

## EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL 15 FEBRUARY 2017

### Adult Social Care

1. To complement the proposed Dementia Care supported living development at Hemlington Grange, a bid has been made to the DCLG Communities Fund for the provision of an Admiral Nurse for Middlesbrough.
2. There is estimated to be around 2,148 people with dementia living in Middlesbrough. This is projected to increase to over 2,500 people by 2025, based on overall UK projections and the ageing population profile.
3. Despite being a diagnosed medical condition, the majority of care and support for people with dementia falls within Adult Social Care budgets within local authorities. As budgets have been cut in recent years, the impact on overall adult social care budgets means that funding previously available for prevention is no longer available.
4. The majority of care for people with dementia is undertaken by family members. The Alzheimer's Society suggests that whilst the NHS and local authorities paid around £8.8bn in 2014 on care for people with dementia, the unpaid care provided by families was worth a further £11.6bn.
5. The aim of this project is to work with a local dementia specialist care provider, Dementia Care, to employ an Admiral Nurse. In simple terms, Admiral Nurses are the dementia equivalent of Macmillan Nurses. Their primary role is to provide support to both the person with dementia and, more importantly, to their families.
6. The aim is to support families to continue with their unpaid carer role for longer, helping people to remain in their own homes, avoiding costly hospital admissions and ensuring that carers themselves remain healthy.
7. Admiral Nurses are managed in partnership with national charity, Dementia UK. This charity has significant evidence of Admiral Nursing contributing to substantial savings across the health and social care economy relating to reducing unplanned hospital admissions, reducing GP call outs, and delaying admission to long term care. In Norfolk an Admiral Nurse Service demonstrated savings of over £440k in less than a one year period.
8. The South Tees Single Point of Access for Health and Adult Social Care went live on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017, bringing together the initial points of contact for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland Social Care, South Tees Community Nursing service and elements of the Single point of Referral from James Cook University Hospital, Community Therapies and Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Trust.
9. The IT and Telephone provision has proved a challenge in the first few days, hardly surprising recognising the number of organisations and systems involved, however, this is in the process of being resolved.

10. Phase 1 of the project is to co-locate the various services, with Phase 2 to follow later in 2017, looking to develop ways of working more closely with colleagues from other organisations and eliminating duplication in the system.

## **Adult Health**

### **Joint night-time economy exercise**

11. On 26<sup>th</sup> January a joint exercise was carried out involving Cleveland Police Licensing Unit, Immigration Enforcement Officers and officers from Middlesbrough Council Licensing and Public Protection Services. The exercise involved visiting seven night time takeaways and other food businesses in the town centre to check they were complying with the law. The exercise was also used as an opportunity to identify problems associated with the operation of late night businesses particularly in relation to public safety and protecting vulnerable people, and how they could be addressed.

Several enforcement issues were identified during the exercise:

- officers seized more than 1500 suspected illicit cigarettes from a retail shop
- several premises were not complying with their licence conditions including insufficient or inadequate CCTV use, which are important to protect public safety
- in one premises a man was found to be working contrary to immigration laws.

The relevant agencies will be progressing their own action in relation to these offences.

The hygiene standards in each premises were checked and no enforcement action was necessary.

### **Micro-Chipping Success**

12. From April 2016 all dogs over eight weeks old and living in England are required by law to be micro-chipped, unless they had been given a medical exemption by a vet. To help dog owners in Middlesbrough to comply with the new law and to reduce the need for enforcement, the Public Protection Service has hosted 19 micro-chipping events throughout the year. Eleven of these have been held in conjunction with Dogs Trust and the PDSA who also offered free dog health check and advice on neutering, diet and parasite control. In total over 700 dogs have been micro-chipped and nearly 400 dogs received free health checks and advice. The events delivered across Middlesbrough to enable easy access for people. Further events are planned:

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Easterside Hub
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at Grove Hill Hub

13. All events are held between 11am and 3pm, with no appointment necessary. To date it has been necessary to serve 30 notices requiring owners to either chip their dog or to provide up to date records which are essential for the scheme.

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