

NHS LANARKSHIRE

NORTH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

AIRDRIE LOCALITY

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Subject: Locality Update Report to the Local Area Partnership

1. NHS Lanarkshire Wide Update

1.1. Appointment of Chief Officer – Integration of Health and Social Care

Janice Hewitt has taken up post as the chief officer of North Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership. Her appointment is a critical step forward in the integrations of adult health and social care in North Lanarkshire.

1.2. The Lanarkshire Beatson

Following discussion at the last LAP, NHS Lanarkshire can confirm at this time that the Lanarkshire Beatson development will provide radiotherapy for four tumour types (lung, breast, colorectal and prostate). The other principle therapy is chemotherapy which is currently, in the main, provided to Lanarkshire residents at Monklands, Hairmyres and Wishaw. This development will result in a very significant reduction in (but not completely eliminate) the number of occasions where Lanarkshire residents will travel to Gartnavel Hospital for oncology treatment. The head of Planning and Development would be happy to facilitate a briefing for a future meeting once the build programme is near to completion.

2. Locality Update

2.1. Reshaping Care for Older People – Transport Home for Older People

A new initiative developed under the RCOP programme will assist older people to return home from the emergency department between the hours of 5pm and midnight with the support of the British Red Cross and NLC. This development reduces the chance of admission to the hospital primarily relating to transport issues. The driver and escort will ensure that the individual is safely returned to their home environment and the BRC also provide a follow up call the next day.

2.2. Special Delivery to Airdrie Community Health Centre

A new arrival made an unexpected appearance when his mum went into labour two weeks early whilst she was attending an outpatient clinic in the Health Centre. The young gentleman from Plains was safely delivered by Community Midwives who are an integral part of the multi-disciplinary staff accommodated within the Health Centre.

2.3. Capital Works – Monklands Hospital

NHS Lanarkshire Property Services Department has confirmed that there is no replacement double glazing planned at Monklands Hospital, nor has been planned over the past five years, other than maintenance to existing secondary glazing in wards 14, 15, 16 and 20 as part of larger refurbishment works.

3. Health Improvement Update

3.1 Youth Diversionary Activity

- **Street Soccer NL**

Street Soccer NL is a mobile 5 a side pitch that can be placed in any location. 'Hot spot' locations are identified using data and information from the Community Safety Group and partners. The programme is supported by NL Leisure, NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement and Police Scotland. The programme runs for 10 weeks and targets young people between the ages of 9 and 21 years. The programme has been running in the Petersburn area since the beginning of August and has attracted good numbers of young people each week. The programme is due to end in October. An evaluation report will be available at the end of the programme. Young people attending the programme are encouraged to participate in wider youth programmes and activities at the end of the programme.

- **Craigneuk and Petersburn Action for Kids (CPAFK)**

Health Improvement and CLD staff are supporting CPAFK to develop a new community led resource for children within the Craigneuk and Petersburn areas. CPAFK have successfully run a summer programme and consulted with the local community. From this consultation with the community it has been identified that there is a gap in provision of activities for children aged 3-8 living in these communities. The aim is to work with a local social enterprise sports company to offer activities on a weekly basis. The group are planning to host a week of "taster" activities for the children over the October school holiday week and consult with parents and children to shape the future weekly activities.

3.2 Mental Health and Tackling Stigma: 'see me' campaign

There are now a wide range of local organisations and businesses signed up to the 'see me' campaign, which aims to address stigma in relation to mental illness and promote positive mental health and wellbeing. Fifteen businesses signed up at the last 'see me' pledge event. Hi continue to liaise closely with the Town Centres Activities group and work is ongoing to engage with members of the Airdrie Area voluntary sector network. Airdrie FC have agreed to support the initiative by promoting 'see me' at their matches by displaying information and banners in the stadium and to raise awareness amongst fans and visiting supporters through social media and newsletters.

3.3 Promoting Health and Wellbeing in Early Years

Children's experiences in the earliest years of life strongly influence their physical and emotional health and well-being for the rest of their lives. Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) underpins Lanarkshire's approach to the delivery of services for children and families. There are currently around 3,469 children aged 4 years and under living in Airdrie Locality, which accounts for almost 28% of children aged 17 years and younger. Major programmes are being delivered in partnership across Lanarkshire including the Early Years Collaborative, development and delivery of pathways of care and support for parenting. Early Years Programmes include:

- **UNICEF breastfeeding programme.**

Community Midwives, Health visitors and Health Improvement Teams are working to maintain Stage 3 of the UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative. The focus of this work is to ensure that mothers within the community are provided with the information, advice and support they require to successfully initiate and maintain breastfeeding. In addition to HV team support, mothers can access support through the local breastfeeding support group. A number of promotional events took place in Airdrie Locality over the summer to raise awareness and encourage more mothers to breastfeed.

- **Healthy Start**
This is a strategic approach to improving the nutrition of pregnant women and families on benefits or low incomes. Programme enables pregnant women and children under 4 years to receive Healthy Start vouchers, which can be exchanged for milk, infant formula milk and fresh fruit and vegetables. They also receive Healthy Start vitamin vouchers which can be exchanged at Health Centres, local pharmacies and some community based organisations. Work lead by Health Improvement is currently ongoing to promote the uptake of the Healthy Start vouchers. This includes a test of change initiative as part of the EY Collaborative programme, to ensure that frontline staff working with children and families are aware of the programme and are promoting this as part of their day to day practice.
- **Work with young parents.**
A number of programmes are now in place, which target young parents and provide intensive support to ensure that both parents and babies are provided with the support and guidance needed. Programmes include Family Nurse Partnership, First Steps and the Young mums' programmes. Input on a range of health related issues is provided by Community Midwives, Health Visitors, CLD, HI and other partners as required.
- **Play @Home**
Work targeting nutrition and healthier eating in the early years is complemented by programmes that aim to promote physical activity. The Play @ Home programme provides local early year workers with the knowledge and skills required to promote safe play and healthy physical activity with parents. A Play@Home session was held at the National Play Day event in Summerlee Park in August. 2,375 people from across Lanarkshire attended the event.

4. Conclusions

The LAP members are asked to note the content of this report for information