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REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES IN ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

Purpose of the Report

1. I am pleased to present the key issues and activities as Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health, since my last report to Council.

Key Issues and activities

“Dignity and Dementia” Conference

2. On 02 July, the fifth Dignity Challenge conference was held at the Belfry Hotel in Nottingham Business Park, bringing together over 300 frontline care home, health and social care staff from across the county.
3. The conference, which focused on dementia, raised awareness of the importance of dignity and respect, shared activities and best practice between different organisations and gave practical solutions to support good quality care.
4. Former ITN news anchor John Suchet spoke about the importance of dignity and respect when caring for someone with dementia and the difficult decision that he had to make about his wife needing full-time care – a situation that many Nottinghamshire carers also face.
5. Feedback from the conference has been excellent. Mr David Sheard (Dementia Care Matters) who led one of the five workshops and who has a national reputation for his work on dementia and has done work all over the world, said it was the best conference he had ever been to!

National Association of Care Catering National Community Meals Week

6. Week commencing 11 October 2010 is the National Association of Care Catering National Community Meals Week. An award the meals service has

won in the past. The week provides a chance to highlight the meals service and raise awareness of the availability of the service and meals in Nottinghamshire.

7. A number of events are being staged throughout the week within the theme of 'Heroes', with fancy dress and the public contributing with their own hero stories.
8. The service is looking to involvement as many Councillors as possible as the service covers the whole County and provides meals for individuals and luncheon clubs. Involvement can include either delivering a meal with one of the drivers, visit a luncheon club or visiting one of the two sites: Rainworth or Nottinghamshire.

Putting People First Update

9. The Adult Social Care and Health department continues to make good progress on implementing Putting People First. Some of the key activities last month include:
10. **“Reaching out to all communities” event** - Putting People First held a “reaching out to all communities” event for black and minority ethnic groups.
11. The day was a great success and reflects the work being done to develop and build relationships with communities across Nottinghamshire. The event focused on:
 - information and advice about services
 - how PPF will change the way we provide services
 - opportunities Personal Budgets offer
 - how black and ethnic minority communities can help shape the future.
12. **New qualification for local advocacy providers** - the department is investing in advocacy services to ensure that people who need support to make their voices heard are supported by suitably qualified advocates. The initiative is designed to help raise standards by supporting people to take a full and active role with the roll out of personal budgets.
13. Advocacy providers will now be able to gain the new national advocacy qualification. This qualification, developed by the Department of Health aims to achieve quality and consistency in advocacy training.
14. **Dignity with balance 4 care** - 106 managers, owners and cooks from Care Homes attended an event to promote nutritional care, food safety and dignity.
15. Putting People First recognises the important links between sound nutrition and adequate hydration and the benefits that both have on the health and wellbeing of services users.

16. **Rapid response pilot project** - the department is working with NHS Nottinghamshire County PCT and 'Principia' (Rushcliffe practice based commissioning group) to create a 'rapid response' or 'crisis avoidance' service. As part of this a team of six generic health and social care workers will be able to respond quickly to avoid people being unnecessarily admitted into hospital care, urgent care or residential care.

Visits and Meetings

17. **Councillor Rostance:**

22 July - Countywide Older People's Strategic Partnership meeting
02 July - Dignity Conference
13 and 14 July – Carers Advisory Groups for the North and South
16 July – East Midlands Adult Social Care Lead Members Network

18. **Councillor Wallace:**

25 May - Nottinghamshire County Big Health Day
01 June - How you can spend your personal budget – Workshop
25 June - Nottinghamshire Partnership Forum
20 July - Visits to Mental Health and Learning Disability sites with Jon Wilson, Service Director
28 July - Visit to County Enterprise Foods
24 August - Visit to Brooke Farm

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