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HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Smoking Cessation

Smoking Cessation support group continues to run within Bellshill Cultural Centre on Monday evenings at 6pm and Thursday mornings at 10am. Viewpark Health Centre runs on a Wednesday evening at 6pm and on a Tuesday afternoon at 1:30pm for one to one by appointment only. New branded promotional material distributed to all partners and health centres.

Posters for Stop Smoking Services are now being displayed in every school within Bellshill Locality.

Bellshill Community Clinic

A meeting was held with Mr Michael McMahon MSP along with Mr Joe Gorman, Mr John Devlin, Richard Burgon, General Manager, North East Unit, Alistair MacKintosh, Primary Care Manager and Margot McLean, Acting Service Manager, Bellshill Locality in attendance. At this meeting we were advised that an updated response would be given to NHS Lanarkshire by the GP practice by 30th June 2015. The practice did respond before the end of June, however their response reiterated their disagreement with the position that NHSL Director of Finance had outlined at the earlier meeting.

We will endeavor to continue to work with the practice and seek a solution to the accommodation concerns.

Breastfeeding

The breastfeeding service within the Bellshill and Viewpark areas continues to be a success, indicating an increase in those continuing to feed their child breast milk after the age of 6 weeks.

Baby-friendly Lanarkshire

Health visiting services in Lanarkshire have once again been awarded the prestigious 'Baby Friendly Award' from Unicef.

The international award is given to services that display best standard practices to protect, promote and support breastfeeding and to strengthen mother-baby and family relationships. The baby-friendly initiative, set up by Unicef and the World Health Organisation, is a global programme that provides a practical and effective way for health services to improve the care provided for all mothers and babies.

Joint Inspection of services for Children and Young people in the North Lanarkshire Community Planning Area

The joint inspection of services for children and young people in the North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership area took place between October and November 2014. It covered the range of partners in the area that have a role providing services for children, young people and families.

In the course of this joint inspection the team of inspectors were able to be confident that, as a result of the services being delivered by the Community Planning Partnership, the lives of many children and young people growing up in North Lanarkshire were improving.

A number of particular strengths were identified which were making a positive difference for children and young people in the North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership area.

- The range of flexible and responsive support services available to work intensively which are supporting families through prevention and early intervention.
- Pre-birth planning with involvement of the integrated addictions service and specialist midwives, which is reducing risks for vulnerable children and making sure they get the best start in life.
- Improved progression of children's permanence plans as a result of focussed efforts to improve potential life chances and outcomes for vulnerable children requiring alternative family care.
- Services available to young people aged 16 and over which are ensuring they remain in contact with supports for longer and know where to turn when they need help.
- Locality Partnership working which is embedded and highly positively regarded across agencies, leading to effective and joined up locality management arrangements.

Alcohol

Through the Community Safety Sub Group and Locality Planning groups Alcohol has been identified as an issue within the locality and seen as a priority. Health Improvement in coming months will undertake a mapping exercise and report back to groups on their findings before a plan of action will be developed for the locality.

We are currently looking for partners/organisations who are interested in being trained in ABI for young people. This is suited to staff who work directly with young people in a variety of settings.

Friday Night Project continues at Keir Hardie and Birkenshaw. Keir Hardie have approximately 80 to 120 young people attending every Friday evening and attendance at Birkenshaw is between 25 to 35 young people.

Recent police stats indicate an 84% reduction in youth disorder calls in Birkenshaw area and 69% reduction in Holytown since Friday Night Project has been delivered within these areas. Police reports also indicate a continual yearly reduction in youth street drinking complaint calls to the Police from areas that the Friday Night Project delivers in with an 82% reduction in Birkenshaw and 75% reduction in Holytown area from 2011 to 2015.

North Lanarkshire Leisure have now taken over the organisation and general running of Saturday Sports Scene since June 2015. The programme is in a transitional period and will re-launch at the end of August. Sir Matt Busby Centre will continue to be the venue for Bellshill Locality.

Sexual Health

The Youth Sexual Health Clinic in Bellshill YMCA continues. Attendance at the clinic has decreased. YMCA are currently looking at several ways to promote the service, including street work within the area to promote the clinic with young people.

Mental Health

Well Connected remains priority and continues to be promoted and highlighted to all partners and organisations throughout the Unit. Welfare Reforms briefings are still being offered to staff and partners within the locality.

The Active Health initiative is currently still running and currently being prompted at all community and events and groups. Those referred onto the programme will have access to the gym, swimming and classes at all North Lanarkshire Leisure centres for a free 12-week programme.

Cervical Screening Amnesty

Continue to meet and support HI colleagues with the promotion of the toolkit and specifically, teaser letters, customising invites and delivering smear amnesties to the worst performing practices.

Health Improvement staff are currently looking at other ways to promote the service. Possible work to be done with Health Visiting clients to encourage women to attend their cervical screening.

Community Forum

Community Forum, CL&D, YMCA along with Health improvement coordinated a family fun day at Orbiston YMCA, on the 6th of June. 21 adults and 28 young people attended the event and feedback was very positive. Information regarding community groups and health information was given to families. During the event a questionnaire was given to adults, 90% reported feeling safe within their community and 14% reported being a smoker with half of these requesting further information to help them stop smoking.

Reshaping Care for Older People

Sporting Memories: Supporting men with memory loss and their carers. Currently there are 12 participants and 11 carers are directly benefitting. All participants attend every week unless hospitalised, respite or holidays. Feedback is very positive from within the sessions and in individual conversations out with group. All report decreased isolation, improved mood, something positive to look forward to in the week. There is also a strong bond of friendship, support and fun which has developed among the men and is highlighted as the most important effect as seen by them. There has also been a group outing to bowls event in Glasgow where men were supported by young coaches. Initial steps are just beginning to build on this ownership by involving community development staff to support members to set up a constituted group for future sustainability.

Healthy Working Lives

Following achievement of the target set in CEL (1) 2012 NHSL decided to re-affirm its commitment to HWL and changed focus with a new corporate approach to delivery to draw on the considerable resources already in place and ensure HWL delivered a streamlined and consistent message to staff in relation to health, safety and well-being. At the heart of this new approach remains the HWL Working Groups located at sites across NHSL with responsibility for co-ordinating activities and delivering on the Corporate action plan for staff.

A strategic group has now been set up for NHSL and will meet on a quarterly basis. This group met in early June and an HWL Action Plan has now been produced and circulated.

to the HWL Co-ordinators Group for comment. Each Locality will be required to carry out any actions laid out in the Corporate action plan, a budget for 2015/16 has been allocated to allow localities to do this. Localities will also be able to do anything over and above the action plan if they wish, this means the coordinators can still host events specific to localities needs.

Conclusions

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