

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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**STATEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, PREVENTION & SUPPORTED HOUSING
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Healthy Child Programme

I was invited to attend a “Celebration of Innovation Event”, led by Harrogate NHS Foundation Trust, where local clinicians delivering our 0-19 healthy child programme show-cased lots of excellent examples of their good practice. This ranged from innovative ways young people have been involved in shaping and even recruiting staff in the school nursing team, to new creative ways health visitors are supporting parents to prevent child injuries.

It was a pleasure to attend the event and hear first-hand about this good practice and the strong partnership working between the Trust and NYCC.

Tier 2 Weight Management

Between September 2014 and November 2015 we launched a free 12-week structured lifestyle weight management service for adults in each of the 7 districts. To date these pilots have seen nearly 3,000 people completing the programme with over 1,000 people losing 5% of their body weight and maintaining that weight loss 6 months after completing the programme. For these people the intervention has been life changing and will decrease the risk of diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers for these people.

Following a tender process we have awarded a contract for the continuation of the service in Selby. Unfortunately we were unable to award contracts in the other parts of the county but progress is being made with remaining districts to complete another procurement that will result in new services being in place from January 2018. In order to provide continuity in the meantime, an extension has been granted to allow the pilot services to operate until the new services are in place.

Food for Life Project

Last month I attended a summer event celebrating Food for Life’s success at RHS Harlow Carr gardens along with school pupils from across North Yorkshire – this event celebrated the end of a very positive first year of the Food for Life project.

The North Yorkshire schools Food for Life project is funded by NYCC through its public health grant and its aim is to encourage schools to use food as a way to improve the whole school experience making lunchtimes a more positive feature of the day. Providing healthy meals and good food education to pupils, as well as enriching classroom learning and pupil understanding of where their food comes from with farm visits and practical cooking and growing, are key elements of the programme.

At the Harlow Carr event the pupils took part in five 'food and farming' themed workshops, getting up close to farm animals from the Rigmaor Reindeer Mobile Farm and helping to cook delicious recipes from 'Love Food Hate Waste' Chef Nigel Brown.

I presented certificates to a number of schools from across the county who gained their Bronze Food for Life Award through the project.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation

The Health and Well-being Board has a statutory duty to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) every 3 years. A PNA describes what pharmacy services are currently available in North Yorkshire and what services might be needed in the future. The document is used to inform decisions on whether changes need to be made to opening times of pharmacies or if new pharmacies or services are required.

We are currently in an eight week engagement exercise launched at the end of May to gather feedback on the provision and availability of pharmacies and pharmacy services, and also to identify any potential future plans that could impact on the need for pharmacies. This will allow us to have a new PNA in place for April 2018.

Living Well

The Living Well team in partnership with the Stronger Communities team facilitated a session with Professor Jane South on the 26th June. Professor South leads national work on Community Engagement for Public Health England. The visit was a chance for North Yorkshire to showcase its approach to community engagement and highlight some of the successes and lessons learnt to date.

NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)

Following the general election, we are awaiting the next steps in relation to the three STPs covering North Yorkshire. We have particular concerns about the potential impact of STPs on the future configuration of services at Darlington Memorial Hospital and Friarage Hospital and Scrutiny, Executive and local Members and officers continue to pursue the interests of North Yorkshire's communities in relation to these issues.

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