

## **Health and Social Care Cabinet Member Report**

### **Cabinet - 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

#### **Transforming Social Care – End of Year Report**

The Adult Social Care Director recently presented a report in which it was reported that the Adult Social Care Department had exceeded for 2009/10 5 out of 7 performance targets, agreed with the Care Quality Commission.

Targets in relation to Direct Payments/Individual Budgets, Engagement with the Third Sector, Engagement with Carers, Number of Learning Disability Service Users moving into tenancies and users of Assistive Technology, were all exceeded.

With regard to the two targets that were not met that relating to Assisted Assessment was underachieved due to Service Users not returning their completed assessments and not engaging with the Department, and that relating to efficiency savings through improved procedures has been carried forward to 2010/11 and is already on target to achieve.

Stretch targets for 2010/11, are in the process of being finalised.

#### **Helping to Facilitate the Market**

We are now in Year 3 of the Transforming Social Care Agenda and to support this process the Adult Social Care Department has recently launched a Market Facilitation Strategy. The Strategy was launched at a special event attended by Margaret Carney, Chief Executive, Sefton Council.

The Strategy has been produced as part of the Transforming Social Care Agenda to support personalisation and local providers within Sefton.

During the event there was an opportunity for innovative providers to set up exhibition stands to showcase the work they are doing. There was also an exhibition stand set up to promote the new electronic directory of services to service providers. HS Sefton also attended the event with an exhibition of the 'Looking Local' information.

During the event there was an opportunity for providers to see what other providers are doing as well for the department to promote development work being undertaken in response to feedback about what they feel will assist them to deliver the Transforming Social Care Agenda.

The event was well attended and positive feedback was received from all who attended.

A copy of the Strategy can be found on the Sefton Council website.

## **New Learning Disability Partnership Board**

Following an Equality Impact Assessment and the New Valuing People Now Paper the Learning Disability Partnership Board has been transformed.

The Board, which now meets four times a year, held its first meeting in the new format on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Over half the members on the Board are people with Learning Disabilities with the remaining members made up of family carers and professionals from Adult Social Care, NHS Sefton, Leisure Services and transitions service.

The themes for the first meeting was Personalisation and Direct Payments.

Early feedback following the first meeting has been excellent. The Get Involved Group have also given positive feedback with people feeling they could be more involved in the meeting.

## **Memory Matters Roadshow**

Special roadshows are taking place across Sefton to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The 'Memory Matters' roadshows are being launched by Sefton Council and NHS Sefton during May and June.

More than 5,000 people in Sefton are estimated to be suffering from some form of dementia, a condition that affects 1 in 14 people over the age of 65. The Memory Matters roadshows aim to raise awareness of the condition and highlight the support available for patients and carers.

They will offer educational information about Alzheimer's disease and dementia and practice advice on the local support service available to both patients and carers. Advisers will be available to offer advice or answer questions or concerns the public may have.

They run from 10am to 3pm and will be held at:

- Waitrose, Formby Village on May 13
- Sainsbury's in Crosby village on June 3
- Bootle New Strand on June 10
- Chapel Street, Southport on June 24 & July 29

Information will also be available at the Carers Week event at Bootle Town Hall on June 15, hosted by Sefton Carers Centre.

Charlie Barker, Sefton Council's Strategic Director of Social and Well-Being, said: 'Dementia can affect adults of any age, but is more common in older people. The Memory matters roadshows will play an important role in raising awareness of alzheimer's disease and dementia helping people to identify signs for early diagnosis. They will also help alleviate some of the stigma associated with the illness and ensure that people are treated with dignity and respect.'

Research shows Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia accounting for 62 per cent of all dementia cases. One in three people over 65 will die with dementia, yet up to two thirds of all people with dementia never receive a formal diagnosis.

Sefton's Director of Public Health and Deputy Chief Executive for NHS Sefton, Dr Janet Atherton, said "A great deal of work is going on across Sefton to improve the quality of care and support that people with conditions like dementia can expect.

The roadshows are also supported by Sefton Alzheimer's Society, Merseycare NHS Trust, The Princess Royal Trust, Sefton Carers Centre, Sefton Pensioner's Advocacy, Sefton Pensioner's Advocacy, Sefton Council for Voluntary Services and Sefton Partnership for Older Citizens.

### **Carers Week 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June**

2010 is the tenth year that Carers Week has been held in its current format. Organised by a consortium of seven national charities, over 100,000 carers take part in the thousands of activities held in every part of the UK.

8,000+ events and activities already planned for 2010  
Momentum continues to build for Carers Week with over 8,000 events and activities already notified by local partners.

Carers Week 2010 will highlight:

- Why supporting carers is crucial
- How carers miss out on things we all take for granted
- What needs to be changed

The theme ***A life of my own*** will enable carers to talk about many parts of life that most of us take for granted eg family occasions, going on holiday, a meal out, even just chilling out for an evening with no worries or responsibilities. Carers will speak about what they need to have a life of their own, including:

- Access to relevant and practical information, to help them with their caring role
- The opportunity to take a break when they need it
- Support at times of crisis
- Financial support

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