



VOLUNTARY SECTOR LIAISON COMMITTEE – 16TH SEPTEMBER 2015

SUBJECT: ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

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1. NCN PLANS FOR 2015/16

The 3 Caerphilly Neighbourhood Care Network Plans have been drafted and will be signed off by NCNs this month.

2. IMPROVING ACCESS AND QUALITY OF SERVICES

A lot of exciting developments are being put in place in Caerphilly as a result of NCNs receiving Welsh Government Primary Care funding for NCNs in Wales.

Projects that will be implementing using these monies focus on improving the planning of care locally, ensuring access is equitable, improving access and quality of services, and developing a skilled local workforce. They include:

Practice based Pharmacists who will work with the primary care team to improve prescribing and use of medication by patients. Their input and support will hopefully free up more GP time so that we can continue to improve access into our primary care services.

Health Care Support Workers will be joining the District Nursing Service to provide basic care including a phlebotomy service. The support of these workers will again, free up District Nursing time to take on the more specialist elements of their role.

Appointing Social Workers who will be based in Practices and help provide joint assessments with GPs on home visits. They will also hold clinics in the GP practices.

The Social Workers are based in Tonyfelin, Gelligaer and Risca Surgeries and NCNs are already receiving positive feedback on the difference that they are making in terms of patient care and collaborative working with primary care staff.

Caerphilly South NCN have set up a complex wound service whereby patients from all of the practices in the south can be referred to a Wound Care Specialist Nurse who is based in Nantgarw Road Medical Centre.

Communities First staff have been trained in Smoking Cessation techniques to help support people living in the most deprived areas of the borough and signposting those who want to quit into local services. Including our Enhanced Pharmacy Services which are currently being provided in Caerphilly.

Working with GAVO we will develop a Dementia Road Map within Caerphilly. This is a computer based application which provides local signposting information to help professionals and those diagnosed with dementia and their families navigate through services from diagnosis to end stage.

Various training programmes for primary care, community and the wider NCN membership are also being funded to enhance the services that can be provided within Caerphilly.

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