

**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. OLDER PEOPLE LIVE WELL**

I can confirm that work is progressing quickly towards integrating community health and care services. A project board is working across organisations to ensure that work is kept to plan and that teams are kept fully informed of changes.

Demand for care is very high with around 3000 people a month requesting support. Many people are being offered new types of support to help them to regain their independent living skills, with about half requiring no additional care.

Work to improve people's experience of hospital care has been progressing well, with the council working with a national organisation, Emergency Care Improvement Programme (ECIP). ECIP have remarked that Wirral has a good range of services to help people leave hospital as quickly as they can, and are helping us to integrate them more fully to further improve services.

We have used Better Care Fund (BCF) resources to expand some services to 7 days a week and to provide rapid community response services. This service alone has helped to avoid 849 unnecessary hospital admissions.

Both the NHS England team and the ECIP team have positively commented upon our work to join up care and health in Wirral and have stated that in terms of transformational change "*Wirral is the one to watch*".

**2. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LIVE INDEPENDENTLY**

I attended the All Age Disability Partnership Board meeting on 27 January 2016 where we discussed the All Age Disability draft strategy. It was decided that the Board would oversee the implementation of the strategy by setting up an All Age Disability Strategy Steering Group. This was a good forum to discuss the strategy with partner organisations and carer representatives.

Department activity reports show that the service continues to make small numbers of long term placements for younger people aged 18-64 (22 in 2015/16 to date), with

the majority of people being supported in their own homes through a range of support.

### **3. WIRRAL RESIDENTS LIVE HEALTHIER LIVES**

Work on the Residents Live Healthier Lives pledge continues to move forward at pace. This pledge aims to develop an approach across the Wirral Partnership and with local people to support and enable them to live healthier lives, by building an environment in which healthy choices are the easy choices and nurturing a social movement for health so that local people make their own informed choices.

Our objectives are to:

- Reduce the prevalence of smoking in Wirral
- Reduce the impact of alcohol misuse on individuals, families and their communities
- Promote healthy eating
- Support local people to take control over their health and wellbeing

We have analysed the reasons why we see poor health outcomes for local people and have identified that the major diseases causing the inequalities are heart disease and stroke, cancer, respiratory and digestive disease<sup>[1]</sup> all of which have the following common risk factors:

- Smoking
- Alcohol misuse
- Poor diet

We are therefore refreshing our local tobacco control and alcohol strategies and have worked with local people to identify what matters to them in these areas. Both strategies are due for publication in late spring.

We are also reviewing the Information and Advice Services that we commission as our research with local people has reported that although there are lots of activities being commissioned and provided by community and voluntary groups to support people with social, emotional or practical needs, they are not systematically connected to health and social care services. Both health and social care professionals and the general public report feeling overwhelmed when asked to identify services available to help them and would like streamlined access to advice and information services. We are therefore working with the current providers of information and advice services to develop a connected network of community and voluntary groups which are well known to and easily accessed by local people.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Digestive disease includes alcohol related diseases such as chronic liver disease and cirrhosis