

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

### **(b) WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The following written questions have been received for the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting to be held on the 29 January 2019.

#### **(I) Submitted by Ms Hudson**

Can the Committee explain the lack of preparatory work for implementation of the SWEP and why facilities have not yet been made available for those living on our streets?

#### **(II) Submitted by Mr Hadman**

“Earlier this year, Brighton and Hove City Council said its night shelter for people forced to sleep rough would open from 2 November until the 20 March. We are now informed the opening date will be 30 November 2018 and that there will be nights when the premises at the Brighton Centre will not be available. Could the Chairperson explain why there is such inadequate organisation and planning?

#### **(III) Submitted by Neil Jones**

Following the decision by the Health and Well-being Board on 11th September 2018 to investigate the expansion of the Housing First project from 10 to 20 units, can the Housing and New Homes Committee confirm what steps they have taken to ensure the provision of 20 additional units for housing first and when the properties will be made available?

#### **(IV) Submitted by John Knapp**

Please can the Board tell if they support the development of Community Care Centre above Wish Park surgery at 191 Portland Rd Hove, which would be a mental A&E, open 24/7/365 as a crisis centre to relieve pressure on primary care, and provide complementary therapy free at the point of use under the social prescribing agenda advocated under the 10 year plan announced last week.

#### **(V) Submitted by Jacqui Madders**

When are those in the positions of perceived power, in that they have tax payer and government funds, going to act upon the collective moral conscience in order to provide effective solutions for people suffering psychologically and emotionally in order to prevent suicides, self-harm and other reactive issues. The current contracts and those in charge as CEOs etc. are failing. So the solution is by giving vouchers so people may choose their treatment. Most effective therapists are around £60 per hour with long term economic benefits outweighing the short termism currently in place. What is the Board intending to do about this?



## (c) DEPUTATIONS

### **Matthew Moors Coordinator of the Dementia Action Alliance Brighton and Hove**

*Please note there will be some pictures being shown to the Board during this presentation*

#### **1. Introduction**

The **Dementia Action Alliance Brighton and Hove** is funded by the CCG and managed by **Age UK Brighton and Hove**. We work in partnership with other organisations to make Brighton and Hove a more dementia friendly city. There are currently around **2800 people** in Brighton and Hove diagnosed with dementia, and one in five people in the city will have a form of dementia during their lifetime. This is a likely underestimate as a significant number of people with dementia are undiagnosed. Early diagnosis can help people access support, information and potential treatments that can help them to live well with their condition.

#### **2. Newly commissioned Projects**

The DAA has commissioned **SIXTEEN** new services for people living with dementia and their carers. These projects have offered a wide range of activities from table tennis to drama therapy to gardening.

For example – “**Mazel Tov**” delivered by **Strike A Light** company - creative and reminiscence activities for Jewish residents at Hyman Fine House. Reminiscence sessions to care home staff and volunteers exploring Brighton’s Jewish history in a dementia aware environment.

**The Rainbow Café** delivered by LGBT Switchboard offers to help support people from the LGBTQ community who may have a diagnosis of dementia and who may feel that mainstream care settings and services do not meet their needs.

#### **3. Adapting Environments to be more dementia friendly**

**NINE** adapting environment projects, have been funded to help people living with dementia navigate places more easily.

For example we have helped improve access to **The Bevy Community** pub for people with dementia or other mobility issues and have set up the Memory Moments Café there that is run by the organisation Know Dementia which we part fund.

#### **4. Other projects**

**Pimp My Zimmer** – an intergenerational project where children from Stanford Junior school help decorate Zimmer frames from Brunswick ward at Mill View to help reduce slips trips and falls and reduce the spreading of infections.

**Walk Tall Football** – Helping people with dementia stay fit and active whilst improving their balance in a friendly social environment in partnership with Albion in the Community at the King Alfred

**Chess** – Helping people at risk of dementia to prevent cognitive decline. This was recently mentioned by Matthew Hancock the Health Secretary at the International Conference on Dementia as a great example of preventative measures

**The D-Mob DEEP dementia peer support group** is made up of people living with dementia and their partners. They want to make sure that nothing in Brighton and Hove happens about dementia without them having their say.

## **5. THE ASK - Helping to make Brighton and Hove a dementia friendly Community**

Tonight I am asking that BHCC to join the DAA and put their support behind the growing local movement to help improve the lives of those living with dementia in the city. In particular I would like to gain support for the following:

- A programme of activity (**Dementia Friends dementia awareness sessions**) to front line staff in health and adult social care. We have set up dates for these and our Dementia Friends Champions are delivering them and more are planned
- A policy review - To look at the councils own HR policies in regard to support for employees caring for people living with dementia or may have a dementia diagnosis themselves as part of their Equality Impact Assessment. **Dementia can effect anyone, it does not discriminate**, be they an employee or a carer who is working. And through that good example sharing that with their stakeholders.

To use your **stakeholder network to spread the positive work of the DAA** we would welcome the local authority and CCG use its influence with its wider stakeholders, to extend to membership of the DAA