

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.

1.0 OLDER PEOPLE LIVE WELL

The integration of social care and community services with the NHS is progressing well, as we continue with the due diligence exercise. Significant developments have been made through an outline commissioning specification and associated financial detail. Full consideration of the risks and benefits together with the detailed financial and legal aspects is being undertaken at the moment and a full report will be available later this year.

Key changes are taking place in throughout urgent care, where there will be a new A&E delivery board with all key stakeholders from across Health and Care overseeing performance and outcomes for people in Wirral. Significant change is underway to further reduce hospital admissions, and minimise people's length of stay when admitted to hospital, with resources shifting increasingly to supporting people in their own homes.

We continue to over achieve on our national target of reducing non elective admissions by 3.5% and are achieving our reduction of people needing long term residential and nursing care by 10%.

The 'Great Wirral Door-Knock'

Age UK Wirral and partners (Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service, Merseyside Police, Merseytravel, Wirral's Citizen's Advice Bureau and Wirral Council) recently launched the Great Wirral Door Knock campaign; a three day event which sought to target loneliness in the Eastham community, which was identified as a high-risk area for residents suffering from social isolation.

The initiative brought a range of services to people's doorsteps and encouraged residents to get more involved in their communities by promoting neighbourliness and signposting people to on-the-spot accessible information. The door knockers were volunteers from Age UK Wirral and partner organisations who visited every house on the Eastham estate.

The initiative was a huge success. Over three days, volunteers knocked on 1,100 doors, posted 800 leaflets, and referred 64 residents to appropriate services; 10 of these referrals were dealt with on the day.

Furthermore, the campaign identified five people who are willing to take on the role of 'Volunteer Befrienders' for socially isolated people and three additional Community Leaders. Age UK Wirral and partners are now looking to use the campaign to cover more isolation hotspots in Wirral over the next twelve months.

2.0 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LIVE INDEPENDENTLY

The All Age Disability Partnership Board continues to meet on a regular basis, with the sub groups also now starting to make an impact. The performance measures are now in place and signed off.

Chloe Harvey from Mencap Wirral has now started to act as Chair of the Sub Group of the All Age Disability Partnership Board; she is being supported in this role by officers within the Council. The Joint Learning Disability Strategy is making good progress and consultation will commence in September 2016 for the Joint 5 year forward view for Mental Health service provision.