

Report of Health, Wellbeing & Partnerships: 10 September 2018

Three minutes of Healthy Staffordshire were received:

- 16 July was presented by Cllr Northcott and taken as written;
- 23 July was presented by Cllr Gardener and taken as written;
- 13 August was presented by Cllr Wilkes and was taken as written but highlighted the STP workforce and organisational development teams, apprenticeships, and the aim of rotational apprentices.

The STP are looking to bring in people from outside the county as well as from within.

I have asked STP to send a more detailed paper on this.

Feedback on the Councillors' visit to CCTV was given by Cllr Wright

Members wish to express their gratitude to the volunteers. The age of the current system and the difficulty encountered with the locations of the cameras give rise to a restricted view- some branches block the view, and the cameras are fixed and do not rotate. Also, new hotspots are not covered. Potential funding partners were discussed, and these include the BID and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Officers were asked to examine the positioning of the current CCTV cameras.

Town Centre

A report was given on the initiatives of the town centre on homelessness and rough sleeping.- a specialist outreach service was commissioned with Stoke City Council, and was delivered by Brighter Future.

The spike in antisocial behaviour was attributed to problematic individuals and offenders' attendance at The North Staffordshire Justice Centre, along with the heatwave.

A number of activities have been put into place, including a review of public space protection orders, to address the problem of aggressive begging. The use of sections thirty-four and thirty-five, the issue of community protection notices, alongside the Make It Count scheme should encourage a reduction in this issue.

An Update on Mental Health

Cllr J Waring reported on the work undertaken to identify the priority issues. Members suggested it would be helpful to make links with Keele University to gain a better understanding of their support services.

Work programme up date on Parkinson's

This was presented by Cllr Maxfield.

Intermediate report from Cllr(s) Maxfield and Panter regarding the support and advice available for

people in the Newcastle Borough are from initial diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease.

On Wednesday 25th July 2018, I arranged a visit, for myself and Cllr Panter, to the Parkinson's Support Group in order to meet with and to hear perspectives from Parkinson's disease sufferers, caretakers and other patient representatives on the most significant effects of their disease, the help and support that was given to them, its impact on daily life,

what support they wish they had been given and their experiences with currently available therapies. I have also had talks with medical practitioners and Parkinson's UK representatives. Throughout the meeting, group members raised a number of considerations that they believed were important relating to Parkinson's disease. Many commented on the need for increased awareness and education to properly diagnose, understand and treat Parkinson's disease.

So far, a booklet that we have compiled using the 'I wish I had known/been given/knew what.....when I was diagnosed' of those from the support group, as through talking with people, these exact same issues kept cropping up, along with unable to contact the nurses due to how busy they are and a lack of suitable reading material beyond a very basic leaflet, from that initial point of diagnosis. We hope to have addressed this with this more detailed, yet easily readable, version based on what the people from the support group said that "they wished they had been given "regarding this disease, as all too often the stock response was that there was plenty of information on the Internet. Actually... there's too much information! The response from the group members on the booklet, has been extremely positive and desires for it to be displayed and made available in GP's, libraries etc, have been voiced.

Meeting with Robin Wiles, Partnerships Locality Officer, (5 th Sept 2018) has also been positive in looking at the available avenues where funding may be available to help the Parkinson's support group in order that they can look towards future projects and activities for the benefit of all the group members. The group committee are now identifying what funding they may need, now and for the future, and will contact Robin in due course.

We are awaiting replies from Parkinson's UK and GP practises regarding the 'where next?' as far as advice, support and increasing awareness goes.

Members were presented with the booklet with the intention of garnering feedback on thoughts.

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Chair