

CABINET MEMBER - HEALTH AND SOCIAL SOCIAL

REPORT TO CABINET - 3RD MARCH 2011

Carers Strategy

There are now 14,478 carers registered with Sefton Carers Centre. These carers have access to information via regular newsletters and the availability of the Carers Centre Helpline, drop-in and outreach services.

46 carers have attended the 'Caring in Confidence Programme'. The aims being to help carers make a positive difference in their lives and the lives of the person they care for. The evaluation indicates that carers have enjoyed the course and felt more confident in their caring role as a result.

Sefton Carers Centre has had a total of 966 carers attend a variety of training events and courses through 2010.

128 carers have received a direct payment for goods or services to support them in their caring role. These have varied in use to enable carers to

- Reduce stress
- Take a break
- Prevent the risk of carer breakdown
- Promote health and well being
- Reduce the likelihood of financial hardship

A total of 418 sets of residential respite vouchers have been issued as well as 8850 domiciliary home care vouchers, which enable carers to take a short break whilst the person they care for is looked after in their own home. There has also been 13,444 days/nights residential respite in nursing or rest homes funded through the Community Care panel thereby benefiting 359 carers of people with complex needs.

Learning Disabilities

Getting Involved Group

The 'Getting Involved Group' plans to meet at least 6 times during 2011 and link its themes to those of the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board. The three core themes they will focus on are Employment, Health and Housing.

Learning Disabilities Health Self Assessment and Performance Framework

This was the first year that it has been undertaken in the North West and as a region services scored an Amber rating over the four top targets.

- Top Target 1 – People still in hospital settings – overall rating GREEN
The PCT confirmed evidenced that it had nobody living in NHS campus accommodation.

- Top Target 2 – Access to mainstream NHS services- overall rating GREEN
There are excellent examples of data collection and using these to develop equal access to services, including increase in screening activities and health promotions.
- Top Target 3 – Safety – overall rating AMBER
Evidence demonstrated development in the area of safeguarding people with a learning disability to uphold their right to make their own choices and to be supported to do this it was acknowledged that further work is required.
- Top Target 4 – Services for those needing more support – overall rating GREEN
People with learning disabilities and their families are supported and empowered. There are thorough, well functioning partnership agreements guiding commissioning and service provision. The needs of people with learning disabilities who are aging are contained in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

NHS Sefton Healthy Lives Healthy People

Healthy Lives Healthy People builds on the NHS White Paper *Equity and Excellence Liberating the NHS* published in July 2010. The White paper for Public Health outlines government's commitment to protecting the population from serious health threats, helping people live longer, healthier and more fulfilling lives and improving the health of the poorest fastest.

It responds to Professor Sir Michael Marmot's *Fair Society, Health Lives* report and adopts its life course framework for tackling the wider determinants of health.

A consultation is underway on the White Paper and a number of supporting documents. A document giving a summary of the papers, a list of consultation questions and how individuals and local groups can contribute to NHS Sefton's response is available. A strategic response will also be submitted from the Chief Executive of Sefton Council and NHS Sefton.

Sexual & Domestic Violence

The Vulnerable Victims Advocacy Team and the Sefton Domestic Violence & Sexual Violence MARAC provide value for money in delivering high quality multi agency interventions to Sefton's most vulnerable high risk service users.

The demand for these services has increased significantly since their development and it is essential that these services are funded and maintained to ensure that vulnerable victims can be protected and supported.

In line with the Councils efficiencies the role of conducting property surveys for sanctuary will fall to the advocates and it is critical to clients' safety that this role is continued and further developed.

Therefore a bid has been submitted to the Home Office for a grant to provide additional funding to that provided by the Council to enable Sefton and partner agents to continue to provide this valuable service to our victims of high risk domestic violence.

The outcome of the bid will be advised when known.

Safeguarding Adults

From 1st April 2010 to 31st October 2010 there has been a total of 569 referrals.

The youngest alleged victim was 19 years and the oldest 96 years.

The trends continue to show that the highest recorded number of incidents within the last quarter took place in the alleged victims own home.

Within the last quarter of the 169 referrals, 90 cases were recorded as multiple abuse.

There are more positive outcomes being achieved as a result of the reporting and investigation of cases:

- Disciplinary action being taken by employers to address abuse and poor practice
- Increased monitoring and support by the Contracts and Commissioning staff in Adult Social Care
- Legal action in respect of financial abuse
- The transferring of alleged victims to a safer environment