

LSP Older People's Sub-group - Key Priorities

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- Background:
 - LSP Older People's Sub-group formed following LSP Development Day in 2015
 - Partners identified a need for further partnership work to address the gaps in services and the needs of older people living in the District



- Who sits on the Sub-group?
 - The sub-group is co-ordinated by Sevenoaks District Council
 - Chaired by Independent Chair, Mark Whyman Age UK
 - Vice Chair, Gillian Shepherd-Coats Age UK
 - Other partners include Imago, West Kent Housing Association, Sevenoaks District Seniors Action Forum, Sevenoaks Churches Together, Kent Fire & Rescue, Kent County Council and West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)



- Partners have agreed the purpose of the sub group:
 - Develop an action plan with associated measurable outcomes relating to services for and issues affecting older people
 - Identify and secure external funding for new initiatives or projects which support priorities identified by the sub group for older people, based on local needs
 - Co-ordinate and monitor targets relating to older people's services as set out in the Community Plan.
 - Act as a forum about issues concerning the quality of life of older people and share information with other lead agencies in a coordinated way
 - Report progress to the LSP on a quarterly basis and escalate issues as appropriate



- Developing a single agency referral system:
 - Task and finish group will be formed to look at this work and will include:
 - Sevenoaks District Council
 - West Kent Housing
 - CAB North & West Kent
 - Kent Fire and Rescue Service



- Key tasks for the task and finish group will include:
 - Developing terms of reference
 - Reviewing existing Advice Together integrated referral system and partnership working across North and West Kent area.
 Administered by CAB North & West Kent.
 - Looking at the role of West Kent's Care Navigator scheme
 - Reviewing lessons learned from Thanet pilot Multi-Agency Referral scheme
 - Addressing perceived gaps in services (e.g. form filling, benefit maximisation & access to life line pendants)
 - Looking at funding including S106 partner contributions



- Future priorities for the group include:
 - Digital inclusion
 - Voluntary sector transport
 - Support for volunteers
 - Older people's housing needs