

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

24 July 2024

### **COUNCILLOR LIZ WITHINGTON - CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND OUTREACH SERVICES**

For the period April to July 2024

#### **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

##### **Community Connectors**



##### **Ripple:**

The Community Connectors have attended 8 events in the Mundesley area to raise awareness of, encourage participation in and answer any queries regarding the Ripple survey and expression of interest (to take part in a discussion-based interview). In addition, the team have put together packs containing the information sheet, survey, privacy notice and expression of interest forms and leaflet for Mundesley and Walcott businesses to host.

##### **PositiviTea:**

Our PositiviTea for Carers took place on 14 June at Cromer Community Centre. The Alzheimer's Society, Carer's Voice, Family Voice Norfolk, Healthwatch Norfolk, Mundesley Carers group, Sheringham Salvation Army Carers group, Integrated Care Coordinators, Digital skills NCC-Tech Skills for Life, Scam awareness YBS, CAB, Merchants Place, Cromer Library and NNDC Financial Inclusion team all had stands at this event. 100% of visitors surveyed said that they would recommend PositiviTea to friends, family and/or neighbours.

##### **Frailty:**

Data from the NNUH first came through on 10 June and has continued to do so on a weekly basis. We're receiving 20-30 referrals a week. There have been some hurdles to overcome regarding the data completeness and clarity which are being resolved ongoingly. Feedback from patients and Carers to the support offered has been positive.

##### **High Intensity Users:**

We have attended 40 community groups supporting high intensity users, resulting in 48 signposting activities. In addition, we have received 34 referrals, supported 10 organisations and completed 6 Attendance Allowance

forms with residents. We are in discussions with Victory to increase our presence in their communal rooms. In June we attended 2 communal rooms to support residents on 4 separate occasions.

### **Age Friendly Communities:**

95 businesses have received the letter encouraging them to sign up to be an Age Friendly Business and for the Sit You Down North Norfolk scheme. 7 businesses have committed to becoming more age friendly and are listed on our Age Friendly Register. Watsons Estate Agent – our first Age Friendly Business – was filmed on 26 June by our Comms team to promote the incentive. The Community Connectors have met with the Chair of Sheringham’s Chamber of Commerce who is fully supportive of the age friendly approach.

### **North Norfolk Health & Wellbeing Partnership:**

At the Partnership meeting on 7 June, Public Health presented the key findings from the Director of Public Health annual report on smoking, tobacco control and vaping. In addition, the DWP updated on the migration to universal credit. The Health Inequalities Working Group has formed four task & finish groups – the Cancer Task & Finish Group had its first meeting on 26 June. The Mental Health Working Group has provided feedback on the draft Wellbeing webpage on 18 June: edits are in progress.

### **Poppyland Radio:**

We have recorded 3 shows on <https://www.poppylandradio.co.uk/shows/community-connectors>: Norfolk Blood Bikes, PositiviTea and Beach Safety.

## **2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

### **Upcoming PositiviTeas:**

23<sup>rd</sup> July, 10am-12.30pm - Fakenham Salvation Army - Living with long-term health conditions

9<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30-12.30 pm - The Reef, Sheringham - Nature connections

13<sup>th</sup> August, 10am-12pm - New Life Church, North Walsham - Back to school

16<sup>th</sup> August, 1-3pm - Stalham Town Hall - Mental health, social connections and volunteering

30<sup>th</sup> August, 10-12.30pm - Fakenham Sports and Fitness Centre - Dementia support

6<sup>th</sup> September, 10-12pm - The Venue, Holt - Dying matters

12<sup>th</sup> September, 2-4pm - Merchants place - U.2.R.US Women’s health

17<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30-12.30pm - Holt Library - Dementia support

24<sup>th</sup> September, 1-3pm – Stalham, Poppy Centre - Living with long-term

health conditions

8th October, 4-7pm - Old Cottage Hospital, Wells - Men's mental health

24th October, 1-3pm - North Walsham Community Centre - Living with long-term health conditions

6th November, 1-3 pm - Old Cottage Hospital, Wells - SEND (up to 25 yrs)

26<sup>th</sup> November, 2-4pm - Cromer Parish Hall -Living with long-term health conditions

5th December, 2-4pm - North Walsham Community Centre - Grieving matters

**Upcoming North Norfolk Health & Wellbeing Partnership meetings:**

Cancer Task & Finish Group Meeting: Wednesday 24 July

North Norfolk Health & Wellbeing Partnership Meeting 10 September

Mental Health Working Group Meeting: 17 September