

<b>CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Period of Report</b>
<b>Paul Cummins</b>	<b>Older People and Health</b>	<b>January-February 2013</b>

## **1. Parkhaven Trust – The Willow Centre**

As Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care I was pleased to be invited to the opening of the Willow Centre for Dementia Care. Roger McGough formally opened the new dementia centre at Parkhaven Trust on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February. The new Centre known as the Willow Centre cost £1.8m to build. It provides a range of services to support people with dementia and their carers.

Officers within the Council have been working with Parkhaven Trust which is a charitable trust to develop an innovative service, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing 'familiar faces in familiar places' for people diagnosed with dementia.

The Centre was primarily funded by the Trust itself, and several capital grants were also received, including one from Sefton Council.

The new Centre provides a range of accommodation, all designed specifically for people with dementia. Rooms are colour coded, light and well sign posted. The Centre offers people the opportunity to enjoy a range of activities. People can do yoga, bake, sing, dance, play games, garden, be read to, or use the Centre's own putting green. It is an opportunity to have fun, enjoy some good company, have a home cooked meal and proper afternoon tea.

The respite (short break service) allows relatives to have a break for longer than a day.

The Centre employs 34 staff. They are trained to support people with dementia.

Hilary Rowland, Chief Executive, said that "the Trust was delighted that Roger McGough could open the Willow Centre; Roger was born in Sefton and is involved with a national dementia charity. Parkhaven Trust is pleased to be working with Sefton Council to support local people with dementia to remain in their own homes for as long as possible, by utilizing the services offered at the Willow".

## **2. Sefton Dementia Action Alliance**

Members will recall that when I took up post I announced particular priorities for my attention, and dementia in Sefton was one of these. The term 'dementia' is used to describe a collection of symptoms, including a decline in memory, reasoning and communication skills, as well as a gradual loss of skills needed to carry out daily activities. Dementia is a progressive condition, with symptoms becoming more severe over time. Dementia becomes more common with ageing, but can also be present in people of working age. More recently there is some evidence that younger people who regularly 'binge drink' are showing the early signs of dementia.

The national Dementia Action Alliance was set up to help coordinate resources and share information and good practice and is made up of 150 organisations committed to transforming the quality of life of people living with dementia in the UK and the millions who care for them.

Organisations that join the Dementia Action Alliance are asked to sign up to a declaration and produce or contribute to an action plan to create improvements for those affected by dementia that they are directly, or indirectly in contact with. This initiative is at the national organisational level.

Local Dementia Action Alliances are being encouraged to develop so that individuals, communities or organisations who want to improve the world around them for those affected by dementia can become part of a system of: self help, information provision, training, mutual support, good practice sharing and volunteer support. It is hoped that as a coordinated network they will be able to influence and contribute to public accountability processes.

In Sefton it is predicted that by 2016 around 4,500 people over the age of 65 years will have some form of dementia (DH - POPPI 2012).

Much has been achieved in Sefton to support people with dementia and their carers; a local dementia strategy has been in place since 2009. However, more can be done to meet the challenges of Sefton's ageing population and an increased pressure on limited resources.

A number of organisations have recently expressed an interest in forming a Dementia Action Alliance across Sefton. A local Dementia Action Alliance would provide an opportunity to coordinate activity and develop networks of likeminded individuals and organisations who would like to make a difference and improve the life experiences of people with dementia, their carers and their families.

At the meetings it is envisaged there will be a mixture of information provision about important or new issues, consultation on those issues, action plan updates from those who decide to produce one, updates on research, consultation on local services and support and presentations on local issues or services from a variety of organisations.

A circular will be sent out to potentially interested groups and organisations with the first meeting planned to take place in early spring 2013.

### **3. HealthWatch - Sefton**

On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012 Cabinet accepted the proposal from the "Commissioning Options for Healthwatch report "for Sefton Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) to set up an arm's length Company to Operate Healthwatch Sefton from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. The report had previously been considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the two Clinical Commissioning Groups in Sefton.

Implementation of Healthwatch Sefton has progressed since this decision was made, and the following actions have been taken:

- Sefton CVS have had a draft Memorandum and Articles of agreement drawn up by the Solicitors "Brabners, Chaffe and Street" which has been sent to Sefton's Principal Solicitor for comment.
- A recruitment pack has been developed for the position of Chair of Healthwatch, and Members will be aware that Healthwatch will have a statutory seat on the Health and Well-Being Board. It is anticipated that the Chair will represent Healthwatch on the HWB Board.
- The position of Chair will be advertised by means of a press release; Sefton CVS website and Sefton Council website.

- Applications will be shortlisted against the set criteria by Senior Officers at the Council and the Chief Executive of Sefton CVS
- Shortlisted applications will be invited to attend an interview comprising a panel which will include: the Chair of the Health and Well-Being Board; representatives from both Clinical Commissioning Groups; Director of Adult Social Care and the Chief Executive of Sefton CVS.

I will be briefed about the outcome of the recruitment process and subsequent action plan for the priorities for Healthwatch Sefton during 2013/14.

#### **4. The Strategy for Adults with Autism in England**

On 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013, we received 'The Strategy for Adults with Autism in England' report. NHS North West requested a bespoke summary report of the autism self-assessment framework results for the 23 Local Authorities in the 4 National Commissioning Board local area teams, along with the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services. I am pleased to say that Sefton, alongside the other Local Authorities - Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool and St. Helens - were given RAG ratings for performance, and the following outlines good practice that was evident within the Sefton area :-

- Adults with autism are living in accommodation that meets their needs
- Adults with autism are no longer managed inappropriately in the criminal justice system
- Adults with autism, their families and carers are satisfied with local services
- Local Authorities and partners know how many adults with autism live in the area
- Health and Social Care staff make reasonable adjustments to services to meet the needs of adults with autism.

There is obviously still work to be done, especially around employment, but we will consider the assessment and take forward the actions required in continuing to secure improvements in access to high quality Health and Social Services to improve outcomes for people with autism and their carers.

#### **5. Church Ward – Older People Pilot**

Over the past months I have been working with officers in the Council to establish an older persons' pilot scheme in Church ward.

The objectives of the pilot are twofold. Firstly to improve the health and wellbeing of older people living in the ward, and secondly, to help reduce the number of Church older people who feel or experience social isolation. Findings from the pilot will be used to develop a model for preventative action.

Initial thoughts for addressing these objectives have led to two potential areas of work.

- a. The development of a live service directory across partners who work in Church, which would sign-post older people to services which they need, or which they may be completely unaware exist. The work undertaken by Sefton's Partnership for Older People (SPOC) around bereavement services is a good example of this "directory-style" work.
- b. A review of services provided by partners working in Church ward, determining what services are provided, what gaps exist, and where crossovers / duplication of effort is apparent.

The pilot is in its infancy, but a meeting to discuss objectives and plan next steps has already been held with a number of partners operating in the Church ward area. Partners were extremely keen to be involved in this work, and believe there is a definite need for the pilot to operate.

To further support the pilot, a steering group has been established to develop discrete priorities and determine exactly how partners can contribute to workstreams in support of the two identified objectives. This steering group is scheduled to meet for the first time on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

It is hoped that learning from the pilot can be applied borough-wide, and lead to better services in improving health & well being, and reducing social isolation.

## **6. Substance Misuse Treatment Service**

Sefton Council has now published an Invitation to Tender (ITT) for the provision of a new Adult Substance Misuse Treatment Service across the Borough. Currently, treatment services for alcohol and drugs are commissioned separately and delivered by different contractors. Whilst the new service may still involve a range of providers, they will be engaged in the delivery of a fully integrated all-substance misuse treatment service. Our expectation is that this will be a substantially different service to those services currently commissioned.

The vision for the service, set out in the ITT is for a recovery orientated, evidence-based, client centred substance misuse treatment service for individuals and families in Sefton. We want our clients to have personalised and structured support to help them with their recovery by addressing the reasons, consequences and harms that flow from all forms of substance misuse, so as to allow them to get control back of their lives. Service users shall be able to enter the treatment system at any point in their dependency journey with the service response shaped according to their recovery needs.

The ITT states that we expect the services could be delivered by a single Contractor, or a consortium of agencies working in partnership. The deadline for submission of Tenders is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013, and evaluation of the submissions is to be concluded by 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013. The evaluation process will award 60% of the marks for quality, 30% for pricing and 10% on interview. The interviews will be held only with the leading submissions after the quality and price assessment. The ITT explains that Council anticipates the maximum total contract payment to be made by Sefton Council would be no more than £3.7m per annum.

The formal contract award decision is due to be made in May, with the new service commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013.