

Health Committee October 2018

Pharmacy; The panel for this has been rearranged for Friday 23rd Nov

Foodbank / Families and Benefits. This group is now referred to as the Priory community partnership with a full meeting to be held on 29th November.

Over 65s. Have put up posters around the town advertising the services of LOOPS although the first thing they will do for people in this area is refer them to the information provided by QCCC

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The gardening volunteer service is now live – with two older people noting interest within 24-hours of the service being advertised.

The Day Care contract with Health and Social Care expires at the end of March 2020. QCCC are currently engaged in a co-production process with the other registered day services and IJB to look at how day services can be ‘modernised’ across the city. This is an opportunity to look at developing services to meet community needs.

[QCCC submitted an application to the IJB Grant fund to expand the Supper Club and maintain the Volunteer Hub. If successful this provides three years funding.

Sporting Memories Foundation Scotland contacted QCCC as potential venue to set-up a sporting memories group for older people with dementia, depression and loneliness. They currently have an enthusiastic volunteer based in South Queensferry who is keen to establish a group in the area. Having spoken with him and had a look at our website they wondered if QCCC would be a good fit to support this project.

Rosebery Avenue resurfacing has gone relatively smoothly! However, access to The Haven was not as expected on Friday 12 October which caused a bit of upheaval – but they coped.

Neil McKinley has initiated contact with Lisa Millar from North West Carers who is setting up a **young carers group** covering Queensferry, Kirkliston and Dalmeny and will be based in the high school.

Participated in NHS Lothian/EVOC roundtable discussion around Out of Hours Primary Care Transformation, which focused on how, the 3rd sector could work under this umbrella. The current out of hours providers are struggling to fulfill their primary role of providing urgent primary care while GPs are closed. This is due in part because they now cover 15 community hospitals, have to staff any extra wards opened in Lothian and support the 4 health and social care partnerships who all work in different ways. As well as having difficulty filling clinical rotas there is an increase in patients seeking routine advice perhaps because of limitations in their own GP practice. They are looking at what innovations can occur in the community e.g. community pharmacists, mental health workers, and nurse practitioners. Queensferry GP practice seems to be ahead of a lot of areas.