
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

15th June 2011

Report of

Councillor O'Boyle

Title

Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies - Older People's Partnership Board 2010-2011

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This reports sets out main areas of 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 City Council continue it's representation on 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 2010/11 have included:

- Older People's Strategy
- Commissioning of social care services
- Urgent Care Strategy
- Communications
- Prevention
- Older People Survey
- Falls Strategy
- Stoke Pathway
- Dementia Services and Pathway
- Personalisation
- Promoting Independence
- Dignity and Respect
- Over 55s Lifestyle Survey Outcomes and Recommendations
- Safeguarding Adults Update
- International Older People's Week 2010 – Getting Active in Later Life
- NHS White Paper – Liberating the NHS
- New Horizons (Initiative by the Department of Health – Mental Health)
- Appreciative Inquiry – Dignity and Quality in Healthcare Inquiry
- Partnerships for the Future
- End of Year Review
- Age Equality – Mental Health Services

4. Key Events / Work Outputs

4.1 A Better Life – What people aged 55 and over told us about living in Coventry

Members of the Partnership supported the design of a survey for people aged 55 and over in the City, undertaken by Coventry University. The purpose of the survey was to find out about the health, well-being and aspirations of older people living in Coventry. Over 1,500 people completed a questionnaire.

The findings informed the Joint Needs Assessment (JSNA) and will support and influence future commissioning for Adults Social Care.

4.2 International Older People Week 2011

Members of the Partnership were directly involved in arranging an event to celebrate international Older People week at Coventry Transport Museum on 4th October 2010, which was open to all members of the public.

The focus on this year's celebration was Getting Active in Later Life and included a market stall with over 40 Information Tables offering people a range of services and activities available in Coventry.

Coventry University attended and launched the findings of the Over 55s Lifestyle Survey with 1,000 copies available at the event. Chair-based EXTEND and Zumba demonstrations ran throughout the day.

4.3 Age Equality in Mental Health Services

Members of the Partnership were involved in a national pilot to assess age equality in local mental health services. This was through a series of workshops with the national team leading the pilot, and collection of data.

This has enabled us to identify key areas of progress and areas for development; namely:

- Dementia, Delirium and Depression – improving the experience of older people in the hospital setting.
- Access to psychological therapies for older people.
- Access to drug and alcohol support services for older people.

4.4 Preventing Falls in Older People

Members of the Partnership were involved in the Optimal Care pilot last year, which assessed the likely impact of better Partnership working and joined-up services to reduce the incidence and impact of injurious falls on older people – a major cause of disability and premature admission to residential care.

This led to services working better together and a new community falls service being commissioned by NHS Coventry to work in partnership with social care and the third sector services that support falls prevention.

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.

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

6.1 Coventry City Council's representatives for the Older People's Partnership were Councillors O'Boyle (Cabinet Member, Community Services) – Councillor Mrs Johnson was Cabinet Member for Community Services until May 2010; and Noonan (Chairman, Scrutiny Board 4). In the period from March 2010 to March 2011 there were 5 meetings held and the attendances are listed below:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Apologies</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 15th March 2010 | Councillor J. Clifford | Councillor Mrs H. Johnson |
| 14th June 2010 | Councillor Mrs H. Noonan | Councillor J. O'Boyle Councillor Mrs H. Johnson |
| 13th September 2010 | Councillor Mrs H. Noonan | Councillor J. O'Boyle |
| 6 th December 2010 | | Councillor Mrs H. Noonan Councillor J. O'Boyle |
| 14th March 2011 | Councillor Mrs H. Noonan | Councillor J. O'Boyle |

6.2 Although Councillor J.O'Boyle was unable to attend the Partnership meetings he did receive regular updates and was involved in the work of the Partnership i.e. International Older People Week.

6.3 There is no remuneration associated with the appointments

List of background papers

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