

Agenda Item: 06.03



Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin Board Meeting

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Title:

Older People and Dementia

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Executive Summary:

- Age UK Funding Concerns
- Health Economy Steering Group for Dementia
- Shropshire & Telford Dementia Strategy

Financial Implications:

None specifically

Equality and Diversity:

None specifically

Public Engagement:

None specifically

Legal Impact:

None specifically

Recommendations:

Healthwatch Board members to take notes for own information as appropriate

Is there a need to consider inclusion in the Corporate Risk Register?

No

Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin

Public Board 6 October 2014 – Older People & Dementia Report

The population of Telford & Wrekin is about 170,000 and with growth is rapidly rising to 196,000

The number aged 65 will increase by 9,000 (14.5% of the population) and by 2026 will be 17.3% of the population.

Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin is the largest provider of services to older people and those with dementia in Shropshire & Telford and Wrekin and it works closely with the Older People's Forums and remaining Age Concern groups.

- Providing 100,000 volunteer hours
- 40 day centres supporting 630 people a week
- 1000 older people supported by the Help at Home Service
- 6,600 attendance at Living Well activities
- Information and advice provided to 4,300 older people
- 300 people receiving visits from a befriender
- 1,300 people attending the Diamond Drop In (dementia) centres
- Over 760 people helped to claim £1.8 Million in Benefits

Age UK Shropshire & Telford receives grants from both Shropshire & Telford Councils but Shropshire reduced its grant by 20% four years ago. It also raises money from legacies and donations and fund raising and appeals but as for all voluntary organisations these are getting harder mountains to climb. It has recently won with partners a battle for the information & Advice contract but with a 15% cut in grant.

Age UK received a termination notice from the Telford CCG on the 11 September advising that all voluntary sector grant funding will cease from the 30 March 2015. This is six months' notice so it is Compact compliant. A meeting is to be held on the 2nd October to discuss a new approach to funding bids but the pot will be reduced by 10%. In Telford this amounts to £70k of funding at risk and the services affected are largely those providing dementia support

- Care Navigators – working in some GP surgeries
- Dementia befriending
- Diamond Drop Ins
- Intergenerational Project – working with schools to get young volunteers
- Contact officer – working with Telford's BME community
- Living Well Coordinator (50% of post)

In addition messages are coming out that much funding of voluntary organisations like Age UK is moving to the Better Care Fund.

Health Economy Steering Group for Dementia

The last meeting of the group was held at Halesfield on the 20 August chaired by Dr Jo Leahy from the CCG.

- They are forming links with the Association of Directors of Adult Services
- They are steering the spread of Dementia Passports & the Butterfly Scheme
- They are working on the quality of training in Dementia
- The Shropshire Dementia Alliance are trying to build a road map of services
- They are working on a single assessment approach and an integrated approach to NHS records based on a DOH grant for IT development
- They are looking at the remit & membership of the group and their relationship with the CCG and Health & Wellbeing Board and delivering the Dementia Strategy
- They are keeping a watchful eye on the Better Care Fund

Shropshire & Telford Dementia Strategy

The original Strategy was developed by CCG's, Local Authorities and the Steering Group with an implementation plan in July 2013 to develop services with those for dementia to meet the rising incidence of prevalence and improve the quality of support services. Original feelings that the Strategy was too health based is being addressed by linking to the Better Care Fund work streams the aims are:

- Community & Care Coordinators
- Dementia friendly communities
- Support for carers & families
- Integrated pathways
- Care Home Scheme
- Assistive Technology
- End of Life planning