

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD
MARLBOROUGH HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP
PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATE JUNE 2022

The following report provides a short update on the Health and Wellbeing Group situation following the COVID 19 pandemic lockdown.

1) New areas of focus

The potential to expand the focus and membership of the Health and Wellbeing Group to consider existing and emerging health and related issues following the Covid 19 pandemic has been explored in discussion with Councillor Jane Davies, Andrew Jack and Frances Barrone from the Wiltshire Prevention and Wellbeing Team.

Initial proposals include;

- the appointment of an Older Persons and Carers' Champion (part time role),
- a mapping and gapping exercise to identify areas requiring further support
- exploring other sources of funding
- hosting a local 'event' to raise the profile and to promote wider awareness of local support mechanisms for the client group.

In addition steps have been taken to establish contact with the Pewsey Vale Health and Wellbeing Forum. Noting in particular the geographic proximity and shared medical partnership the potential for collaboration and to share good practice will be explored.

2) Stroke Association

Following the introduction from Andrew Jack to the South West Engagement Officer for the Stroke Association I continued to facilitate introductions to a number of local organisations with the aim of raising awareness of stroke in our area.

The current Officer; Katie Fielding has established a regular drop in session and a book group meets now in Marlborough Library

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