

Overview and Scrutiny Review Scoping document

<p>Name of Review:</p> <p>A review of loneliness and isolation in the over 65 age group and how to reduce it to improve the health and wellbeing of older people in Maidstone Borough</p>
<p>What are the objectives and desired outcomes of the review</p> <p>To make recommendations to relevant agencies to proactively reduce loneliness in the Maidstone Borough by establishing:</p> <p>What:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is currently being done locally (in urban areas and rural areas) to reduce loneliness; • Is currently being done nationally to reduce loneliness; • Is working; • Are the barriers to success; <p>How:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big is the issue for Maidstone Borough; • Are the people not know about found; • Can these people be informed of the choices they have to reduce their loneliness; <p>Who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is included/not included in the interventions that exist; <p>What:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choices could be offered to ensure everyone has a choice that suits them; • Work is being done to identify and engage with those not included in the interventions currently on offer; • Capacity and capability is there to reach those in need; • Can be done to promote and support older people's independence by reducing loneliness. <p>The findings and recommendations from this review will support the Maidstone Health Inequalities Action Plan point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.3 - support older people to live safe, independent and fulfilled lives - develop and commission work on loneliness and social isolation
<p>What equality issues will need to be considered as part of the review – giving consideration to the 9 protected characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The review seeks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; ○ Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; ○ Have a positive impact upon the lives of people, including particular communities and groups who have protected characteristics • We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If necessary, using data broken down by equality groups where relevant (such as by gender, age, disability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, religion and belief) ○ Interviewing partners, stakeholders, and councillors to get information and feedback ○ Focussing on lonely adults and older people as this is an area of the community statistics show is an area of particular concern.

<p>Which witnesses are required?</p> <p>Suggestions so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr Bob Bowes, Chair of West Kent Health and Wellbeing Board – what impact is Dementia Friendly communities having on patients? ○ Adult Social Care ○ Community Wardens – Janet Greenroyd ○ MBC Community Development ○ Age UK ○ Campaign to End Loneliness ○ Re from Thanet project who have just won Lottery funding ○ West Sussex Health Department*
<p>Other ways to seek evidence? E.g. site visits, involving members of the public, consultation.</p> <p>The Working Group agreed to invite students from local grammar and high schools in the borough who may be interested in taking forward ideas they may generate as a result of listening to the evidence gathered during the meetings.</p>
<p>What information/training is needed?</p> <p>No training identified</p>
<p>Suggested time for review and report completion date</p> <p>14 April 2015</p>
<p>How does the review link to council priorities?</p> <p>For Maidstone to be a decent place to live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents are not disadvantaged because of where they live or who they are, vulnerable people are assisted and the level of deprivation is reduced <p>Corporate and Customer Excellence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services are customer focused and residents are satisfied with them • Effective, cost efficient services are delivered across the Borough
<p>How does this item deliver CfPS effective scrutiny principles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides 'critical friend' challenge to executive policy-makers and decision-makers • Enables the voice and concerns of the public • Is carried out by 'independent minded governors' who lead and own the scrutiny role • Drives improvement in public services
<p>Any co-optees or expert witnesses?</p> <p>As above</p>