

Health Improvement

Motherwell Locality Flash Report 2021/2022



Airbles Road Garden

- Airbles Road Garden is a community garden originally set up for the patients of the dementia unit in Airbles Road Hospital.
- The garden is currently being managed by Clydesdale Community Initiatives, and used by Occupational Health patients on Thursdays from 1pm.
- Agreed that part of the Garden can be operated by the community and in partnership with Health & Wellness Hub and Neighbourhood Networks enabled by Consortium funding.

Next Steps:

- Purchase items on funding application.
- Create documentation i.e register etc.
- Liaise with identified schools to increase community use.

Additional Updates

- In partnership the team have supported the recovery and expansion of Vitamin distribution.
- Motherwell Senior delivered a Health Issues In The Community session with young people out of work in partnership with Routes to Work.
- Motherwell HI team have had capacity issues in 21/22. The Motherwell Senior was redeployed to Public Health for a significant portion of the year as part of the COVID 19 response. The Practitioner position was also vacant. Both positions are now filled and working on their core role.

Health Issues
in the Community

Suicide Awareness Walk

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- Suicide awareness walks organised with HI, North Lanarkshire Recovery Network, SAMH & Motherwell Football Community Trust.
- Partners and community members walked through Motherwell with promotional materials and spoke with many people along the way, inside pubs, takeaways, bookmakers as well as local residents, to raise awareness and provide key information.
- Highlights were partnership working, reaching members of the community that don't often engage with mainstream services and encouraging those who engaged to download the Suicide Awareness App.
- Next steps are to use this strengthened partnership to enrich future projects such as Motherwell Football Club project 'On the Ball' and provision of IMPACT training.

"I was happy to be part of such a great cause. The walk hopefully spread the word about suicide prevention and there is help out there. Thank you." – Recovery Community Member

"What a great thing this is you are doing- thank you. It's such an important subject and everyone needs to talk about it more" – Member of the Public



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Local Outcome Improvement Plans

Motherwell Priorities

- Community Engagement
- Community Safety
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Environment
- Digital Inclusion
- Tackling Poverty and Inequalities
- Town and Community Hubs and Town Vision.

Barriers to Progress

- Scottish Government COVID Restrictions
- HI Team Capacity due to redeployment & vacancy
- Engaging with Local Community Online (digital inclusion).
- Organisational changes within partner organisations.
- Partners competing Priorities



Progress to Date

Despite COVID-19 we progressed the following;

- Community Engagement consultations were carried out via Community Listening/ Stakeholder Events and community surveys Sept 20 –Mar 21.
- LOIP plans were approved and endorsed June 21 and published September 21.
- LOIP Sub Group Established October 2021 to progress and monitor actions.
- LOIP is now a standing item on community Board agenda.

Mental Health and Inequalities Sub Group:

- Mapping document of current mental health provision available in Motherwell created and shared.
- Funding provided to local community partners through Community Solutions to address gaps in mental health support. Both YAMS and Fool On have received funding to date.



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