

Dacorum Locality Commissioning Committee Update

April 2015

Dacorum locality practices have been working hard to improve the health and well-being of its population of just over 160,000, particularly focussing on priorities identified early this year.

The priorities were informed by looking at the Tartan Rug profile (public health data) for Dacorum and focussing on addressing areas that were red and amber. The priorities were also aligned to show how they related to achieving the objectives of the CCG. This is illustrated below:

HVCCG Objectives	To deliver clinically sustainable & affordable services that meet the changing needs of the population, address inequalities and deliver our guiding principles as outlined in the Strategy: 'Deliver a Healthy Herts Valleys'.	To improve the quality of services and deliver better patient outcomes and experience		To work with our partners to transform health and social care through the effective use of joint funding	To improve engagement with member practices, patients, the public and carers, and to ensure this is embedded within the CCG governance structure
Dacorum Locality Objectives	Concentrating on managing the contract with Stoke Mandeville hospital	Increasing the number of smokers who quit	Increasing sexual advice to women under the age of 25 being prescribed oral contraception	The development of an integrated health & social needs commissioning plan.	Working in partnership with Dacorum Borough Council to deliver joint priorities which include - community safety, sports Activation fund

Activities that supported this delivery included:

- A significant piece of work to develop a locality commissioning plan, 'Delivering a Healthy Dacorum locality'. There was extensive engagement and involvement during the year, all stakeholders worked together to identify the priorities for health for the next 5 years. This enabled us to gain a detailed understanding of the specific needs of the people of Dacorum and helped to identify what needs to change and areas where we want to improve health and care services for our locality. Four main themes were identified: Older people and long term conditions, Mental health and learning disabilities, Teenage health & Out of hospital care. Four groups have been established to begin work on how to implement this plan, ensuring alignment with CCG objectives and the West Herts strategic review.

DCC GP Board members and the locality support team have worked with Dacorum Borough Council on several initiatives:

- A group of us attended the 'Love your Neighbourhood' event in Highfield in February, targeting a deprived ward within Dacorum, helping to promote healthy & active lifestyles by distributing health information.

The locality won a bid from Herts County Council to work with teenagers and encourage this group of people to engage more with health and social care, to raise awareness of services available and to better understand the needs of this group. An evaluation report is currently being drafted.

A conversation café event was organised, aimed at children and young people. We invited a range of health and social care service providers to attend with teenagers and young people, including the Dacorum youth ambassador. This event was to better understand the needs of this group and to encourage more participation in developing ways to meet their needs in the future for both health and social care.

In September 2014 a group of GPs and some of the team attended Tour of Britain. Information and charts were provided to show the outcomes from the 54 health checks completed.

All practices have been providing sexual health advice to women under 25 years of age to help reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases. The target is to reach 70% of this cohort, in January 67% had been achieved and it is expected that the target will be met by the year end.