

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of meeting	8 th January 2018
Title of report	Establishment of a Pewsey Health and Wellbeing Group

Purpose of the Report:

To seek support for the establishment of a sub-group, reporting to the Area Board, to lead on the promotion of health and wellbeing in the Pewsey community area.

1. Background

Pewsey is one of the few area boards in Wiltshire without a dedicated Health and Wellbeing Group.

This function was previously delivered by the Pewsey Older Peoples Partnership, under the leadership of Age UK Wiltshire, however due to the redundancy of a key staff member the POPP meetings do not now have the dedicated resources necessary to continue.

Wiltshire Council has devolved a modest revenue budget to each local Health and Wellbeing Group, this spending to be ratified by its Area Board, and has produced a generic Terms of Reference document to guide this work (see Appendix).

2. Main Considerations

Some initial ideas for the work programme of a Pewsey Health and Wellbeing Group, include:

- Nominating an Older Peoples Champion and a Carers Champion (could be the same person)
- Supporting the DAA to create a dementia-friendly-community, running memory cafes, awarding good practice (see attached) etc
- Building the Safe Places network
- Championing mental health issues and running an awareness workshop
- Supporting LINK schemes and community transport initiatives
- Promoting public health messages, the work of the Health Trainer etc
- Investigating a Mens Shed initiative
- Monitoring and delivering JSA commitments around health and wellbeing
- Other ideas from partner organisations

The Health and Wellbeing Group will have a modest revenue budget of £ 7,700 per annum to facilitate some of this work. This sum is currently unspent in 2017/18 and so there is potential to commission work in a number of these priority areas.

The posts of Older Peoples Champion and Carers Champion carry a small honorarium to cover expenses in delivering these roles.

3. Recommendation

The Pewsey Area Board agrees to establish a sub-group to lead on the promotion of health and wellbeing in the Pewsey community area.

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