

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

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To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

Adult Services Strategy Projects

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report seeks to update members on the progress the Adult Services projects have made in their goal to support the Living Well Objective as outlined within the Statement of Wellbeing.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To discuss and note the progress on projects within the Adult Services Strategy.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will be aware that a number of initiatives are ongoing across adult services with the view to supporting and meeting the Living Well Objective outlined within the Statement of Wellbeing.
- 3.2 Members will be aware that by 2022, we want the work we are doing for this objective to make a positive impact on the wellbeing of the communities within Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council. Therefore, the outcomes and targets will be monitored and reviewed regularly to ensure that we are performing to the best of our abilities.

4.0 WHERE WE WERE

- 4.1 Members will be aware that we have worked collaboratively across Cwm Taf to improve services for people in Merthyr Tydfil. A number of projects listed below

have been running for some time and have been reported elsewhere. This work continues and the updates are provided below.

5.0 WHERE WE ARE NOW

- 5.1 Valley's Life – this is a new initiative and we are currently working very closely with the health board to look at development in this area and improved services for dementia. This will mean further training in 'Dementia Care Matters' approach for key staff. A Valley's Life Board meeting has been set up and we will ensure that key staff in Merthyr Tydfil are in attendance at these meetings.
- 5.2 Stay Well @ Home – Phase one has seen success and is undergoing an end of first year evaluation. It is showing that local authority and health staff are working well together and ensuring we are assessing people in hospital in a timely manner in an attempt to prevent delays.
- 5.3 Supporting People Pricing System – work underway with this project and Supporting People working towards a full implementation by end of the year.
- 5.4 GP Shared Welfare service – Health provided financial support to provide support workers in GP surgeries as part of a pilot scheme. To date this has been a great resource and been able to help signpost.

6.0 WHERE WE WANT TO BE

- 6.1 Valley's Life – to have secured the appropriate capital funding from Welsh Government to proceed with the Valley Life Wellbeing Hub for people with Dementia on the Keir Hardie health park site.
- 6.2 Stay Well @ Home - Phase two will look at how the local authority, health boards, ambulance service, third sector and community groups can work together to prevent people attending hospital if they don't need to. At present a task and finish group has been set up to consider this and look at what is required for the future to ensure people get the service they need within the community.
- 6.3 Supporting People Pricing System – to have introduced an equitable hours based structure for the funding of Supporting People projects.
- 6.4 GP Shared Welfare service – we will continue to evaluate and review to inform future decision making.

7.0 WHAT WE NEED TO DO NEXT

- 7.1 Valley's Life – we will continue to work collaboratively with partners to actively pursue opportunities to draw down the funding to enable our vision of a Dementia Hub to become a reality.
- 7.2 Stay Well @ Home – we will continue to evaluate as the programme progresses.
- 7.3 Supporting People Pricing System – we are currently working to assess the correct level of funding within fixed site supported accommodation using the Supporting People pricing system.

7.4 GP Shared Welfare service - The funding ends in March 2019 but we will work alongside health colleagues to assess and review this project and consider next steps.

8.0 CONTRIBUTION TO WELLBEING OBJECTIVES

8.1 Members will be aware from previous reports that the projects outlined contribute towards the Living Well objective as identified within the statement of wellbeing.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
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