

Report to Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board – 3rd July 2019

Health and Wellbeing Arrangements

Background:

Following the resignation of the former RWB&C Health and Wellbeing Champion in May 2019 the Area Board held a round table community discussion at its meeting of 8th May 2019. This focused upon the future arrangement and provision of health and wellbeing support and advice in the community area.

This report is to provide an update on the development of this discussion.

Actions:

Area Board members and the Community Engagement Manager (CEM) have held further discussions together and with other officers, partners and local people with a view to identifying future ways to facilitate and improve the experiences of local people in accessing support and advice about their health and wellbeing issues and to enable local people to help themselves and each other.

- Area Board Councillors looked at the issues and discussions recorded at the Area Board meeting at the ABC held on 22nd May to debate issues and potential solutions.
- Cllr Bucknell and the CEM have met with Senior officers in Adult Care & Public Health.
- Cllr Champion and the CEM (together and separately) have met with local people partners and officers working locally.
- Discussions have concluded that the role of Older Persons Champion should be included in that of the Health and Wellbeing Champion

Developments:

The Local Area Coordinator will now provide support across the Community Area.

A new initiative is planned to recruit local information champions (hairdressers, taxi drivers etc who will be trained to pass on accurate information about finding advice and support).

The CEM is holding regular meetings with other Wiltshire Council and third-party providers who are working in this Community Area

Wiltshire Council information officers who currently work in house only available by telephone are looking at a plan to roll out a scheme which would see officers present in the community area on a periodic basis

Proposals:

That the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board enhances its Health and Wellbeing focus by setting up two Health and Wellbeing Forums: -

- a) **Stakeholder Health & Wellbeing Forum** for professionals and other related stakeholders working within our Community Area. This would provide opportunities for local service providers to meet together, identify shared opportunities for joint working, discuss local priorities and develop actions and solutions that respond to those priorities
- b) **Community Champions Health & Wellbeing Forum** for those active in the community with a special interest in health and wellbeing. This would provide opportunities for local volunteers to gather informally to discuss specific local issues and potential solutions that can be developed locally, or which need to be escalated to service providers.

In order to facilitate this, the Area Board should appoint a **Volunteer Health & Wellbeing Champion from the local community** -This role would be serviced by an element of the Area Board Health and Wellbeing budget already allocated for travel and incidental expenses only – up to £1,000 per year. The Health and Wellbeing Champion to work with the CEM and Area Board Member Lead to identify and support the volunteers and would represent those volunteers on the Stakeholder Health and Wellbeing Forum.

Recommendation:

That Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

- i. Notes the report and supports developments as outlined above.
- ii. Supports the proposals and requests that the Health & Wellbeing lead member works with the CEM to develop the proposals and feedback to future Area Board meetings.

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