

# **Chairman's Announcements**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing Groups</b>
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## **Health and Wellbeing Group?**

The Council is proposing that each Area Board establishes a Health and Well Being Group. Health and Wellbeing Groups are intended to provide a community led local forum to facilitate the coordination of joined up services for older people living within a community area. They are intended to gather the views of local older people and ensure these views are represented at the local Area Board. The groups will focus on working with community commissioners to identify the needs of a local population and support the development of services that will meet these needs.

## **What will they be expected to do?**

It is anticipated the groups will identify how best to co-ordinate support for vulnerable people in their area in a way that that is more inclusive than the current good neighbour service and makes best use of the existing community capacity.

Each Health and Wellbeing Group will reflect the needs of its local community and different area boards plans will reflect this however the intention is that the Health and Wellbeing Group will ensure wellbeing and community resilience is a key priority for Area Boards and the Group will support community initiatives.

It is anticipated that Health and Wellbeing Groups will draw on local resources and assets in order to generate support for local initiatives. Funding previously used to commission the Good Neighbours Service will be devolved (ring fenced) to the Area Boards to support local initiatives identified by the Health and Wellbeing Groups.

Health and Wellbeing groups can respond to local challenges and make the best use of local assets including local knowledge, resources and voluntary organisations.

The Council Adult Care Community Commissioners can work closely with members, customers and key stakeholders to respond effectively to local needs while coordinating county wide solutions where required.

The groups will promote links between universal services (including leisure and libraries) and services that support specific customer groups including older adults or those with a disability.

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## **Who would be part of a Health and Wellbeing Group?**

This would be decided by each Area Board. It is suggested that the Community Engagement Manager, the Older Peoples' Champion, Unitary and Parish Councillors, CCG Care Coordinators, Healthwatch, Representatives from the Voluntary Sector should be included.

## **When can an Area Board commence work on Health and Wellbeing Groups?**

Anytime. A number of Area Boards have already planned meetings to start their Health Well Being Groups. In approximately 6 /9 months' time there will be a review of progress being made to establish these groups and a report highlighting good examples of the work being undertaken

## **Further Information**

Please contact Sue Geary Head of Community Commissioning at the Council for further information and support to establish your Health and Well Being Group.