

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters - Wellbeing

North Norfolk Health & Wellbeing Partnership

The three priorities of the Partnership are:

Older People
Mental Health
Inequalities

A multi-agency inequalities workshop was held on 9th January at NNDC. Presentations in relation to inequalities were received from Norfolk & Waveney Integrated Care Board, North Norfolk Community Transport, North Norfolk Youth Advisory Board, Norfolk & Norwich Hospital and NNDC in relation to the Cost Of Living. Breakout groups offered attending organisations the opportunity to identify additional types of inequalities, people most likely to experience inequalities, impact and potential solutions.

The outcomes of the three workshops which have focused on Partnership priorities will inform the H&WP strategy.

Community Connectors

Warm spaces: The Community Connectors have been integral to supporting and promoting the warm spaces across North Norfolk. They have collated details of when and where the warm spaces are across the district – details of which are shared with the community and also partners at the Help Hub & NCC.

The Community Connectors regularly visit the warm spaces in their areas to meet with the community, support the organisers and distribute refreshments as supplied by the North Norfolk Food Bank. They have highlighted the Norfolk Community Foundation Hot Spot fund, plus warm spaces guidance.

When gaps in knowledge have been highlighted they have provided signposting and support. The Team Leader gave a presentation about warm spaces at the NNDC cost of living summit on 3 November.

Poppyland Radio: The weekly Community Connectors show started in December as another way to connect with the community. The Community Connectors introduced themselves in the first show and talked about community Christmas events in the second.

In January there were 2 shows which focused on cost of living support. Due to increasing need in local communities providing advice, support and signposting is particularly important.

Once a show has been aired, it is uploaded to listen on demand (please see the Mixcloud link on [Community Connectors \(poppylandradio.co.uk\)](https://www.mixcloud.com/CommunityConnectors/poppylandradio.co.uk/))

Homes for Ukraine

One hundred and eight accommodation checks and ninety four welfare checks have been requested in North Norfolk since the H4U scheme was established.

Based on data we know that ninety five adults and sixty two children have arrived in North Norfolk. A small number have subsequently returned to the Ukraine or moved to other accommodation outside of the district.

The Government has recently confirmed that the H4U scheme will continue. Whilst the number of guests arriving has reduced hosts are still needed to offer accommodation.

In the next year there will be a greater focus on supporting guests who require English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes and supporting guests to become integrated into the community and to achieve independence both economically and with regard to accommodation. Guests will be able to stay with hosts for up to two years and the thank you payment to hosts will also increase.

Social Prescribing

In November and December one hundred Social Prescribing referrals in total were received requesting support with two hundred and forty nine issues. Benefit, financial and mental health support remain the most frequent reason for referral.

External funding for one year has been secured for NNDC to take part in a Social Prescribing in secondary care pilot. Social Prescribing referrals from departments at the Norfolk and Norwich hospital including from Accident & Emergency will be managed by a dedicated officer employed by NNDC. The aim of the pilot is to address the wider social issues that could contribute towards a person accessing the acute trust and reduce regular and repeat attendance particularly at Accident & Emergency. This service should start in January 2023

Arts & Culture Fund

A meeting of Arts & Culture Fund Panel was held in November. Six applications were received. Conditional grants totalling £16,401.68 were awarded.

Community Transport Fund

A meeting of Community Transport Fund Panel was held in November. Two applications were received. Conditional grants totalling £40,000 were awarded.

North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund.

The NNSCF Panel met in December and consider applications Seven applications were received although two were withdraw prior to the Panel meeting. Three applications were deferred as further information was required before the Panel could make a recommendation and two were unsuccessful. Of the three deferred applications to date conditional recommendations in respect of two applications totalling £20,271.20 have subsequently been made.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Work is progressing towards a draft of a Health and Well Being Strategy for the North Norfolk Partnership. The next meeting of the Partnership will be on March 14th. As its

first year is coming to the end, discussions have begun about the future life of the Partnership.

3 Meetings attended

In addition to regular scheduled meetings and briefings, I have attend the following:

09/01/23 - Inequalities Workshop

29/01/23 - Youth Council Workshop

01/02/23 - Health and Well Being Partnership.

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