Cabinet Member Report

Cabinet Member: SIMON HANCOCK  
Portfolio: ADULT SERVICES, HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND EQUALITIES  
Electoral Division: NEYLAND EAST  
Political Group: INDEPENDENT PLUS

Cabinet Portfolio Activity

The portfolio includes all adult care services ranging from assessment and care management, provision of residential and respite care, day services, domiciliary care and commissioning of services for all vulnerable adults over the age of 18. I have the lead responsibility for promoting equalities and ensuring that the council meets its responsibilities and statutory duties in this very important area of work. The portfolio covers all aspects of Learning Disability and Mental Health services. My portfolio also includes ensuring that we mainstream the Equality Act and Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) into all aspects of the council's function.

Role and Responsibilities

I sat on the following Committees:
Older Persons, Health and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Committee

I sat on the following internal groups:
Older Persons Strategy Group  
Domiciliary Care Providers Forum  
Pembrokeshire Access Forum  
Older Persons Adult Mental Health Group  
Corporate Strategic Equalities Group  
Age friendly Communities Management Board  
Luncheon Club Panel

I represented the County Council on the following external organisations:
Pembrokeshire Care and Repair Agency  
Pembrokeshire MIND
Age Cymru Pembrokeshire  
MENCAP  
Voluntary Sector Liaison Group

I sat on the following additional organisations:  
WLGA Social Services Policy Group  
Deputy Minister’s National Partnership Forum  
Intermediate Care Fund Management Board

**Progress Report**

1. What has gone well:  
Managed the social care budget and helped to restrict unsustainable growth; it was not exceeded in 2013-14.  
A new structure for the operational service has been put in place which ensures a robust response to safeguarding and reflects the requirement for professionally qualified management arrangements.  
Our work with communities continues and we now have 13 Good Neighbour Schemes and 25 Luncheon Clubs around Pembrokeshire.  
The COAST project has helped significant numbers of vulnerable people to develop skills and help them into employment.  
Established a new charging regime levering in more income and making services more sustainable.  
Reduced the number of delayed transfers of care for social care reasons.  
Published our Strategic Equality Plan setting out how we will meet our obligations.

2. What still needs to be improved:  
The need to respond to the rise in the numbers of older people and the incidence of dementia and complex needs. We will have to manage these pressures in the context of greater financial challenges in 2014-15.  
Ensure that our advocacy services are able to empower people to help themselves whenever possible.

**Performance**

Many of our key performance indicators exceeded target and were in the top quartile for Wales. We are not complacent and will strive to ensure we provide a good service and good outcomes.

- Percentage of adults supported in the community during the year - 91.53 (Wales 86.16)  
- Percentage of adult protection referrals completed where the risk is managed - 100%  
- Percentage of adults with a care plan - 83.60% (Wales 80.9%)
We were the top placed authority for Wales for three indicators: the rate of delayed transfers of care for social care reasons per 1,000 population aged 75 or over; the percentage of clients who are supported in the community during the year, who are in the age group 65+; and the percentage of adult protection referrals completed where the risk has been managed – Rank joint 1 in Wales.

**Learning and Development**
Dementia Awareness Day
Conference, Reducing Social Isolation
Carer’s Event Day
Equality and Human Rights Regional Meeting
Older Persons Commissioner for Wales training

**Other Activities and Issues**
Future challenges will be to ensure that our new Commissioning Plans deliver value for money and good outcomes
The Dementia Friendly Communities initiatives for St David’s and Neyland
Amalgamation of Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion Care & Repair Schemes
Demonstrate value for money in our ICF spend

**Signature of Councillor:** S L Hancock  
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