

Adult Social Care and Health Council Report

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Older Persons Accommodation Programme:

Our plans to address the needs of York's ageing population through the delivery of the Older Persons Accommodation Programme remain on target. It is important to note, York is facing a significant demographic challenge with the increase in older people (over 85 years old) living in the city expected to grow by two fifths between 2017 and 2025.

The closure of Morrell House has been approved by the Executive and its residents have been successfully relocated to more suitable accommodation, marking the completion of the first phase in the programme.

The second phase is now underway, and this element of the programme will focus on supporting older residents to remain independent in their homes, whilst simultaneously providing extra care accommodation to support those people who cannot remain in their homes and require extra support.

More recently, permission was granted by Area Planning Committee for 33 new Extra Care apartments at Marjorie Waite Court. Officers will now look to appoint a builder to undertake the work, with work expected to begin in by October 2018 and be completed by the end of 2019.

Mental Health:

I am pleased to report that The Haven @30 Clarence Street continues to be successful in providing welcoming, safe, supportive and non-clinical services to those struggling with mental health. The centre originally provided several small services since 2017, but because of our efforts to better coordinate health, social care and mental health provision in the city, it will continue to provide out of hours mental health support.

In addition to 30 Clarence Street, plans have been approved for a new mental health facility on Haxby Road. Initial plans for the Haxby Road site indicate that the new purpose-built facility is expected to be completed in 2019, providing an extra 72 beds to the city's overall provision.

The last few months have seen several important events regarding suicide prevention take place and I, along with many other Councillors and officers, have been pleased to attend both the Suicide Prevention Workshops and Suicide Prevention Conference. The resulting conversations will feed into the Council's new mental health strategy and future service provision.

Lastly, discussion about CAMHS and children's mental health continue to take place with the Council's health partners. The focus of discussions has centred on service support for those children transitioning from children services, to adult services. The development of a centre for excellence for children with complex needs will enable more children and families to have better more local support and ease the transition phase.

Community Services:

A great deal of work has taken place to decentralise some health services and instead, base them in the communities they serve.

Local Area Co-ordinators have been established in some areas to ensure work is delivered effectively across wards, with minimal duplication. The Local Area Co-ordinators will also work to liaise with community groups and develop a local network of assets, which will be used to improve health outcomes and communication of information in a specific area of the city.

Talking Points are another new service which have been created to improve health services in specific communities. The Talking Points provide residents earlier access to adult social care staff, closer to where they live. As a result, residents who have used the service have been able to access information, advice and support from adult social care

staff, as well as find out more about local activities, support and resources. One Talking Point has been established at Lidgett Grove Methodist Church and another has recently opened in Oaken Grove Community centre..

A number of local ward budget projects have also taken place to alleviate loneliness and social isolation and this wise investment of ward committee funding in most certainly welcomed. For any wards wishing to invest in such projects for their communities, please contact myself or the Adult Social Care team to see what can be done.

Working with our local health services:

The Council continues to work in partnerships with its partners and good progress has been made with TEWV, Hospital Trust, the CCG and GPs to provide support for local GP surgeries and invest in social prescribing.

Partners reported that the work between the Council and TEWV to support rehab and recovery work has been progressing and due to its success, the Police are now linking with the services to ensure multi-agency responses to complicated cases, such as street triage, which was subject to NY wide quality improvement work.

It was also agreed that the Council and the CCG should enter into further joint commissioning arrangements, with the aim of increasing investment in early intervention and social prescribing - particularly in York's voluntary and community sector.

There has been a recent appointment of a Assistant Director for Joint Commissioning, jointly funded by both the Council and the CCG, which will help bring the work of the two services together.

Work with Third Sector partners:

Thanks to the support of Council and the York ME Association, Clifford's Tower was lit blue to raise awareness of ME during ME Awareness Week. The Council's communications team also supported this by promoting the work of the York Fatigue Clinic and signposting where

residents should go if they suffer from symptoms of ME. Later this year, training on ME awareness will be offered to both Members and officers.

Similarly, at the end of June, the Council supported the MND association by lighting Clifford's Tower orange and blue on Global MND Awareness Day.

The Council continues to work closely with CVS, CAY and Healthwatch, particularly in supporting all organisations to train and retain volunteers who are crucial to their services.

Health & Well-Being Board:

There have been a number of changes to the Health & Well-Being Board, in order to facilitate greater opportunities for discussion by all partners at the tables. This includes working groups and workshops to focus on specific issues.

Under the Health and Wellbeing Board, strategies and structures have been developed to drive the city's new approach to mental health, autism, and learning disability. This includes the creation of new multi-agency partnership groups for learning disability and mental health. It also includes dedicated age strategies for mental health and Autism. A similar approach is currently being progressed in respect of Learning Disabilities.

Following a student health needs assessment in 2017, the Health & Well-Being Board has worked to support Higher York the creation of a local Student Health & Well-Being Network. The Network, which will now report to the Health & Well-Being Board annually, will develop a co-ordinated response to the student health needs assessment findings and to support student health and wellbeing within the City of York. As a result, an action plan has now been created to raise the profile of student health in the City and ensure training is delivered to University Staff regarding issues such as mental health.

Developments:

Considerable progress is continuing to be made on the Burnholme College Site and we are proposing a programme of activities which will attract a wide range of users of all ages and abilities to the site. Through the GP exercise referral programme, we will encourage structured activities for all ages, including reaching programmes out to older people, families and those with medical conditions to encourage them to be more active.

The planning application for the former Lowfield School site is due to come to planning shortly, as part of the wider Housing Delivery Programme. If approved, the site will deliver new bungalows and flats for older people, plus a new care home, as part of our ambitious Older Persons Accommodation Programme.

Early discussions regarding the Bootham Park site have taken place with regards to retaining the facility for the health economy, rather than being sold for private sector housing. This conversation has only just begun and therefore, all proposals and intentions for the site are in very early stages. We will continue to discuss all options for the site with the wide range of partners involved.