

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 18 MAY 2012

Statement from: Councillor Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for Health, Housing and Community

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is now out for formal consultation. There are a number of ways for Members and the public to influence the final strategy and I would urge you all to do so. The strategy outlines a number of priorities and recommendations that can have a real impact on improving people's lives.

Improving mental health is central to the five themes:

- Promoting healthy lifestyles
- Improving health and wellbeing for older people
- Delivering high quality care for major causes of health and disability
- Improving health and social outcomes and reducing inequalities for children
- Reducing worklessness

Feedback will be gathered at eight special events in Sleaford, Boston, Grantham, Skegness, Spalding, Louth, Lincoln and Hemswell and through an online questionnaire up until 22 June. There is also an online survey and a downloadable resource pack for community groups and organisations to use. More details on the consultation and the draft strategy are available at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/JHWS

Payment by Results Drug and Alcohol Programme

The new Substance Misuse service for Lincolnshire went live on 1 April 2012. The service has a new focus on full recovery from addiction and for the first time offers a choice of provider and treatment programme to service users. We will continue to work with service users to ensure it delivers outcomes with people – and we will be rewarding success with a payment by results approach!

Prison Drug Treatment Service

We are currently out to tender nationally for providers to deliver a new joined up approach to substance misuse treatment in Lincolnshire's prisons. We are very encouraged by the initial response from providers all over the country to this exciting new development. Being able to bring the most effective treatment possible to people in prisons is one of the most important things we can do to reduce offending.

The new service will commence after the award of the new contract on 1 September 2012.

The Health and Wellbeing Network (WellNet)

The Executive has approved the development of a brand new approach to services for vulnerable people. This has triggered a round of consultation with local people, other service providers and commissioning partners to refine exactly what they want from the new service. The service will begin to drive the integration of health and social care services in Lincolnshire triggered by the 2012 Health Act. The service will be called the Health and Wellbeing Network.

Excellent Ageing

Programme Update

The work with the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS), has continued.

Following agreement around the recommended methods for implementing this by the Steering Group and Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board sponsors, the theme was drafted and on 28 March, the Board agreed the draft would form the theme for improving the health and wellbeing of older people in the JHWS.

Projects Update

Wellbeing in the Community Working Group

Community mapping is to become the focus of the Wellbeing in the Community Working Group. This will involve extensive research into the groups, activities, services, facilities and organisations that exist around Lincolnshire, and will enable the identification of gaps in provision. These gaps will then be investigated and where there is a need for services, plans will be made to support communities to put these in place.

Two Jobs Fairs were held in Louth and Skegness as part of the Helping Older People Back to Work project, which aims to promote a positive pathway to employment through paid or voluntary work for those wishing to do so.

Accessibility Working Group

The Lincolnshire Community Minibus Brokerage has recently been launched, which encourages schools and organisations with their own minibuses to hire them out so that other 'not for profit' groups can benefit from their downtime. This idea emerged through consultation with older people conducted by Excellent Ageing in the early stages of the programme and was developed by the members of the working group focusing on Accessibility.

Engagement Update

The programme has launched a new microsite: <http://www.excellentageing.co.uk> and the recently created twitter account has garnered 149 followers and continues to attract more. Follow us **@ExcellentAgeing** for regular updates on projects, national policy, partner activities and other points of interest.

Councillors Big Society Fund

Recently featured in the latest edition of County News, the fund has made 289 awards to date, with the total amount awarded being £123,725. The majority of the awards have been made to community and voluntary groups, registered charities and Town and Parish Councils. A slightly revised version of the Award Form has been sent out to all Councillors but older versions will continue to be accepted in the short term to ensure there is no delay in processing the award.

Youth Offending Service

Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service was the last area to be inspected as part of HMI Probation's three year Core Case Inspection Programme. The feedback has been very positive and the full report will be published in July.

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership continue to develop and deliver our 2012 Legacy programmes, both those unique to Lincolnshire and those being driven by National partners. On 3 April we held the regional launch for a LOCOG initiative called Local Leaders here in the county. The scheme is aiming to get local people more active in their communities through links to the Games.

Over 700 people have signed up to the Sports Maker programme providing sports volunteers across a number of activities and events. Some of the athletes on the Lincolnshire Elite Athletes Programme (LEAP) have already been selected for the Games – Kate Hayward and Mel Marshall are both on LEAP - in addition another 3 athletes have already made it onto the GB squad.

We are working with the Lincolnshire Supplementary Schools Forum to develop a sporting legacy for our BME communities across the county, encouraging them to be more active and link to existing community clubs. A launch event will take place in September when all the groups will come together in a county sports day.

We still continue to develop and deliver our 2012 Legacy programmes including

Lincolnshire programmes:

- The Lincolnshire Elite Athlete Programme (LEAP)
- Silver Spirit
- Quest for Gold
- Behind the fence –opening up facilities to be used for sporting activities in local communities
- Sports Library

National Programmes

- Sportivate
- School Games
- Sports Makers
- Local leaders