

## Spotlight on Population Health,

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017, Sunshine House Annex Centre

### Notes

- A question was asked around whether anything is being done around parents who drive their kids to school when the school is on the doorstep? Lynne answered that this is a very difficult situation, due to parents dropping their children off and then often rushing straight off to work, so this would put a lot of pressure on people.
- Lynne advised that they have gone into schools and encouraged the daily mile to help children be healthier. This does seem to be working very well. It is working that well that the Council have been approached by Nursery's asking if they can be involved, so they do a daily toddle.
- When talking about the location of services, they need to be accessible, as a lot of people don't drive, or don't have a car, so they need to be situated where they are transport routes.
- With the move to offering more digital services, the point was made that not everybody is on line, email, or has a PC device, so how can we help the ones who are in this situation?. It was explained that some of the Apps that have been developed are in addition to the face to face services Public Health have and are useful at reaching groups who don't use face to face services as much such as Men. The face to face services will still be there for people who aren't online.
- APPG member who is a volunteer at the hospital expressed some frustration at seeing patients with gowns on walking out of the hospital with their oxygen going outside for a cigarette. Lynne explained that some work is being done with the hospital to help smokers who are admitted to hospital. When people who smoke are admitted to hospital they should be told that they cannot smoke whilst they are in and they should be given a nicotine patch.
- The Health checks are for 40-74, and they are done by the NHS. Non-clinical health trainers can do it.
- The Primary Care Standards that all GPs in Wigan should be working to have a standard around Carer's Health Checks which is a positive step.
- PPG members wanted to know more about share to care and how it worked with patient records being safe in this way. A link to the Share to Care Website which has more information - <http://www.wigansharetocare.nhs.uk/>

- The Public Health Team is involved in organising Wellfest. Wellfest brings together many health and wellbeing activities to promote and encourage the Borough of Wigan to be healthier by being active. There is a week in June 2017 and a week in September which will focus more on schools.
- Health and social care services, along with other public sector organisations such as the police do work with families who use a lot of services and need more support to try and help them and reduce their reliance on services.