

Health Committee Team meeting Friday 18th May 2018

Present Anne Mitchell, Gillian Smith
Apologies Laura Sexton

Following on from our first meeting we have progressed in some areas.

1. Pharmacy; have met with the managers of both pharmacies to discuss issues around the potential for a 3rd pharmacy in Queensferry. Awaiting date of NHS Lothian panel
2. Attended the meeting held by Edinburgh City Council for parents. The issue of provision for summer care is naturally a very emotive one for everyone involved. More families want to access this support each year and as with everything the financial envelope is smaller. Currently 470 children are supported with a waiting list of 80. The range of support needed for each child is also very varied. Families were reassured that there would be provision but asked to think of appropriate ways for families to access this. Provision of a holiday Activity Programme is not a statutory service. After Fabb Scotland ended their contract the service was brought back in house but CEC cannot continue this and need to find an appropriate provider. Providers have found recruitment of appropriate staff difficult. Although this is not a part of social work service it is for many families a provision of respite. We raised suggestions of staff sources to support trained staff including; Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers, Edinburgh college childcare students or as placement, Edinburgh university summer employment, high school careers advisors looking for placements for potential physio, medical social work or nursing careers. Currently there is nothing specific for children with additional support needs outwith the city centre. There appears to be an appetite to support more children in their community as appropriate but again this becomes a funding issue. As yet we have not ascertained how many children this affects in Queensferry but plan to meet with Health Visitor staff. The attached information sheet may be helpful to families with additional support needs in this area.
3. Lizzie Sosenko the key mental health development worker is progressing well with meeting local people and assessing our needs. There is an open session to be held in the Priory Monday 21st from 11-3 with a massage and bit of cake on

offer as well as a drop in well being group to be called Roots started being held in the Priory church every Thursday 10.30 -12.30 Our original meeting date was cancelled and is rearranged for Monday 28th May.

4. Neil McKinley and Anne met with Karina Williams the mental health link worker attached to the GP practice to discuss each other's roles and potential to work together. Karina's role is funded for an 18-month pilot working out of 4 GP surgeries. This means she is in Queensferry 1 day every 2 weeks. This is a NHS funded project. From meeting a patient to assess until an action plan is in place usually takes about 6 appointments. Karina hopes to utilise "social prescribing" as a means of supporting people We have shared the list of community activities to see where involvement with local organisations can help, particularly some of the young adults, in our area.
5. Speaking to people living in the Shore Road sheltered housing complex the summary of events is as follows; At the beginning of this year Castle Rock Edinvar decided to change the Sheltered housing manager role to a service coordinator role Manager role. This decision was not due to funding cuts/reductions by City of Edinburgh Council (which was confirmed by our city councilors), but a decision by CRE to become a 'bricks and mortar' landlord. This change followed a loss of funding in west and east Lothian. They did this with little consultation with the residents at Shore Road, causing a lot of distress and unease. QDCC became aware of this in February, after the limited consultation with the residents. During investigations it was confirmed that that CRE were making this change to all their housing complexes. The outcome for the residents at Shore Road is that the full-time sheltered housing manager Manger is now a service coordinator working across 2 sites with 3 days spent at Shore Road. Shore Road residents have always had additional packages of care, and community alarms in situ if necessary, complementing the support of the manager. Having spoken to Mrs Gooch, the service coordinator, it appears that for service users little has actually changed in their living circumstances. This is no longer described as sheltered housing but comes into the category of retirement housing. Clients for available housing now come via ED index, which means local people do not have any priority for spaces.

6. Gillian will attend the North West Locality Health session on June 14th
7. Initial contact has been made with the new manager Lynne Harrison at the GP practice but meeting still to be organised
8. Gillian has provided the Draft Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, which was published by the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership. Once we have read this we will decide whether there is anything that QDCC could be contributing to.
9. Looking back through QDCC minute an item that was raised but did not come back to the council was around defibrillator provision in the area. We will try to pursue the outcome of the survey.
10. It was decide to approach the leads on the Dementia friendly initiative to see if we can help them reach their target for this area.

Next team meeting 0900 at the Haven Friday TBC