

Chorley Town West - Neighbourhood Priorities – October Updates

Area	Priority description	Agreed Outcome	October Update
Chorley Town West	Explore with local partners the issues that contribute to low birth weight and develop an initiative which can help address these issues.	To Develop an initiative collaboratively with local partners that provides support to pregnant females, in addition to developing an early intervention approach to help address these issues.	<p>In progress</p> <p>Lead Officer has scoped out what is happening in local community. It has been Identified that there is a good local offer from existing services that address the project aims but more awareness is required to ensure residents take up what is on offer</p> <p>To address this and raise awareness across the local community we are co-ordinating and delivering with partners a community event that highlights these underlying issues with a softer approach. This is scheduled for the start of December. A range of services that offer wellbeing advice and support have confirmed to attend in addition to local community groups.</p> <p>Moving forward sessions will be delivered at Buttermere Community Centre which will give females an opportunity to drop in to a more relaxed community setting and be able to get advice on their health and wellbeing. Different services will be on hand in different sessions to talk with residents.</p> <p>Following on from the July meeting we have moved the planters from Eaves Green precinct to be relocated at Buttermere Community Centre. Lead officer will be working with residents to create a community garden feature at the centre.</p>

			<p>Originally proposed to deliver a project in Southlands to target young females from an early intervention approach. Through discussion with school there is already a vast programme of services being delivered which address some of the contributing factors. Schools provide information around sexual health and practicing safe sex through their PSHE lessons which are all age appropriate. The school nurses attend school once a week and have drop in appointments for students with worries or concerns. Services regularly attend school and run sessions for students including the Quit Squad and Young Addaction, who work with small groups around drug and alcohol use. These messages now need to be reinforced, and we are in talks with school to implement these messages on a regular basis around school</p>
	<p>Develop a project that aims to help children reach the achievement expected at Key stage 2.</p> <p>To include connecting with local primary schools and creating a homework club that provides facilities and digital support to parents which will enable them to help their children do their homework online.</p>	<p>A space for children and parents to be supported doing their homework in a community setting.</p>	<p>In Progress</p> <p>Lead Officer has scoped current schools offer and they do have existing Homework Clubs, but it has been identified that children and families who need the support do not attend, therefore more community-based provision is required</p> <p>Working with local partners and residents a family learning programme will be delivered at Buttermere Community Centre. This will be a run weekly and provide a space for parents and children to come together to learn across multiple subjects giving confidence and upskilling parents to help their child with their studies. Alongside this the community café will operate to provide opportunities to attend and advise residents on their health and wellbeing and create a safe space to talk.</p>

	<p>Help raise awareness to support young people's mental health</p> <p>Work with partners to raise awareness of support and self-help available for young people suffering with mental health issues, with the aim to reduce levels of self-harm.</p>	<p>Provide knowledge and awareness to parents/families</p> <p>Identify individuals in need of support</p> <p>Provide sign posting information</p> <p>Share good practise across partners to best support Young people</p>	<p>In Progress</p> <p>Lead officer has investigated what is currently happening which supports the priority aims and identified next steps to raise awareness</p> <p>Over the coming months awareness sessions and training will be delivered to young people, parents, and schools.</p> <p>We are in the process of developing resources which can be used across the community to give advice and signposting information so that issues can be identified earlier and those in need access help sooner</p>
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