

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. HEALTHY WIRRAL (VANGUARD)

Health and social care partners in Wirral were successful in bidding to achieve 'Vanguard' status, one of only 29 areas in the UK. Wirral Health and Social Care partners include; Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group, Wirral Council, Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, GPs across the borough, Local Professional Committees, local community groups and Healthwatch.

The Vanguard programme, which is called 'Healthy Wirral', is now in the position of being able to work towards improving services and making sure Wirral residents have the access to high quality, appropriate care in the right settings. Vanguard sites are offered greater freedoms in relation to how the health system works; providing the opportunity to re-design the whole system of health and care to offer more integrated and responsive services. The focus is on population health and supporting people in their own communities, offering the right support in the right place, at the right time.

A very important part of the development will be a series of engagement events with patients, public and other stakeholders to shape and develop the 5 year plan in line with the Wirral Plan priorities.

2. WIRRAL INDEPENDENCE SERVICE COMMISSION

More work to ensure people with disabilities live independently has been successfully completed with a joint social care and health commission (Wirral Council DASS, PH and NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group) for a new Wirral Independence Service. The integrated commission was led by Adult Social Care.

The Wirral Independence Service Contract was launched on 1 July 2015 and runs for 4 years. The service is provided via a partnership between Medequip and Community Voice which includes:

- Providing an Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES) for adults and children
- Telecare and Telehealth 24hr monitoring service and Telecare mobile response service including falls pickup
- An innovative and creative Falls Prevention Service that delivers evidence based interventions, training, awareness raising, information and advice for other Wirral customers and services (e.g. Wirral Care Homes).

3. EARLY SUPPORTED DISCHARGE

We continue to work closely with partners at Wirral University Teaching Hospital to ensure that people are discharged in a safe and timely manner.

This includes a focus on ensuring early notification, improving communication with ward colleagues, streamlining assessments etc. Referrals into the Early Supported Discharge Team, (which is a combination of therapy and reablement services), continue to increase and has shown a reduction in the length of stay for many people.

Reduced reliance on care placements has been supported by improved access into community based and intermediate care services focussed on supporting people to return home.

The Integrated Discharge Team is working closely with the Rapid Community Service to ensure these services inter link smoothly and individuals requiring support on discharge are identified as quickly as possible.

The volume of presentations and admissions to the Acute Trust remains a challenge to these services, but Delayed Transfers of Care remain low.

4. OLDER PEOPLE'S DAY

Each year, October 1st marks Older People's Day in the UK, coinciding with the UN International Day of Older Persons observed since 1991.

The main objectives of the day are to celebrate older people's achievements and contributions to society and the economy, raise awareness of issues that affect older people and challenging negative attitudes and outdated stereotypes.

Linking this to our Wirral Plan Pledge 'Older People Live Well' the Council will promote the work being done to deliver the pledge with a short press release which also aims to create awareness of Older People's Day amongst organisations, community groups and individuals in Wirral and to encourage those over 50+ to take advantage of the many activities that Wirral has to offer.