

CHESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

MEETING OF: PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
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REPORT OF: HEAD OF PREVENTION AND PROTECTION
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SUBJECT: THE PREVENTION DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL
PARTNERSHIP REPORT 2020-2021

Purpose of Report

1. To present an overview of the performance of the Prevention department's Partnerships portfolio during the period April 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021.

Recommended:

- [1] That the report be noted.

Background

2. The Prevention department has a breadth of partnership activity that supports fire prevention within the community. They include (but are not limited to), the Safe and Well Programme, Mental Health Partnership with Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) and the Early Help and Prevention Partnership led by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC).

Information

3. The report attached as Appendix 1, contains an overview of the Prevention Department's larger partnerships, end of year performance information for 2020-2021 and their current outlook.
4. The report also contains an overview of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, including headline performance, a summary of the Safety Central partnerships and the Prevention Department's current work streams.
5. A summary of the outcomes of the Prevention Partnerships as detailed in the report are as follows:
 - a) Jointly funded roles completed 287 HSAs in total. They contributed to 152 food parcel and 358 prescriptions deliveries as part of the COVID response.

- b) Significant savings on householder fuel bills were realised via the via Safe and Well affordable warmth collaboration, evaluated by Dr Julian Clarke.
- c) Evaluation of the atrial fibrillation collaboration suggests that between 3 and 18 strokes were averted, between 2 and 13 lives have been saved and realised financial savings of between four and 26 million pounds.
- d) The Service has administered over 87 thousand COVID-19 vaccinations and supported the delivery of COVID test kits to the homes of over 3 thousand NHS patients prior to planned medical procedures.

Financial Implications

- 6. Some partnerships require funding for staff or vehicles. These costs are part funded by the Prevention Department's budget and by the partner where appropriate. A Partnership Agreement or a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) support partnerships with financial implications.

Legal Implications

- 7. The Fire and Rescue National Framework 2018 details a requirement for all fire and rescue services to collaborate with emergency services and other local and national partners to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the service they provide.

Equality and Diversity Implications

- 8. New partnerships led or engaged in by the Service are subject to Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) prior to commencement to ensure accessibility and promote equality and diversity throughout their duration. Existing partnerships are being updated to include EIAs. As the partnerships evolve, the EIAs are reviewed periodically to ensure they are still fit for purpose.

Environmental Implications

- 9. There are no environmental implications to consider.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE