

Health Committee report January 2019

Linda from EDG has been working in the area for several months primarily with adults with additional support needs and their families but from this has developed the 'Community Gather', commencing on 15th January and then running every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5.30 – 7.30pm at The Haven. It will be an opportunity for community members to share some food and conversation. It's free, and people are welcome to bring food contributions (bought or made), though this is entirely optional.

The team based in the priory church, which started as a food bank, has grown to include access to several organisations. The core team are the food bank, families and housing support team and mental health support but now link with others such as SACRO who are involved with rehabilitation particularly for victims of crime, Your Home where people threatened with homelessness can self refer, Kids love clothes where children are given nearly new clothes that have been washed ironed and repacked after referral from the church Health Visitor or social worker, through St Vincent de Paul there is access to fresh food unavailable from the food bank. There is also representation from local churches focusing on the needs of families in the area. Once a month an affordable warmth advisor joins them. As a group based in the priory they are currently raising funds to build an annex, which would be seen as a community resource to facilitate the ongoing development of the "one stop shop". With Laura's input we have pointed them towards information about developing a social enterprise, put them in touch with Loops who may support this kind of initiative and suggested they contact Carol at QCCC who has previously offered to help a group like this.

QCCC is thrilled with the outcome of the bid for the land at Ferrymuir and we look forward to working with them as this develops and impacts on the care and opportunities offered to the wider community.

Western General hospital held a place brief looking at how the current site should develop. It was primarily aimed at people living directly next to the existing site. Maps showing how people get there using bus services only went as far as Blackhall therefore it looked very well provided for with no need for car parking! It was pointed out that we are also in this catchment area and that there is no direct bus. Made the suggestion of a park and ride around Crammond with a free shuttle to the hospital but would not hold ones breath!

The outcome of the NHS Lothian Pharmacy review was to reject the application for a 3rd pharmacy based in Scotstoun. This seems to have been primarily due to the close proximity of the planned site to one of the existing pharmacies. Apart from the extended hours it could not be shown that a 3rd pharmacy would provide any services that cannot be offered currently. Will Sampson has submitted an appeal. He has asked if we as a group wish to also appeal the decision.

Anne is serving as a member of the group developed by the NSPCC /CEC to develop a campaign raising local awareness around the issue of childhood neglect.

Lizzie from MIND has successfully run a womens group, has a mens group in progress and is about to initiate a happy café once a month in the little bakery and is running a wellbeing course aimed at parents who may need some support. And is looking for someone to help facilitate a peer support group.