

Agenda Item: 6.9



Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin Board Meeting

Date of meeting:

06 July 2016

Title:

Older People and Dementia Report

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For Decision

Executive Summary:

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Financial Implications:

None specifically

Equality and Diversity:

None specifically

Public Engagement:

None specifically

Legal Impact:

None specifically

Recommendations:

- Board members are recommended to note the contents of this report.

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

No

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Age UK Shropshire –Telford & Wrekin

The Age UK STW Board met on the 14 June. A highlight had been the annual afternoon of entertainment held at The Place with 600 older people in May and this was a great success. The Board welcomed a new Board member (co-opted) who had been an actuary with a major insurance group but had also a background in voluntary activity. A two-year extension has been agreed by Shropshire Council to the .5M Help at Home contract and the Council is considering longer support despite the danger of 2.1M cuts to preventative services and 1.5M to supported housing. Discussion continues on the core contract. In Telford the benefits contract is being rolled into “My Choice”. Day Centres are being considered as a special case and other services are being rolled into the Better Care Fund for support. The Transport contract is on-hold while discussions continue. Problems in both areas Information & Advice contracts have been ironed out. Telford CCG has extended the contracts for: care navigators, dementia services, care co-ordinators and home from hospital into 2017. However, an attempt at a Big Lottery bid has been unsuccessful. The new Trading Company (to manage insurance, energy, funeral and other national Age UK linked services) has been established and David Bell is a director. The Voluntary & Community Sector Assembly in Shropshire is campaigning on preventative services. Age UK has been a partner in restarting the Telford & Wrekin Voluntary Sector COG which Kate is attending. In terms of finance Age UK’s year position has changed from deficit (due to some savings) but mainly to a growth in donation and legacy income. Age UK STW will shortly be operating three second hand charity furniture shops in Shrewsbury (Riverside), Wellington and Oswestry. Supporter & fundraising groups in North Shropshire and Shrewsbury are going well with regular events but starting a Telford supporters group is proving hard. The first shop has been surprisingly profitable. The Board also discussed a Scheme of Delegation and the Business Continuity Plan. The Services Committee will shortly review the Business Plans for all current services.

The Health Economy Steering Group for Dementia

The Group met at the CCG in Halesfield on the 18 May. Dr Jo Leahey has given up the Chair due to leading the CCG. This therefore was an informal meeting looking at future arrangements. The discussion was led by the Mental Health commissioner (who had come to our Board and helped our Youth Survey). The discussion ranged again over membership of the group and its role. It was felt that as the Telford CCG was short of GP members no GP would chair the group. The group being chaired by a third sector representative was discussed – although the CCG’s would continue to support the group. There was also discussion of the first draft of the Shropshire & Telford Action Plan on Dementia which had been based on national dementia issues and the Prime Ministers letter on Dementia. When a copy of the Action Plan is finalised it will be shared with HWT&W. The next meeting of the HESGD will be in Shrewsbury on the 20 July.

There has been no meeting of the Dementia Providers Forum – as far as I am aware - and due to other commitments I have not attended the Telford Senior Citizens Forum. The Co-ordinators post for the Forum has been advertised. The Shropshire Older Peoples Forum will meet on 28 July and receive a presentation on the Council’s financial position and implications for services.