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Health and Wellbeing Champion report to the cabinet meeting on 27th June 2013

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Community Navigators launch

The Community Navigator scheme is a positive outcome from the Ageing Well seminars which were run during 2011/2012. Funding was provided by Cambridgeshire County Council who have commissioned Care Network based at Hardwich to set up the scheme. There is a project manager and five District Managers who are recruiting volunteers Navigators within each District.

Although work has been ongoing since last October The South Cambs District launch was at Meldreth Community Centre on . Each volunteer navigator has been trained to know where to locate services, activities, and support which might be needed by elderly disabled and vulnerable members of their village. This information, in conjunction with their own knowledge of the village, helps to ensure lonely people will be enabled to join activities, or have a regular visitor or whatever will help to reduce their loneliness. Similarly the resident who needs to know about transport availability, where and what benefits they can claim, or is coming home from hospital and needs temporary help with shopping etc. can find the service they need through the navigator.

The Health and Wellbeing Board

There was an emergency meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 21st June. This meeting had been called for a consultation regarding the Cambridgeshire County Council decision to increase the membership of the Board.

The proposal was to increase the County Council membership from 2 to 5 and the District representation from 1 to 5. This would increase the membership of the Board from 11 to 18.

This committee is unique in that it includes members, officers and representative of Healthwatch, NHS England and the CCG. All of whom have equal voting rights. But it is also a committee of the County Council. The proposal inevitably placed several members in some conflict but it was agreed.

Following the emergency meeting all members of the new board had a development day which enabled new members to be introduced to the work of the Board so far.

Sent from my iPad Sue Ellington

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