

Agenda Item 13 - Bradford on Avon Area Board - 11 May 2016

Establishment of a Bradford on Avon Health and Wellbeing Group

1. Wiltshire Council is establishing Health and Wellbeing Groups as a sub-group of each Area Board to co-ordinate community care. The focus of this work is the elderly and the vulnerable in our community.
2. In Bradford on Avon community area good working relationships already exist between key partners including:

Bradford on Avon Area Board

Bradford on Avon and Melksham Health Partnership

Age UK

Bradford on Avon Seniors Forum (who perform the role of older peoples' and carers champion)

Healthwatch Wiltshire

Bradford on Avon Churches Together

Bradford on Avon Town Council

The Hub @ BA15

3. In the Bradford on Avon community area existing dementia-friendly, disabled–friendly and befriending initiatives can usefully be managed under this umbrella.
4. The Health Partnership, through its integrated health and social care team, is already leading on a number of community care projects including a Memory Café, Leg Club, Falls Clinic and plans for a health fair and slipper exchange event at St Margaret's Hall in September.
5. Age UK is wanting to pilot a new model for a befriending service in BoA through a 2 year joint-funded "Older Persons Co-ordinator" post which would take a lead on researching and delivering services for the elderly and the vulnerable (see job description attached). This post would help relieve pressure on the NHS Care Co-ordinator who is currently covering social care duties which are not part of his role. The cost of this 25 hours per week post at £18,000 per annum including on-costs is proposed to be shared 3 ways between Age UK, the Area Board and the Health Partnership. The post would be hosted by Age UK and the worker would work out of The Hub in Church Street.
6. There is the potential to do more in the community to provide services for isolated and vulnerable individuals – for instance through more befriending services;

luncheon clubs; garden and allotment clearance; community transport; mens' shed initiatives; timebank volunteering; disabled access; awareness of Type 2 diabetes, autism and dementia.

7. The Bradford on Avon Health and Wellbeing Group has a budget of £ 6,700 in 2016/17, monies redirected to the Area Board from the former Good Neighbours scheme.

Recommendation

- i) The Bradford on Avon Area Board agrees to establish a Health and Wellbeing Group, reporting to the Area Board on activities and expenditure.
- ii) The Bradford on Avon Area Board agrees to contribute £ 6,000 matching funding towards the 2 year temporary post of Older Persons Co-ordinator, subject to matching contributions being forthcoming from other partners.