

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE		
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care) – 17 October 2023		
Councillor	Portfolio	Period of Report
Ian Moncur	Health and Wellbeing	Sept 2023

Public Health

Combatting Drug Partnership

As part of the Government's strategy, From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives, all local areas were tasked with forming a Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP). These partnerships bring together a range of local partners - including enforcement, treatment, recovery, and prevention – to work together to deliver the national drugs plan priorities:

The primary function of the Combating Drugs Partnership is to save lives by reducing the supply and demand for drugs and delivering a high quality treatment and recovery system.

The nominated local Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) is the Director of Public Health who will report to the national Joint Combating Drugs Unit (JCUDU). The Sefton CDP is accountable to the Health & Wellbeing Board and reports to the Safer Sefton Partnership and the Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Combating Drugs Partnership will be visible and accountable for their actions, both to local residents and central government via the National Joint Drugs Unit (Home Office)

The CDP will be responsible for monitoring performance against the Combating Drugs Outcome Framework and reporting on the partnership's performance and delivery into central Government. Locally a cycle of review and performance dashboard have been agreed in accordance with national guidance.

The CDP meets on a quarterly basis, there has been five meetings to date to oversee the completion of the milestones set out in the national guidance.

Staff Flu Vaccination Programme 2023

At Cabinet Member Briefing on 4th September 2023, Public Health provided me with an update on the Staff Flu Vaccination Programme 2023. The planned service will be delivered in 18 work-based clinics across 12 Sefton Council managed sites by a community pharmacist. Clinics will be held between 2nd October 2023 until 31st January 2024, subject to vaccine availability. The programme will continue to be

extended to all staff and elected members of Sefton Council, staff at state-funded Sefton schools (including special schools), Agilisys staff working for Sefton Council, and staff at Sandway Homes. I have noted the contents of the report and feedback my comments.

Sexual Health Extension

On the 1st September 2022, Cabinet approved the activation of the first of 3x 12-month extensions of the integrated sexual health contract. The Director of Public Health (DPH), in conjunction with myself, was provided delegated authority for the activation of the remaining 2x 12-month extensions should they be required. At Cabinet Member Briefing on 4th September 2023, I provided my endorsement for the DPH to activate the second 12-month contract extension to ensure stability is maintained in the system whilst the Public Health team progress a number of key priorities within the sexual health agenda.

Parent Champion for Respiratory Health Pilot

Public Health have funded a pilot project, delivered through a Parent Champion, commissioned through the VCF to support families and children challenged by poor respiratory health. The pilot will run for 12 months and launched as a collaboration between Sefton Council - Public Health and Housing, Alder Hey Hospital and the voluntary sector. The pilot is a direct and targeted initiative, designed to address the challenges and barriers local people face when their children are experiencing poor respiratory health, related to poor quality housing and cold and damp homes. The primary objectives of this pilot are to enhance respiratory health by improving the respiratory health and wellbeing of children by connecting parents to holistic interventions providing advice, signposting, and education.

It will provide early intervention and prevention to ensure optimal home conditions and harness the lived experience of a parent champion to support lifestyle changes and healthy home advice and navigation of service support. The focus will be on the social determinants of health by empowering families, creating a supportive environment for respiratory health enabling parents to make informed decisions about their child's wellbeing. This will build confidence and support parents to address the practical steps they can take to create a healthier indoor environment at home. The pilot is based on community collaboration by working in partnership with local community organisations, schools, and healthcare providers to create a comprehensive support network for children with respiratory conditions. This will build capacity across early years settings including nurseries and play groups.

The pilot will be evaluated by Public Health and CVS and will consider achievable outcomes which will include personal family assessment such as:

“Do you feel you/your child can breathe better now?”

“Do you feel you/your child can do more now?”

“Do you feel you know more about what support is available to you/your family now.

A full evaluation and recommendations will be produced in the twelve months following pilot launch.

Leisure

Leisure Update

The report updated Cabinet Member on activity and progress throughout June / July 2023.

As of 31st July 2023, there were a total of 13,983 members, a slight increase from the last report. This is an increase of 6,751 since reopening in April 2021 and an average of 232 additional members per month. Direct debit income has increased accordingly.

Bootle Leisure Centre has received approval for the re-roofing of the Sports Hall, which is excellent news for the centre and our customers. A pre-contract meeting on site was planned for week commencing 21st August to confirm a potential start date. It is anticipated that the project will take 10 weeks.

Work is progressing well on the Bunk Barn construction at Crosby Lakeside & Adventure Centre, the new accommodation unit for schools and groups. Unfortunately, because of the adverse weather conditions throughout July, the handover date has gone back slightly but there is confidence that completion and handover will be early to mid-October. The kit out will then commence, and it is hoped that we will be able to do tours for schools and groups in November and start looking at getting bookings from the start of 2024.

The lake has had close to 200 children taking part in the summer camps throughout the school holidays, taking part in paddle boarding, kayaking, archery, orienteering and sailing. Also, there were 480 Army Cadets from all over the northwest, even Scotland Unit, on the lake during July and August, taking part in raft building, sailing, kayaking and bell boating. As well as this, we have also hosted a 5-week course in conjunction with Merseyside Police each Friday engaging with children in the community. Pay and Play has really caught the imagination, however weather conditions have impacted on this. Open water swimming has continued to go from strength to strength with more gym members taking up the activity, some for the very first time.

Over 30,000 visitors have attended Splash World since re-opening achieving over £400k in SW admissions. An extremely busy summer for Splash World and all staff deserve great credit in enabling a smooth operation. Staffing levels have been extremely challenging over this summer period and thanks to those dedicated staff who have gone above and beyond.

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Splash World monthly inclusive 'Quiet Night' session for children and young people with varying disabilities starts Thursday 17th August. More than 65 families are attending (approx. 250 people), with children and siblings, supported by 35 Aiming high staff.

Starting early September, the mobile breast screening unit will be located in DSW, for several months, and will be offering breast screening for eligible women registered with GPs in the local area.

Litherland Sports Park played host to a number of school sports days, as well as summer camps over the holidays. The maintenance of the centre pitch at Litherland Sports Park is now complete, and new goals have been purchased for the grass pitches to ensure they are ready for the new season.

The Brain Charity held a free event in Jakes Sensory World at Netherton Activity Centre. The first session was aimed at children with complex needs and limited mobility. (4years and under). The second session was aimed at 4-12 years children with less complex needs. The session also included an informal chat for parents/carers from a lecturer in occupational therapy, as well as a chat about children's sensory differences.

All targeted health and wellbeing service, both for children and adults, remain at full capacity with a high number of referrals. Between June - July, there were 757 referrals onto the Exercise Referral Scheme, which is a 13% increase compared to June - July 2022. There are also high levels of referrals also being received for the MOVE IT children's weight management service. Delivery continues to be adapted to allow residents to access as soon as is feasible without compromising the programmes.

Active Workforce continues to support Sefton Council staff, and staff from other participating organisations, through its extensive health and wellbeing offer.

Be Active summer holiday programme took taking place across leisure centres throughout the 6-week holidays. Sessions included sports and games camps, ditch the stabilisers sessions and football camps in partnership with LFC Foundation. As part of the summer programme, we have also offered discretionary free places for those most in need through Early Help or Social Care. This has enabled us to provide positive activities for young people who otherwise would not have had the opportunity. In addition, Park Nights returned for an 8-week programme taking place in parks across the borough identified in partnership with Merseyside Police and Area Coordinators to provide diversionary activities.

We attended the Child Poverty Event held at Bootle Cricket Club in June, alongside other Happy 'n' Healthy Sefton partners to share our CYP offer to delegates at the event.

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Attendance at training such as Managing Challenging Behaviour, Transgender awareness, Sexual abuse, Suicide awareness, multi-agency safeguarding and Yoga continue to provide staff with a wide and varied skillset, enabling them to support young people with differing needs.

Support has been given to a number of community days throughout the summer, including providing advice and support, as well as activities at Thornton Family Wellbeing Centre fun day, Linacre Bridge Hub community day, and the Summer in Sefton event with the Sefton Carer's Forum. The events have been well attended and we have been able to provide the community with information on Active Sefton's wider offer.

Following the stakeholder consultation event on 4th July, where over 60 partners attended to engage in a workshop and explore opportunities to improve physical and mental wellbeing through physical activity, the development of the strategy continues. We are hosting a follow up Collaboratory event on 3rd October, to share what we have heard so far. The online survey closed with nearly 300 responses, and we have held focus groups as well as Member briefing to ensure the strategy will align with existing work.