

Out and about with SAVS



Every day I am attending meetings to represent the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Southend. In order to keep our members up to date with what is going on I am producing a monthly report which gives information about which meetings I have attended, their purpose and key points of note to the VCS. Some of the information will be relevant to you and I hope it will all be of interest. If you want further information about any of the meetings or have something to contribute please contact me on 01702 356001 or asemmence@savs-southend.co.uk. I would love to hear from you.

Unless stated otherwise all the meetings are attended by me. However some meetings are attended by other members of staff. If you are attending any strategic meetings to represent the VCS it would be great if you could share this with us so we can include in this report.

Meetings attended April

Southend Health and Wellbeing Board

Purpose

The Health and Wellbeing Board was set up as a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012; it is made up off local statutory organisations and health related partners who are working in partnership to improve health and wellbeing for Southend's residents. The ambition is that everyone living in Southend-on-Sea has the best possible opportunity to live long, fulfilling, healthy lives.

Southend's Health and Wellbeing Board is made up of representatives from:

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

- NHS Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Southend Healthwatch
- Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT)
- Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS)
- Pre-School Learning Alliance

The meetings are held in public and anyone is welcome to sit in the audience - questions can be asked in writing in advance of the meeting.

Points to note

Issues discussed: Better Care Fund submission 16/17; Childhood Obesity report and proposed action to tackle this; formal sign off of the Children and Young People's plan; a briefing on the Better Start Programme and Essex Success Regime briefing. The minutes and papers for the meeting can be found:

<http://democracy.southend.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI=144&MI=285&Ver=4>

Next steps

Date of next meeting to be advised.

Southend Vulnerable Adults Exec

Purpose

The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) is a statutory body created under the Care Act 2014. The main objective is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect adults in its area who:

- have needs for care and support, and;
- are experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and;
- as a result of those care and support needs are unable to protect them from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

The Executive sits under the Board and oversees various subgroups who carry out specific pieces of work, for example, community, learning and development and quality and monitoring.

Points to note

The long and varied agenda looked at many issues; an update on the Complex Needs project which provides assertive outreach to people with a range of complex needs across the borough - the pilot which is proving to be very successful has been extended. The impact is being analysed and results shared in the future; still looking for a lay member; safeguarding quality reports from Essex Police, SEPT and SBC scrutinised.

Next steps

The next Safeguarding Adults Board meeting will be held on 21 June.

Essex Compact Steering Group

Purpose

The Compact is a voluntary agreement which aims to underpin and support better joint working between statutory agencies, such as local councils, and the voluntary and community sector in working together fairly and productively to improve the well-being of people living and working in Essex. It sets out principles and standards for a good, open, fair relationship between statutory and voluntary agencies. In Essex there is Compact working on a national, county and in many cases district compacts basis.

I have joined the Essex Steering Group recently as many of our members receive funding from Essex County Council.

Points to note

The meeting was mainly about planning the agenda and content for the Essex Forum and AGM which will be held on 19 May at Essex Fire & Rescue Service. A checklist for commissioning is being developed to help ensure commissioners keep the principles of the Compact in mind and implement good practice as they commission services.

Next steps

AGM on 19 May.