



In this edition of my Chair's Report, I talk about the success of White Ribbon Day, Carer's Rights Day, the launch of Breezie a new digital pilot, London's devolution deal, the future of Kind George' A&E, the Extra Care Retender and International Day of Disabled People.

*Best wishes,
Cllr Maureen Worby, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board*

White Ribbon Day

This year Barking and Dagenham Council continue to work closely with local partners to tackle domestic violence and abuse by supporting the White Ribbon Campaign.

Staff worked hard to pull together a remarkable programme to raise awareness and offer support to those who need it. Over the course of two weeks we held a variety of different events, workshops, training, fund raising and online campaigns. We showed our ongoing support by wearing white ribbons and raising the white ribbon flag outside the Town Hall. The events were well attended including groups of young people who were willing to engage with the conversation and who took details of services (via safe methods) back for friends and family. Over 80 people attended training from a range of agencies. The Leader ran a sponsored silence on the morning of the 24th November and then did the 'walk in her shoes.' Over £500 was raised across the campaigns, all proceeds will go to local specialist Domestic Abuse Services

The '**blooming strong**' campaign took place at the Heathway on Friday 24 November to celebrate the strength and resilience as women as survivors of domestic violence. Councillor's, senior officers, community and voluntary sectors presented survivors with a flower and a small card explaining why they as individuals were being celebrated and how '**blooming strong**' they are. We had an excellent response with an estimated 500-600 contacts with members of the public. We also had several disclosures and much support from survivors who identified themselves. One quote in particular: "This is the sort of thing that is needed – to tell people it is happening and let them know how to get help."



Carers' Rights Day

I was delighted to attend and welcome residents to the London Borough Barking and Dagenham Carer's Rights Day at Eastbury Manor House on Friday 24 November. The event was positive and well attended by around 45 carers. Providers and partners offered information and advice on a range of different services available to support carers and their loved ones in the borough.

With the support of NELFT, PowHer, Carers of Barking and Dagenham and other partner organisations we were able to run a successful day with presentations and stalls for carers to find the out relevant information for them. Carers commented on how useful the event had been and how inclusive it had felt with different groups of carers represented. The End of Life Care presentation was referenced to several times in the evaluation forms as being particularly useful, along with the presentations covering benefits, the carers personal journey and carers rights.

All presentations on the day and information provided at the stalls had been designed to reflect the needs of carers and the event had been developed in consultation with carer representatives and supported by the Carers Strategy Group.

"Congratulations on the success of the Carers Rights Day event. It was really good, and everything was covered, didn't matter what kind of carer you were, dementia, LD, physical disability."



New Pilot "Breezie"

I am pleased to announce "Breezie" a new pilot that launched in Barking and Dagenham which aims to tackle and reduce social isolation and seclusion for older people in the Borough. The digital pilot was launched in November just in time for Christmas and New Year which can be particularly difficult time of year for older people who experience loneliness and isolation.

With the help of Care City, we aim to tackle social isolation through the use of a personalised digital package. Breezie is supplied on a Samsung tablet and works by simplifying everyday apps such as Skype, News, Shopping etc to make it easy for users to get online and stay connected with friends and family and keep up to date with personal interests and hobbies.

Breezie will initially be piloted with up to 75 older people across the borough and I will keep you up to date with the success of the pilot. If you know an older person who may benefit from this, please contact Lewis.Sheldrake@lbbd.gov.uk

London's Devolution Deal

On 16 November, the Mayor of London and the Secretary of State for Health as well as health and care leaders across the capital, signed the devolution deal to improve health and care in London. This is a key step forward for greater health and care integration in Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge and will support our planned pooling of budgets to enable joint planning and delivery of services, starting from April 2018 with selected services.

The local authority and NHS providers of services, including hospital, community and GP services, will work together in an alliance to provide health and care services in the most appropriate way for their population. Commissioners will pass the budget to the provider alliance, who will then decide the best way of using it to meet the high-level strategic outcomes.

Working together, commissioners and the provider alliance have agreed to pilot this approach, ideally in several service areas, from April 2018. Commissioners are developing joint commissioning plans for three services - intermediate care; diabetes; and children's special educational needs and disabilities - to share with the provider alliance for them to consider how they can provide better, more joined-up services. Our ambition is to learn from the pilot areas and introduce the new approach, with fully pooled budgets, across all NHS-led health and local authority care services from April 2019. I will continue to update you with the progress of this in future newsletters.

We also welcome news that devolution will allow money from the sale of London's NHS owned assets to be reinvested in the capital's health and care system, and look forward to working with partners across London to ensure these new opportunities benefit local people.

The future of King George's A&E

The East London Health & Care Partnership issued their latest statement regarding the plans for the future of urgent and emergency care services at King George Hospital. The statement talks about the need to review the plans in light of the challenges we now face since the original decision was made in 2011 to replace the A&E with an urgent care centre from the hospital, such as an increasing and ageing population, and ever-increasing demands on NHS services.

I'm pleased to hear that plans for the future of the hospital are finally moving in the right direction and work can begin on looking at the best way of delivering urgent and emergency care to local people. We will make sure that the Board are kept up to date with future plans.



Extra Care Retender

We have successfully awarded our Extra Care service contract to Care Support who will be taking over from our current provider Triangle Community Services in February 2018.

It is important that we offer residents of Barking and Dagenham the best level of care which is reflective of their needs. We as a Borough felt it was important to involve service users in the development of the specification and as part of the tender evaluation process. All providers involved highlighted that the quick fire "speed dating" was a refreshing approach to service user involvement.

We look forward to working with Care Support in the New Year. For more information on this retender please contact Arabjan.iqbal@lbbd.gov.uk.



International Day of Disabled People

This year we supported International Day of Disabled People with a day of celebrations on Thursday 24 November 2017 at Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club. The event had a variety of information stalls, sports taster sessions and guest speakers including motivational speaker Mike Brace who overcame being blinded by a firework at the age of 10 and worked hard to become a Paralympian. Attendees also enjoyed joining in with the raffle, music and dancing, once again the IDDP event was a great success!

Future dates of the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Board will meet on the following dates:

- 12 April 2018
- 12 June 2018