

Michael Harrison – July County Council Statement**Harrogate & Rural Alliance**

Preparations continue in advance of the launch of the Alliance in September. This ground-breaking scheme is bringing together teams from NYCC and Harrogate District Foundation Trust to work closely with Primary Care colleagues under a single management structure. An Alliance Director has been appointed and work is continuing to develop approaches to Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings ready for launch. Wider stakeholder briefings are planned to share the development of the alliance and understand opportunities to bring wider partners into it in due course.

Ministerial Visit

We were pleased to welcome Caroline Dinenage MP, Minister of State for Care, to North Yorkshire and York recently to mark national Care Homes Open Day. As part of her visit, the Minister spent time at the County Council's home at 5 Whitby Road in Pickering. She met residents and team members for afternoon tea and also spent time hearing about our quality improvement work, Living Well and Stronger Communities, as well as talking to partners from the local GP Practice and the Independent Care Group.

Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC)

NYCC have continued to improve performance in relation to the Delayed Transfers of Care attributed to Adult Social Care. In April Adult Social Care had a delay rate of 1.8 against a target of no more than 2.9 days, and also supported the wider health system to achieve an on-target result of 9.5 days.

We have developed a pilot role of Transfer of Care Coordinator to begin in August working in the local hospitals, with the aim of preventing unnecessary hospital admissions, sharing knowledge and skills with colleagues within the health systems, and to support the reduction in long length of stays and delayed transfers of care.

Safeguarding Week

Safeguarding week took place in June with the Council involved in a number of events taking place across the County.

A conference was held in Harrogate for over 300 health and social care professionals from across City of York and North Yorkshire. Keynote speakers focused on modern slavery, human trafficking and domestic homicide. A variety of workshops also took place on learnings from domestic homicide reviews; modern slavery and human trafficking; county lines; suicide prevention; harmful sexual behaviours and adult self-neglect.

This is an area of significant national and local interest and the Council is performing a key role.

Dementia

Dementia Awareness Week was held at the end of May with the roll out of awareness sessions by Dementia Forward, focussing on areas where they had previously not delivered services within the County. They are working closely with local Dementia Friendly groups across the county to ensure clarity of roles, responsibilities and communication lines between localities and the countywide implementation board.

We are continuing to implement the Bring Me Sunshine Strategy with the focus being on facilitating and improving diagnosis of dementia. Working with Clinical Commissioning Groups, primary care colleagues and those who use services our new contracted service with Dementia Forward is helping to ensure that the diagnosis process is clear and transparent to people and involves no more professionals or appointments than necessary.

We are also working to ensure that a diagnosis is delivered in a suitable way to recognise the impact on the person and their carer and that follow up support is offered.

Digital 'Dragons Den' (North Yorkshire Digital Challenge)

Following a successful North Yorkshire Digital Challenge session on 24th May three digital ideas that were submitted are being investigated to see whether grant funding can be allocated to develop further. The ideas under review are innovative approaches to monitoring activity in the home to ensure a person's health and wellbeing, including a mobile telephony solution for people with dementia. The initiative is being sponsored by, and will report to, the Health and Wellbeing Board later in the year.