

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SOCIAL CARE HEALTH & WELL-BEING CABINET BOARD
10th January 2019

Report of the Head of Adult Services – A. Thomas

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All

WESTERN BAY CARERS PARTNERSHIP – VALUING CARERS ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with an update on the activity and key achievements of the Western Bay Carers Partnership throughout the financial year 2017 /18.

Executive Summary

2. Supporting Carers is a priority in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. This report aims to assure Members that the Council recognises the valuable role of Carers and, as such, is working with partners in order to provide support to Carers both in terms of their own well-being needs and in their caring role.
3. The Western Bay Carers Partnership – Valuing Carers Annual Report, maps out how the region has performed against the statutory duties contained within the Social Services Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. The report also highlights areas of good practice and offers specific examples from each area. For the purpose of this report, we will focus on those instances of good practice delivered within Neath Port Talbot.

Background

4. Western Bay Carers Partnership Board was established in 2012 in response to the Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure 2010 which

required NHS and Local Authorities in Wales to work in partnership to prepare a Strategy for Carers; the Valuing Carers plan is a key element of this strategy. The Western Bay area has a combined carer population of approximately 68,633 (20,365 of which reside in Neath Port Talbot).

5. The Western Bay Carers Partnership Board meets quarterly to oversee the implementation of the Valuing Carers Transition Plan.
6. Across the region Welsh Government made Transitional Funding available to ABMU in 2017/18 of £160,718, of which £13,975.51 was ring-fenced to support Young Carers to assist Carers under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. A further, £40,000 was allocated from Integrated Care Fund to build on the Western Bay wide Valuing Carers Transition Plan, and to develop additional capacity for Carers Services and Centres and local hospitals or Primary Care practices or Community Resource Teams.
7. Section five of the Western Bay Carers Partnership - Valuing Carers Annual report 2017/18 outlines the five key outcomes for carers as being:
 - Carers can access up-to-date information at the right time and from the right place.
 - Carers are identified by staff who recognise their needs, provide them with appropriate information and signpost them to relevant services.
 - Carers are engaged and consulted regarding any decisions made during their journey through health and social care services that affect them or the person they care for.
 - All Carers are offered a Carers Assessment ensuring their needs are identified and addressed.
 - Young Carers are identified and provided with appropriate information, assessment and support.
8. Whilst section eight outlines the key activities that the Carers Partnership have undertaken to deliver the outcomes identified above, section nine provides the reader with a number of case studies outlining the difference that Carers Services across the region have made to their ability to continue to provide care and support to their loved ones.

9. Specific examples of good practice emanating from NPT Carers Service include but are not limited to:
- the work undertaken in Neath Port Talbot with statutory mental health and children's services.
 - the progress being made in raising awareness of Young Carers in schools and colleges.
 - The Carer's service Health Liaison Worker based in the Community Resource Team, and the close working relationship forged with the discharge team at Neath Port Talbot Hospital. NPT plan to co-locate a worker within the hospital team which will mirror the model of service provision they have with other Social Service areas with NPT CBC.
 - Neath Port Talbot Carers Service has support staff based with the Single Point of Contact team (SPOC) to work with Parent Carers and with the Community Mental Health Teams to work with Carers of people who experience mental illness.

Financial Impact

10. The report is for information only and has no financial impact.

Integrated Impact Assessment

11. There are no impacts associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts

12. The report is for information only, therefore there are no implications.

Legal Powers

13. The Council make reference to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the duties implied on the Council as such.

Risk Management

14. There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Consultation

15. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

16. To note the contents of this report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

17. For information only – no decision required.

Appendices

18. Appendix 1 – Western Bay Carers Partnership – Valuing Cares Annual Report 2017/18

List of Background Papers

19. No background papers associated with this report

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