



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 23RD OCTOBER 2012

**SUBJECT: HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELL-BEING STRATEGY 2011-2014 –
PROGRESS UPDATE**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR - SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Health, Social Care and Well-being Scrutiny Committee on the progress made against the Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy 2011-14.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report provides a summary of the key achievements and progress made against the Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy 2011-14.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy has been developed to ensure that the Local Authority and the Local Health Board meet their statutory duty under Section 40 of the National Health Service Wales Act (2006)
- 3.2 The Strategy identifies key priority actions in order to provide a local response to a variety of Welsh Assembly Government strategic initiatives such as:
- (i) 'Setting the Direction: A Strategic framework for primary and community services', which provides a clear strategy for the organisation of services
 - (ii) 'Creating An Active Wales', which aims to provide a long term strategic vision for sport and physical activity
 - (iii) 'Our Healthy Future', which aims to improve quality and length of life and fairer health outcomes for all.
 - (iv) 'Children & Families (Wales) Measure 2010', which places a requirement on each local authority and Welsh public body to develop a strategy to tackle child poverty.
- 3.3 The Strategy is firmly routed within the Community Strategy and promotes working across Strategic Partnerships.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Caerphilly County Borough Health Social Care and Well-being Partnership continue to endeavor to make a difference to the lives of local people in terms of their health, social care and well-being. This report highlights the progress and some of the key achievements against the 7 key outcomes of the strategy, which have been delivered so far:

- 4.2 **Outcome 1:** People recognise and take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing, and make use of the opportunities and support available to them. Achievements and progress against this outcome area includes;
- **Smoke free playgrounds** – Caerphilly county borough council has agreed plans to ban smoking in all play areas across the area, in an effort to protect the health of local children. Signs have been designed by children, and will be erected in parks across the county borough.
 - **Tobacco control action plan** - In accordance with the Tobacco Control Action Plan for Wales, a comprehensive tobacco control action plan has been developed for Caerphilly County Borough which has three priorities, these are Prevention, Cessation and Environments
 - **Reducing the harm caused by alcohol action plan** – A comprehensive action plan has been developed with a range of partners, including the Community Safety Partnership, to contribute to the Local Service Board priority 'To reduce the harm caused by alcohol'. The action plan is structured around three themes, these are health, crime and anti social behavior and underage drinking.
 - **Nutrition action plan** – A nutrition action plan has been developed which is focuses on three areas, these are; improving knowledge around healthy eating; increasing and maintaining access to health nutrition; and decreasing the level of obesity in the county borough.
 - **Small Steps to Safety** - Health Challenge Caerphilly and Communities First have lead on the development of a DVD has called 'Small Steps to Safety', which gives simple and clear information on how to make homes safer for children. 10,000 DVDs have been produced and will be distributed by Health Visitors across Gwent.
 - **Falls Coordinator** – A Falls Coordinator has been appointed to Caerphilly County Borough Locality and is based within the Community Resource Team. The coordinator is working with falls clinics and the wider community to develop an Aneurin Bevan Health Board falls pathway to align the Frailty falls model/ strategy with the pathway to standardise service delivery where possible.
- 4.3 **Outcome 2:** The health and wellbeing of individuals experiencing disadvantage will improve to the levels found among the advantaged. Achievements and progress against this outcome area includes;
- Caerphilly is making good progress in delivering against 'Setting the Direction'. Which, with the exception of critical and complex issues, will result in equitable access to health services within the county borough.
 - **Neighbourhood Care Networks (NCN's)** - NCN's are a collaborative network comprising all primary care, health and social care community providers operating within the boundaries of the neighbourhood. NCN's have been established in the North, South and East of the county borough. Once fully embedded the NCN's will help to achieve equity to residents of the county borough.
 - **Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr (YYF)**- YYF opened for patients on the 14th November 2011. The opening of YYF means that more hospital care is provided closer to home without the need to travel outside of the county borough for treatment. More community services are based at the hospital so that care can be provided in the home. Ensuring that equity of services to residents of the borough was considered as part of the consultation for the development of YYF. YYF now offers equity of services to residents of the country borough.

4.4 Outcomes 3, 4 and 5 are grouped together within the strategy, the outcomes are;
Outcome 3: People will have easier access to services and holistic care, experienced in a seamless way irrespective of the organisation providing the service.
Outcome 4: All treatment and support will be provided within acceptable timescales based on need.
Outcome 5: Wherever possible, services are provided locally in community and neighbourhood care settings by the most appropriate organisation.
Achievements and progress against these outcome areas include;

- **Frailty Programme** - The Frailty Programme commenced 4th April 2011.
- **North Resource Centre (NRC)** – The NRC is scheduled to open in June 2013. The centre will complement the range of healthcare services provided in Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr. Work started on the development of the centre on 30/04/12.
- **Integrated Mental Health Services** – there continues to be progress made to reduce inequities in mental health by improving access to services through partnership working. A Mental Health Strategy has been developed for Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport, South Powys and Torfaen. The strategy is now being implemented through delivery groups focusing on, accommodation, primary and community services, specialist services, recovery and wellbeing.

4.5 **Outcome 6:** Individuals, families and carers feel engaged, empowered and able to make informed choices about their own lives and lifestyles.

- **Adult Advocacy** – An adult Advocacy Commissioning Strategy has been developed, and an Advocacy Forum has been established to implement the strategy.
- **Communication and Public Relations Plans** – Plans are in place for all major strategic changes in the borough, for example Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, the North resource Centre and the Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly Integration.

4.6 **Outcome 7:** ‘Vulnerable Children, Adults and Families will be supported to prevent and reduce the negative impacts of crisis.’

- **Carers** – A Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Local Carers Strategy is currently out for consultation.
- **Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment (PDSI)** - The PDSI team are piloting a volunteer befriender scheme. To date the service has received positive feedback reporting benefits to quality of life and well being for individuals accessing the service. The scheme has enabled each of the individuals who have taken part to be more involved with their local community and develop new networks of support.

4.7 The Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Partnership are proud of the achievements that have been made so far and look forward to building upon the successes to ensure that the health, social care and well-being issues are planned, delivered and resourced in a coordinated way, integrating resources and expertise across the public sector.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Health, Social Care and Well-being strategy has been subject to a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None. The strategy assumes that current resources are used more effectively to achieve the aspirations of the strategy.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 None.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That the Health, Social Care and Well-being Scrutiny Committee note the progress made to date by the Health, Social Care and Well-being Partnership.

10. STATUTORY POWER

- 10.1 Section 40 of the National Health Services Wales Act (2006).

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Background Papers:
Caerphilly Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy 2011-2014