

Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board (AHWB) - Ashford Borough Council Quarterly Update

Update from	Ashford Borough Council (ABC)
Quarter concerned	April to June 2014
What's going on in our world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green travel champions launched 18th March. All target schools have agreed to participate in active travel to school. Selected on the basis of obesity data. Commence participation between Easter and Summer term, continuing in new academic year. Next Green travel champions event 20th October. • Community Safety Partnership has agreed its priorities for 2014/15; anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, acquisitive crime, substance misuse, violent crime, road safety and rural crime. Workshops held to develop the action plans for partners. • The latest position on major planning applications and developments is provided at http://www.ashford.gov.uk/development-update. • Ashford Strategic Delivery Board established. Key strategic projects; Ashford Commercial Quarter, Elwick Place, Designer Outlet Expansion, International College Campus, M20 junction 10A, Jasmin Vardimon International Dance Academy, Chilmington Green & Ashford International Station Spur. • Housing (given in some detail as this quarters focus for the Ashford HWB): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Progress on Farrow Court; assessing plans for redevelopment of subsequent scheme. ○ Plans to develop own homeless hostel in Ashford ○ Planning approval for move-on facility for 16 -25 year olds in the Limes (8 units) ○ Hopefully handing over land for PFI extra care scheme in St. Michael's in May (scheme due for completion early 2016). ○ Extra care scheme progressing at the Warren in Ashford: due to complete March 2015. ○ Slower progress on extra care scheme in Aldington ○ Working on securing maximum amount of affordable housing on major sites e.g. Chessman's / Chilmington. ○ Assessing planned maintenance programme for 15/16. Additional focus on energy efficiency and hard to heat (bigger impact in rural areas). Link to fuel poverty. ○ Sheltered scheme managers given specific health related target for 2014 to promote events in scheme with health theme e.g. exercise, healthy eating, falls prevention work. ○ Progress on delivering further 39 new build dwellings by March 2015. Will ensure some are tailored around families with complex needs i.e. adapted properties
Success stories since last AHWB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural crime, community engagement day in Victoria Park on 10th April due to increased levels of Anti-Social Behaviour & substance misuse. • Domestic abuse awareness day on 2nd April.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC became a member of the Dementia Action Alliance • Housing success stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Much of the above but specifically ○ Continued progress on Farrow Court ○ Approval of Limes move-on facility and homeless hostel ○ Affordable homes grant bid to deliver more council new build
<p>What we are focusing on for the next quarter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety in Action fortnight in June (safety messages to all primary school pupils about to enter secondary school). • Repton Community Facility and potential links to KCC/CCG community hub • Improving Mental Well-Being Project for Young People in Ashford. This project has been well received and is progressing as planned. First front line youth professional training session took place in late March (adolescent brain development), which was well attended (20+). The remaining sessions will take place over the coming few months. • A project brief has been agreed with Sk8side for the Saturday night opening at HOUSE, with a funding agreement to follow. It is hoped that the sessions will start up over the summer with a range of educational and diversionary activities which support young people in improving and managing their mental well-being. • Housing focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Further progress on Farrow Court especially around service models and joint working with social care and voluntary sector. Will have key focus on independent living and supporting clients with dementia. ○ Successful bid to HCA for more grant to do more new build ○ Use of council resources to acquire more street properties and 'buy-backs' (of former council owned home lost under Right To Buy) to increase stock numbers. Will impact on helping homeless families.
<p>Strategic challenges & risks including horizon scanning?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational change amongst partners • Lack of clarity or disagreement over what are the key health & wellbeing priorities/projects • Housing Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensuring BCF supports work of making better use of funding to commission works such as Disabled Facilities Grants. ○ Ensuring all partners genuinely commit to joint delivery e.g. Farrow Court (schemes not fulfilling potential if we don't 'join up') ○ More discussion on need for better use of budgets to support work such as falls prevention with (pooled budgets?) to enable providers to do more in terms of avoiding emergency interventions.
<p>Anything specific to the AHWB priorities NOT mentioned above</p>	

Any thing else the Board needs to know	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing an Ashford Mind the Gap Plan. Aim being to draw together the various health & wellbeing projects linked to reducing inequalities in health.• Establishment of the Local Officer Group to support the Ashford HWB
Signed & dated	Sheila Davison 11 April 2014