

CABINET PORTFOLIO SUMMARY REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is an update from the Cabinet Portfolio Holder to Members of the Council on matters relevant to her portfolio.

1. OVERVIEW

The Health and Social Care system has been under considerable pressure during the winter of 2014. Key plans have been reviewed to deliver more integrated and responsive services to the public of Wirral.

2. BETTER CARE FUND

Discussions have taken place with regard the pooled budget arrangements, details are currently being finalised taking account of system pressures during the winter period. The Section 151 Health Act flexibility will be in place for April to ensure robust arrangements.

Significant progress has been made with regard 7 day working proposals and investment in a range of community services including intermediate care to support the reduction of demand in the acute sector.

3. CARE ACT

Provider events have been held to assist the independent sector to understand the implications of the care act and understand the likely impact on their services.

Key work is underway to develop the range of information and advice available to individuals, including carers. This includes developing our web site, information leaflets and 3rd sector signposting.

Staff training and development programme is underway.

4. JOINT CARERS COMMISSION

Adult Social Services and Wirral's CCG have recently consulted on a Carers Strategy. A Cabinet report described how £765,000 of pooled resources are being used to commission services across health and social care.

5. HEALTHY CHILD PROGRAMME FOR 0-19 YEAR OLDS

The new Healthy Child Programme for 0-19 year olds commenced on the 1st February. This service brings together a number of services that work with children and their families to promote health and wellbeing via an integrated service. The programme operates from 4 bases across Wirral and includes the following services: Health Visiting Service, Family Nurse Partnership, School Nursing Service, National Child Measurement Programme, health promotion initiatives such as promoting healthy weight, teenage pregnancy, sexual health and relationship education and drugs, alcohol and tobacco prevention/awareness.

6. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT SERVICE

Our newly commissioned drug and alcohol recovery service was launched on the 1st February led by a national charity, CRI. They are now currently fully operational at sites in Birkenhead and Moreton, they are also delivering interventions from satellite venues in Wallasey & New Ferry until they secure permanent bases in these areas.

7. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

In order to continue to meet the needs of a wide and ever developing audience we have refreshed our JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment). A new layout has been developed to make it easier to search for information; further work is taking place on developing local profiles.