
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

17th February 2010

Report of

Councillor Heather Johnson, Cabinet Member (Community Services)

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies - Older People's Partnership Board

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of the Older People's Partnership over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member (Community Services) and the Chairman of Scrutiny Board 4 (Health) continue their appointment to the Older People's Partnership

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 The Older People's Partnership is the strategic planning body for older people's services across the city, consisting of representatives from:-
- NHS Coventry (Coventry Primary Care Trust)
 - Older People
 - Carers
 - University Coventry and Warwickshire Hospitals NHS Trust (UHCW)
 - Coventry City Council Community Services (and other directorates)
 - 3rd sector and older people focused organisations within the city
 - Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust
 - Coventry City Council Cabinet Member, Community services and Chair Scrutiny Board 4
- 3.2 The Older People's Partnership meets quarterly as a full Partnership, with an average of 40 – 60 people attending.

3.3 Key topics covered by the Older People's Partnership in 2009/10 have included:

- Community Transport / Active Transport
- Ribbon Court Extra Care Housing Update
- "Shaping the future of care together" Social Care Green Paper
- NHS Coventry – 5 Year Health Strategy
- Older People Survey
- Safeguarding Update (promotion of one number)
- New Horizons (Initiative by the Department of Health – Mental Health)
- Improving Access to Psychological Therapies
- Well Being
- Care Outside Hospital
- Carers priorities
- Stroke survivors
- Communication Strategy
- Referral Pathways to Voluntary Organisations
- Health and Social Care Directory
- Defibrillators
- International Older People Week
- Adult Social Care Rating
- Hospital Discharge / Home Safety

4. Key Events / Work Outputs

4.1 International Older People Week

Members of the partnership were directly involved in arranging an event to celebrate international Older People week at the Belgrade Theatre on 5th October 2009, which was open to all members of the public.

This included a conference, where the speakers were predominately Older People, who talked about their experience of the partnership and how they have contributed in the past to various activities including the Hospital Survey. The Chief Executive of the Council also spoke on the day outlining his vision for the future of Coventry.

A number of organisations provided stalls with a range of information to services available to Older People.

4.2 55 Plus Better Life Survey (due out week commencing 25/10/09)

The questions detailed in the survey have included contribution from members of the partnership ranging from Older People, Voluntary Organisations, Council and PCT staff. This input has been crucial to get a wide view point and a questionnaire that covers the objectives of a wide number of stakeholders from the partnership.

4.3 Stroke Survivor EXTEND (form of exercise) Group

A stroke survivor who attends the partnership has directly been involved in establishing an EXTEND Group specifically for stroke survivors in partnership with colleagues from the City Council and PCT. The group has been running since November 2009 at the Salvation Army. It is anticipated the number of groups will grow over a period of time, benefits are not only restricted to the stroke survivor but the carer e.g. in enabling a break from caring.

5 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 5.1 Demonstrates to all stakeholders, the high profile and the influence the partnership has in respect to Cabinet Members and the Council.
- 5.2 New initiatives and services are often presented at partnership meetings from a wide number of sources. This keeps the Cabinet Member up to date and able to respond to questions relating to 'What is happening in the City for Older People'.
- 5.3 Cabinet members can promote new initiatives and services raised at the partnership with colleagues and the community; this raises the profile and uptake of services increasing quality of life.
- 5.4 It is also a key link for the Cabinet Member (Community Services) to fulfil their role of Older People's Champion within the Council and have a strategic overview.
- 5.5 The topic of older people's experience of discharge from hospital was selected by the health overview and scrutiny committee following extensive public consultation that included use of a citizen's panel and an on-line survey. Councillor Joseph Clifford commissioned this work led by older people themselves as researchers. Not only did the public inform the choice of topic, the review was carried out using thirteen volunteer researchers, aged between 55 and 78, who were recruited via the city's various boards and consultation forums. They received training on interview techniques and how to work in hospital and domestic environments.

The survey considered the views of 78 hospital patients and has resulted in a report, Building on Experience, which gives a detailed analysis of the survey and the next 'steps'. The report was accepted and agreed by Scrutiny Board 4 on 11th November 2009.

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 6.1 Coventry City Council's representatives for the Older People's Partnership were Councillors Johnson (Cabinet Member, Community Services) and Clifford (Chairman, Scrutiny Board 4). In the period from February 2009 to January 2010 there were 4 meetings held and the attendances are listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
2 nd March 2009	Cllr Mrs Heather Johnson Cllr Joseph Clifford	
15th June 2009	Cllr Mrs Heather Johnson Cllr Joseph Clifford	
7th September 2009	Cllr Mrs Heather Johnson Cllr Joseph Clifford	
7 th December 2009	Cllr Heather Johnson Cllr Joseph Clifford	

- 5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointments

List of background papers

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