The role of Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue in improving health & wellbeing

In 2014 the Nottingham City & Nottinghamshire Health & Wellbeing Boards both welcomed an offer from Chief Fire Officer John Buckley to utilise capacity with the Fire & Rescue Service to improve health & wellbeing in Nottinghamshire.

Following a joint Summit in April a scoping meeting took place in September 2016 with representatives of the Service, public health, local government & the CCGs for both the County & City to discuss how the ideas generated at the Summit could be taken forward.

At the meeting it was agreed that the STP provides an ideal opportunity to integrate the Service into health & wellbeing across the County & the City. Many of the areas for collaboration identified at the Summit – housing, mental health & drugs & alcohol are key themes within the STP & there is a developing infrastructure which will drive implementation when the final Plan is agreed. The Fire & Rescue Service will be a key partner within the implementation plans.

Wayne Bowcock, Deputy Chief Fire Officer will make sure that the Service is linked in to the prevention, housing, mental health & drugs & alcohol work streams. He will also contact Andy Evans at Connected Notts to see whether there are opportunities within that project.

While the STP is finalised the Service will continue with work that's already started to develop Safe & Well Checks & also working with environmental health officers in the City with a view to local pilots to inform potential roll out across the county.

Wayne will also make links into the Bassetlaw & South Yorkshire STP to support the emerging priorities within their Plan.

It was proposed that the STP offered the most appropriate governance infrastructure to support future collaborations & monitoring & reporting would be within that programme.

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