

Camglen Health & Social Care Forum– Chairperson Report **June 2025**

Please find below a brief summary of the meetings, groups and forums I have been involved in as Chair of Camglen Health & Social Care Forum as well as representing South Lanarkshire Health & Social Care Forum as Vice Chair:-

Food Fluid & Nutrition Sub Group

- The latest meeting took place this week, unfortunately I was not able to attend due to another commitment. Papers will be sent out in the near future and any information will be shared if relevant.

Monklands Engagement Forum

- Last meeting was in April, next meeting to take place around July. All going well and the flash reports are shared via social media, wider partners and grassroots engagement. Discussions took place at our last locality meeting regarding parking and disabled parking available in the new hospital. I will take these questions to the next meeting and if there are any other questions from this group I am happy to take these to the next meeting on behalf of the group.

Screening Project

- Our funded screening project has now come to an end. This was due to funding uncertainty and a natural end to a very successful piece of work. We will continue to promote the importance of screening appointment uptake and share key messages when relevant. It has been agreed by all that this project was more focussed on quality of service rather than quantity of those who took the opportunity to access the service. We know the target groups accessed the service and additional services were offered to women where relevant (coil replacement as an example).

Community Engagement

- We continue to receive referrals from our partners. We know there is an important connection between health and social care services and opportunities delivered by the third sector that patients can access and every person referred receives tailored support for as long as necessary. We have seen an increase in referrals from NHS partners over the past few months and we work with these partners to ensure their patients benefit from any activities delivered in Cambuslang & Rutherglen.
- As always, we support local people who are struggling with their mental health, isolation and/or loneliness and opportunities such as outdoor activities, peer support sessions, art/therapy classes, exercise sessions, gardening volunteering opportunities etc which support their wellbeing and assist with them reconnecting with others and improving their quality of life.
- HnH have a service “Creating Hope” which focusses on suicide prevention. We are working alongside local people, local businesses and partners to increase awareness of suicide, support available and how to promote good mental health. The project to date has been very successful and on Friday 13th June the second event “Creating Hope in our Community” takes place. This is an opportunity for people to come together, discuss mental health and support as well as delivery of a self harm workshop and discussions on good mental health.
- Our Compass Project which supports carers/cared for is also developing very well. We have social activities for both target groups, conversation cafes which provides peer support to those attending as well as wellbeing activities for carers.
- We continue to provide support in 10 SIMD neighbourhoods to ensure their views are being listened to, their voices are heard at strategic level and positive solutions are sought making their communities healthier & happier.

Infection Control Committee

- Next meeting will take place on 17th June and I will be attending. As always, any relevant information shall be shared with members of this group to be shared with wider partners and local people.

Community Partnership

- This group consists of local people representing the neighbourhood planning areas of Cambuslang & Rutherglen and I represent HnH as well as my own ward and another area where I am a trustee of the charity. The purpose of the group is to come together, identify shared issues and common priorities in order for us to work together for the benefit of all. Our Chairperson then reports directly to SL Community Planning Partnership Board who are fully supportive of the forum.

Community Led Service

- Camglen Health Improvement staff are piloting a new service in our area where they are bringing services together in one place on a weekly basis for local people to access. Services such as Health Improvement, Social Work, CAB, HnH to name a few are available in a central location to offer support to those who need it. Numbers are increasing weekly and the service will be evaluated over the next couple of months to decide whether this will continue.

Locality Meetings

- Our locality group continue to meet with our core group of 5 local people attending. There were a number of updates at our last meeting although our main focus for the coming few months will be the consultation, details below.

Consultation

- Working alongside our locality members we are now in the final stages of developing a questionnaire to begin gathering high level information on GP and pharmacy services. This was raised at a recent LDP3 meeting as a concern due to increased population in Cambuslang/Rutherglen. We will keep the members updated when relevant and it is hoped the consultation will go live in the next week or so.

Third Sector Locality Network

- Our quarterly network events continue to be facilitated every quarter with the next one taking place on Friday 27th June in Cathkin Community Wing. A standard agenda slot is given to VasLan for updates and we have presentations from Carers Network and an art/crafts wellbeing group scheduled. Anyone is welcome to join these very informative, interesting events.

**Jan Taylor – Camglen HSCF Chairperson
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