discussed:

1. Integrated Social Care

Julia Suddick Head of Service for West North West Adult Social Care (ASC) attended for this item and gave an update on the development of Integrated Neighbourhood Health and Social Care Teams. ASC are working in partnership with Leeds Community Health (LCH). GP practices, health workers, social care staff and patients are working more closely together to improve outcomes and quality of care for older people and those with long term conditions.

There are 12 Neighbourhood Teams, 4 cover West North West. Co-located staff are based in Health Centres at key locations; Yeadon, Woodsley Road, Pudsey and Armley Moor

Gateway to services

At present referrals to ASC are made through the Contact Centre. LCH receive referrals through different access points. A process is being developed which will mean that all referrals will be made through one contact point. Health & Social Care Officers will sit with reception staff to provide advice and support. The intention is that clients will get an integrated response at the first point of contact.

Re-enablement Service

ASC and LCH are looking at developing a 're-enablement service'. Home Care Staff have retrained alongside Occupational Health workers. The team initially worked with people in their own homes to help them regain independence but a 'Hospital pathway' has now opened up.

Rapid Response Service

It is acknowledged that there is a gap in recuperation services for older people coming out of hospital. A business case is currently being drafted looking at the cost of providing short term intervention at home for people ready to leave hospital.

Discussion / Member Comments

A discussion took place around the down-sizing of LCH and the fact that staff may be at risk. JS confirmed that staff remained positive and there was equal enthusiasm from both ASC and LCH. It was hoped that any job losses could be absorbed through natural wastage e.g. retirement, early leavers schemes etc.

Members commented that LCC and LCH are not cost effective in providing domiciliary care in comparison with the Private Sector and asked what is being done to address this. JS advised that the service has already made £1.2 million of savings and had a savings target of £900,000 for this year. Working patterns were being looked at in conjunction with the Unions and very few staff now work 9 – 5.

Members asked what role the Neighbourhood Networks had – JS confirmed that they had a key role in linking people together and advised that she meets regularly with WNW voluntary sector groups.

Members asked how they could help - JS asked for their support for the initiative and to bring any issues they identify to her attention. It was emphasised that any changes must bring a better experience for older and vulnerable people.

Actions:

GB to arrange for Members to visit the contact centre.

JS to provide an update report on Integrated Health & Social Care Teams to the June Area Committee.

2. Matters of the Art

Dawn Appleyard and Claire Bunyan from WNW Homes presented this item. An expression of interest for well-being funding was circulated (attached). The aim of 'Matters of the Art' project is to inspire well-being in older and more vulnerable people living in sheltered housing through the arts. Initially a pilot scheme would run in sheltered housing complexes at Wharfedale Court Pool-in-Wharfedale and Haworth Court Yeadon.

Councillor Anderson Member for Adel & Wharfedale gave support to the project however requested a separate meeting to discuss costings and discuss how the project could be moved forward. There was no representation from Otley and Yeadon therefore O & Y Members will be contacted for their views.

Actions:

GB to arrange meeting with Cllr A, DA and CB.

GB to contact O & Y Members for their views on the project.

3. Joint Health & Well-being Strategy (JHWS)

Councillor Latty circulated information on the draft Leeds Joint Health and Well-being Strategy 2013-15. (attached). The Health & Well-being vision for Leeds is to be a healthy and caring city for all ages. The **Strategy aims to** reduce the differences in life expectancy between communities.

There are 15 priorities the top 4 being:

- Support more people to choose healthy lifestyles
- Ensure everyone will have the best start in life
- Increase the number of people supported to live safely in their own homes
- Improve people's mental health and well-being.

Members discussed the fact that more people die of heart disease than all cancers. The sub group felt that there was a need to raise awareness of alcohol misuse and would welcome someone to a future sub group to discuss what is being done to tackle this issue.

Action:

Cllr L welcomed comments on the Joint Health and Well-being Strategy 2013 – 15. **ALL**

GB to arrange for someone to present an item on Alcohol abuse awareness for next sub group.

4. Any other business

Cllr C requested a paper on the closure of Residential Homes.

Post meeting note – report scheduled to come to the June Area Committee.

5. Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th September 2013, 10.00 am the Brownlee Stone Centre, Town Street, Horsforth LS18 5BL.