

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL 9 October 2019

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

DECISIONS

1. No formally recorded decisions have been taken since the last Executive Member report.

STRATEGIC

Delayed Transfers of care Peer Challenge

2. Staff from the Council's Adult Social Care directorate took part in a Local Government Association led peer challenge into Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC). South Tees NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust faces a serious challenge around the level of delayed transfers of care within the local health and social care system and invited the LGA to undertake this review. The aim of the peer challenge was to consider the role of the hospital and key partners (including Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, North Yorkshire County Council, TEVV and South Tees CCG) in addressing the existing level of DTC and to make recommendations for improvement. The peer challenge completed on the 20th of September and we now await the formal feedback from the LGA.

INVOLVEMENT AND PROMOTION

Mental Capacity Act 2005 Training

3. Adult Social Care have continued to deliver training to social care staff on the Mental Capacity Act 2005. Although we regularly refresh this important training, we have chosen to undertake some additional work on the topic at this time as it was identified in the findings of a recent Serious Adults Review (SAR), in a neighbouring Local Authority, that the understanding of mental capacity was insufficiently embedded. This led to a number of recommendations by the Tees Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) Learning and Development group that posed two questions on behalf of the TSAB Board:
 - *How is the Board assured that staff are competent in fully assessing mental capacity and receive appropriate training?*
 - *In what way can the Board further test the quality of mental capacity assessments across the agencies?*
4. Middlesbrough's approach to these questions was to work with the CCinform learning platform to develop and implement a supported learning programme across all assessment staff in Adult Social Care.
5. The training has now been delivered to all assessment staff and an audit undertaken to measure the effectiveness of the training. The findings of the case audit provided us with assurance that the training has improved the knowledge of staff members and further iterations of training will now be planned to consider specific areas of the Act.

6. To support high standards of social work practice in relation to the Mental Capacity Act 2005, a more comprehensive capacity assessment document has been devised for Adult Social care's electronic case management system. This document is now in place and will help to ensure that the requirements of the MCA are fully adhered to and is compliant with the new Liberty Protection Safeguards which will come into force in October 2020.

Digital Funding Success

7. The Staying Put Agency have successfully secured £18,000 through the Local Government Association to deliver a new digital outreach programme to get more residents online and using digital tools themselves. Research data on internet users in the UK shows that of the 4.8 million people who have never used the internet, 80% are over the age of 65.
8. The Rekindled programme will be delivered in partnership with Age UK Teesside to support elderly and disabled people to improve their ability to access the internet and reduce the impact/risk of loneliness and isolation. Through 1:1 and group learning the programme will help individuals overcome the 4 main kinds of challenge people face when going online.
 - Improving access and people's ability to actually go online and be connected to the internet
 - Upskilling to be able to use the internet
 - Empowering and motivating - knowing the reasons why using the internet is a good thing
 - Building trust – a fear of crime, or not knowing where to start to go online

Gas Safe Funding

9. We have secured **£15,000** of funding from Gas Safe to assist with any gas related issues. This funding can support servicing, repairs and replacements of all gas appliances with a total amount of **£500** per client.

Greggs Foundation Hardship Fund

10. We have secured an additional 6 months funding through the Greggs Hardship Fund. We have been awarded **£3840** to offer a helping hand to people when they need it most. Helping to purchase individual items that can make a huge difference such as a washing machine or fridge freezer. Grants are limited to **£100** per applicant (**£180** for white goods).

Foundations National Healthy Housing Awards 2019

11. Staff from the Staying Put Agency attended the Foundations national Health Housing Awards in London this week. These national awards exist to recognise that outstanding work is carried out every day to support people across the country to live comfortably in their own homes and to celebrate the individuals who strive for excellence to support independent living. I am delighted to report that Jennifer Parten, who works with the agency, won the highly contested national title of Occupational Therapist of the Year; this award recognises Occupational Therapists who have demonstrated the ability to transform people's lives, to overcome adversity and contributed to the advancement of the adaptations sector. Although the Staying Put Agency did not win the overall title of Home Improvement Agency of the Year (which we won in 2018), our agency made it into the final three from an initial pool of over 100 agencies and was commended by the judges. The agency was also selected as one of the final two entries in the Handyperson service of the Year category and commended by the judges.

PUBLIC HEALTH

DECISIONS

12. There were no executive decisions made since the last executive member update.

PERFORMANCE

13. Quarterly Smoking at Time of Delivery (SATOD) Rates published and show a drop in mothers smoking during pregnancy from 23.2% in Q4 (2018/19) to 15% (2019/20). Smoking is the single most modifiable risk factor in pregnancy causing harm from conception and throughout pregnancy. Nationally, maternal smoking causes up to 5000 miscarriages, 300 stillbirths, 2200 premature births each year. Our Specialist Stop smoking service continues to provide support for pregnant women to quit smoking and remain smoke free.

INVOLVEMENT AND PROMOTION

Every Mind Matters South Tees Launch Event

14. Every Mind matters is a new Public Health England Campaign, which is being launched in October 2019. The campaign summarises its overall national objective to have '1 million people with an increased understanding of how to take care of their own mental health and the mental health of others'. A local launch of the campaign was launched on the 1st of October 2019 with attendance from a wide range of organisations and communities.

Maternal, Infant and Child Health Partnership – mental health subgroup

15. A South Tees network of a range of partners with an interest in the mother, father and child mental health prevention has been relaunched and established a number of key actions, including:

- Midwife and psychological therapy pathway reviews to ensure two way data sharing is initiated between providers and nursing.
- Supporting the mental health and wellbeing actions with the Local Maternal System framework
- Continuing specialist mental health training to health professionals including health visitors/school nurses etc.
- Collection of fathers case studies and links to patient experience to gain parity of mental health with the whole family approach
- Consideration of how best to ensure parents on mental health medication are given correct advice during and after pregnancy to prevent relapse of mental health problems.
- Ensuring that all mothers, with a new focus on fathers, are assessed and offered referral to mental health therapeutic services where required.

Use of Emergency Powers at Middlesbrough Sandwich Business

16. Café Class, is a sandwich manufacturer at Copeland Court, Middlesbrough and they distribute sandwiches and salads to small retail premises throughout the North East and Cumbria. On 11 Sept, officers visited Café Class and found that sandwiches and salads were being made using ingredients which had use-by dates which would have been passed by the time they were eaten. A use-by date is used on high risk foods such as ham and chicken to indicate the safe shelf life of a product. After the use-by date food may

quickly become dangerous to eat and in law food passed its use by date is classified as unfit for consumption.

17. Café Class were providing unfit sandwiches and salads to a 78 retailers putting consumers at imminent risk of ill health. To stop the manufacture and distribution of these foods, officers served a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice, which prohibited the production of the foods with immediate effect. On 18th September Teesside Magistrates issued a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Order to confirm the action taken by officers. Café Class did not make any representation at this hearing.
18. The FSA issued a Food Alert for Action requiring all local authorities to check the shops in their areas which may be selling Café Class sandwiches and salads a use-by date up to 15 September. Within Middlesbrough there were 9 retail premises involved.

Working in Partnership with Teesside University to keep students safe.

19. As part of the delivery of Middlesbrough's Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy, Teesside University is a key partner. In September, a training session was carried out in partnership with Cleveland Police to over 40 students employed in Teesside University Student's Union Bar. The training focussed on the prevention of underage sales and the not selling alcohol to those at risk or under the influence of alcohol. Training was also provided to 90 students from the University's Clubs and Societies on the "Have a Word" Initiative which is a brief intervention to identify and support people at risk from the harm caused by alcohol.

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