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SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELL-BEING STATEMENT

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategy

The first year of the implementation of the *Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategy* action plan has seen exemplary partnership working to improve our response to victims. This is demonstrated by the number of multi-agency partners involved within the new governance structures, including representation from survivors of abuse.

Over the past year, partners have improved the multi-agency process for managing police referrals, as well as helping to develop the referral and support pathways between RISE-Cardiff and the Early Help services in development for families. The development of proposals for a specialist service for male victims of domestic and sexual abuse has been progressing throughout the year, with interest being shown by local authorities across South Wales and Gwent in participating in the procurement of a wider regional service.

Work for 2019/20 is already underway, including a new needs assessment that is being undertaken to inform the development of a regional commissioning strategy for VAWDASV services and work to develop a pilot for a new stalking assessment tool. The full annual report on the progress of the strategy will be published at the end of June.

The RISE-Cardiff service continues to help both victims and professionals by providing advice and support covering all aspects of VAWDASV. In its first year, the service received 8,098 referrals, half of which were from the Police, with self-referrals averaging 180 per month. Cardiff Women's Aid, the lead partner for the RISE-Cardiff service, has received additional funding to further roll out the IRIS model of training and support to GP services to help identify and support male victims, children affected by abuse, and to identify and signpost perpetrators. This will be in addition to supporting and referring female victims.

Dementia Friendly Cardiff

I am pleased to provide an update on the work undertaken collaboratively as part of the Dementia Friendly Cardiff project, between Cardiff Council, Alzheimer's Society and Public Health Wales.

As part of the Dementia Friendly Cardiff Quarterly Partner Meeting, I was delighted to attend the Integrated Dementia Day Service at Grand Avenue, Ely on 30 May where I joined the Welsh Government Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM, who officially launched the 'Do You

Remember When' story competition. This is a Wales-wide children's story competition and is a collaboration between Welsh Libraries and Alzheimer's Society Cymru. Children aged under 16 can submit a story of 480-words or less based on the theme of 'memories'. The 480-word total is allowed as this represents the number of people diagnosed with dementia on a daily basis in the UK. People living with dementia will be involved in judging the competition, and the winning pupil will receive 480 books for their school, as well as individual prizes.

Another exciting development is the launch of the Dementia Friends Information Session that sits within the Council's internal training portal, 'The Learning Pool'. Council staff can complete the session and pick up their badges and information cards from County Hall, Willcox House, Lamby Way or City Hall, as well as every Hub in the city. We aim to achieve 100% attainment by March 2021. We believe that Cardiff will be the first local authority in the UK to do this. Dementia Friendly Cardiff staff have been asked to showcase this work by Welsh Government and Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, as we lead the way in this area.

Online consultation also took place throughout May for the Dementia Friendly Cardiff website. This is an exciting development providing one point of access to localised dementia-related issues online. The consultation consisted of three separate surveys: one for those living with dementia, one for partners, and one for businesses. The responses will feed into the website development to ensure it is fit for purpose, and helps make Cardiff a city that enables people to live well with dementia.

A key element of the Dementia Friendly Cardiff project is encouraging local businesses to pledge to become more dementia friendly. We have recently revised the pledges, making them simpler and less daunting for businesses to make. These have been sent to local businesses via business forums, FOR Cardiff, St David's Centre, as well as our Community Inclusion Officers who can target those local businesses that are really important to people, such as hairdressers, coffee shops and butchers, to support them living well in their local community.

Fairwater Day Centre

I am pleased to confirm that the refurbishment of Fairwater Day Centre has been completed and we anticipate that the service will resume by early July 2019. This will provide excellent respite for families and demonstrates our commitment to supporting older people services. With the completion of work at Fairwater, the programmes of refurbishment of the three day centres is now complete. The focus of refurbishment has been to provide high quality environments in which to deliver day service for individuals with high care and support needs, and/or dementia. The works at Fairwater have included:

- Refurbishment of the main hall to provide a dining room and lounge area
- Provision of a new TV room, memory corner, accessible wet room and disabled toilets
- Courtyard improvements; and
- External improvements and signage

These works have been funded by Cardiff Council and a Welsh Government grant and will support delivery of different models of care within the building, and will facilitate an enhanced dementia friendly environment.

Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2018

This year's annual report by the Director of Public Health for Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, entitled 'Moving Forwards: Move More, More Often', focusses on some of the barriers to becoming more active that people of all ages can face, and the key actions that can help us introduce being active into our daily lives. It responds to evidence that nearly a third of people across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan are inactive and sedentary, doing less than 30 minutes of activity each week. This is putting our health and well-being at risk and increasing the burden on our health and care services. The report was awarded third prize in the UK Annual Directors of Public Health Awards, behind Manchester and the Highlands of Scotland – and will certainly increase the profile and recognition of the work being undertaken in our region.

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