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**Delivering Reshaping Care for Older People: Activities of Bellshill Consortia**

The aim of the national RCOP programme is to look at ways to support the growing number of people aged 65 years and over by providing more care and support at home, in homely settings and in the community.

This work is carried out locally by the Bellshill RCOP Consortia who continue to meet monthly and have met 3 times in this period. The group is made up of partners from Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre (Chair & lead organisation), NHS, Health Improvement, Community Learning and Development, Social Work, Police Scotland, NLC Regeneration and PCLT.

A number of themes have been identified in Lanarkshire, these are;

- ❖ befriending;
- ❖ community transport;
- ❖ advocacy;
- ❖ volunteer development;
- ❖ carers support;
- ❖ dementia support services;
- ❖ palliative care support services
- ❖ community food initiatives

The focus throughout this period has been to continue promoting the work of RCOP locally and to promote and distribute the Resource Library funds to support local older people community groups. Highlights from this period include;

### **Resource Library funds**

Each consortia received a small budget to manage and disseminate locally. The Bellshill fund has supported 8 groups to continue or extend their activities. These range from an over 60's women's group, exercise group, healthy cooking and older IT users (Golden Googlers).

### **Digital Inclusion**

A bespoke 12 week introductory level digital skills learning programme has been developed in response to identified needs and gaps. This will be delivered to residents within local sheltered housing complexes, initially to Unity House and Corson Court (Bellshill) within the pilot phase before extension across localities on North Lanarkshire wide basis from April 2014.

### **RCOP Information Event 9 December 2013**

This drop in event provide information on funding available for groups to develop new activities for older people. Various organisations also promoted their services including NLL, Alzheimers Scotland, Police Scotland, NHS, PCLT, NLC (benefits advice & fuel poverty). More than 50 older people and carers attended and fed back how useful it was.

### **Bellshill Winter Event 27 February**

This event, funded by the Bellshill & District Community Forum, provided an opportunity to promoted the work of RCOP via a presentation, stall and support access to funding for community groups.

### **Mapping**

A database of all local services for older people has been carried out over the last 18months. This mapping exercise is always being updated and so is ongoing.

### **Engagement with Thematic Leads**

The consortia engage with all thematic leads to ensure work is being well coordinated, appropriately supported and funds and resources are being best used.

### **The Volunteer Friendly Project.**

A bid submitted by Utheo has been approved and this funding will support the development of befriending / home visiting work in Bellshill through Utheo's BeFriend in Bellshill project.

### **The Bellshill Dementia Café**

This project is progressing but is still in its early stages.

### **Conclusions**

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