



Co-production network meeting notes 15th October 2024

Who attended?

Bernadette (co-chair), Jane (co-chair), Marcia, Sally, Sue, Gaye, Zhora, Marjorie, Karen, Leidon, Barbara, Vicky, Vanessa, Kevin, Bestina, Mike

Apologies

Vickie, Shahanaz, Dolly, Jordan, David

Agenda

Dementia Awareness

Vanessa Pugh Older People & Carers Commissioner and Dr Leidon Shapo – Slough Public Health Lead gave an overview of dementia awareness project and said the following.

Dementia is the loss of cognitive functioning, affecting daily life and activities.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common type of dementia, followed by vascular dementia.

The aim of the project

- People in Slough can access information and advice about dementia.
- Understand the signs and symptoms of dementia.
- Ensure early identification of people with dementia through the development of dementia pathway.
- People know what they can do to reduce the risk of getting dementia themselves and families.

We are asking coproduction volunteers to help review dementia information leaflet to make sure that we use the right language that people will understand and know where to get help and support.

Action

CPN volunteers to connect with carers of people with dementia to help review the information and provide recommendations.

The creating dementia fact sheets and dementia awareness leaflet.

Outcome

Members of the coproduction network and carers of people with dementia formed a focus group together with project leads, reviewed information and provided recommendations.

Introduction to slough Safeguarding Partnership Board (SPB)

Presented by: Barbara Jacobson, Safeguarding Partnership Adults Lead.

Barbara presented the safeguarding partnership learning strategy and said the following.

The Safeguarding Partnership Board is a collaborative body comprising of various agencies such as police, social services, ambulance, fire service, GPs, and other voluntary agencies.

The primary goal is to ensure people in Slough are safe from abuse or harm, referred to as safeguarding for adults.

We want to make sure that all agencies in Slough involved in safeguarding learn together and know how best to help people to keep themselves safe from abuse or harm. Therefore, the Safeguarding Partnership Board wants to learn from the coproduction network and other stakeholders by seeking your thoughts and ideas on what agencies should learn about keeping people safe in Slough.

With your input, we will create a comprehensive learning strategy for next year that benefits all agencies involved in safeguarding.

Outcome:

- Coproduction volunteer will participate in a project group and encourage diverse community to help the safeguarding partnership to learn from their experience.

Slough Borough Council Financial Gap

Jane Senior Director of Commissioning presented an update about the council's financial gap and said the following.

SBC wants to continue to be transparent about its current financial standpoint. The current budget gap stands at £11million. Therefore, to ensure we make savings across our service to we have taken several actions.

We have set up workshops across adult services, housing, children services and other departments to focus on identifying where savings can be made to bring down costs.

The outcome of the workshops

- Streamline communication to utilize the use of communication portals.
- Making use of the prevention offer to reduce demand on adult social care by utilising voluntary and community sector offer.
- Promote the use of Technology Enabled Care (TEC) to promote independent living to reduce formal care uptake.
- Promote shared lives offer.
- Reduce temporary stuffing.
- Continuous improvement across all areas of the council's departments.

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LGA review

Coproduction Network volunteer and other community stakeholders participated in the review of the council against areas of responsive services and customer care section of the equality framework for local government. The draft report has praised volunteers for sharing their perspective of the council services.

Coproduction volunteers experience: It was a good opportunity to showcase the work of coproduction. The reviewers were complementary of the network and appeared interested. The conversation was frank and open.

CQC Inspection

The CQC has notified the council that they will schedule an inspection for the council within the 6 months. CQC inspectors may contact coproduction network members to ask their views about adult social care services.

Next meeting: 12th November at Arbour Park.