

PORTOBELLO & CRAIGMILLAR

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Health and Wellbeing sub-group:

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These are the most significant Health & Wellbeing subgroup actions since April 2012.

1. Community Renewal Health Case Management has been piloting a new way of working with the most vulnerable, disadvantaged clients, putting them at the centre of the process and wrapping services around them. The service has been running with a caseload of approximately 25 people, with significant outcomes being achieved with them.
2. Learning from this experience, the Health & Wellbeing sub-group developed a 'Short Guide to Wrap-Around Services', which sets out the basics of good practice in this type of work. It has been presented to other NP sub-groups.
3. South East Recovery Hub is fully operational bringing together statutory and voluntary sector services for people with major substance use problems. The key advantage is that all services will accept a common assessment and referral, which allows people seeking help to be given support almost immediately. Waiting times for treatment are down to about three weeks. The Hub has continued to increase the number of agencies involved, with Circle Scotland and Aberlour Family Outreach now supporting children and families affected by substance use.
4. Portobello: Parents from the High School developed a very successful programme of peer-led 'Alcohol Dialogues'. The High School is also piloting a programme called the 'Bystander approach to violence against women'. The HOTA team has opened a weekly drop-in for young people in Portobello Library.
5. Older People: New programmes for keeping older people connected in the community and reducing isolation have been started by various agencies. The NHS is piloting a comprehensive assessment, care and rehabilitation project for frail, older people in their own homes, including virtual consultations with a Medicine of the Elderly consultant.
6. Welfare Reform: The sub-group has been discussing with increasing concern the impact the current changes to the welfare system are having on the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people. It would like the NP to recognise the seriousness of the issues and consider how best it can help.

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