

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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1 Progress on Portfolio Matters – Well Being

North Norfolk Health & Wellbeing Partnership

Chaired by Cllr Virginia Gay the focus of the multi agency Partnership includes promoting residents' health and wellbeing, addressing wider determinants of health, tackling health inequalities, increasing community resilience and connectivity and aligning commissioning and services.

Based on public health data the three priorities for the North Norfolk Partnership are:

Older People
Mental Health
Inequalities

Covid Recovery funding of approximately £347,250 which must be spent by 31st March 2023 has been allocated to the Partnership.

At its second meeting on 15th June 2022. The partnership approved grant applications for:

- Home Repair Pilot – Funding of £50,000 was awarded to NNDC to provide a repairs service to enable low income owner occupiers/private sector tenants particularly those with long term health conditions to remain in their home, return to live in their home or make their home more suitable.
- Norfolk & Suffolk Care Support Funding of £15,500 for a North Norfolk Care Academy to attract and support people interested in a career in health & social care.
- Community Action Norfolk – Funding of £32,488 for a range of projects to support communities, establishment of new community groups and the community connector service.

Homes for Ukraine

Seventy seven accommodation checks and fifty nine welfare checks have been under taken. Based on the data from hosts we know that ninety six adults and sixty three children have applied to come to North Norfolk. A significant number of these guests have arrived as the process to grant visas has improved.

There has been a drop in the numbers of people arriving and this is reflected in attendance at the Ukrainian Welcome meetings at NNDC and across the county. From 18th July the NNDC welcome meetings will reduce to once a week.

Carer Friendly Tick Award

A focus is being made on first working towards the employer element of this award, with the community element following once this has been achieved.

The five key standards are as follows:

1. Have a named member of staff as a lead for carers.

Lucy Cubitt has volunteered to become Carer Champion for the organisation, with the hope we may get additional volunteers to follow. Carer champion training has been identified and enquiries have been made into the funding of this.

2. Have a carers' statement to ensure carers know how to access support internally

A Carers policy has been drafted and submitted to HR, who are checking accuracy against other policies signposted. The required elements of this policy are in the process of being discussed, with membership of 'Employers for Carers' being suggested as a valuable resource for both general guidance and required training for line managers etc. Once this has been provisionally approved by HR it will be submitted for consideration by the appropriate parties.

3. Ensure managers have an understanding about carers' responsibilities

Training for managers is being investigated as part of work towards the carers policy (above).

4. Signpost to information and advice

An internal web page with carers advice is being drafted, and will be added as part of the Health and Wellbeing group's 'A-Z' (currently being created). The addition of carers' signposting and awareness is being discussed for induction and starter packs for new employees. Once approved, the new carers policy will be widely shared with colleagues.

5. Raise awareness in Carers Week and on Carers Rights Day

An intranet article was released on carers week, and leaflets etc. canvassed within the council offices, for this years' carers week. The aim is to have something more concrete in place next year, potentially with resources from 'Employers for carers'. Lucy Cubitt, who is leading on this project, continues to liaise with HR to move this forward.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

At the time of writing preparations for the third meeting of the Health and Well Being Partnership, on July 20th are taking place. At this meeting there will be a focus on Inequalities.

3 Meetings attended

In addition to regularly scheduled meetings within the Council I have attended:

Briefing on Engagement Strategy – 24/06/22

Health and Well Being District Councils' Sub Committee -06/07/22

Health and Well Being Board and Integrated Care Partnership-21/07/22
UK Shared Prosperity Fund Briefing-13/06/22
UK Shared Prosperity Fund Local Partnership - 11/07/22
UK Shared Prosperity Fund Local Partnership -20/07/22

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