

Report to the People Board, 12th December 2013
Transformation of Adult Social Care – Services and Activities which
Address Social Isolation

1. Background

- 1.1 The People Board were provided with the opportunity to influence the Transformation of Adult Social Care which has included the development of a directory of information which will detail the services and activities available in the North.
- 1.2 The People Board recommended to September Area Committee that the Area Community Officer contact Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations to identify specific issues and support which may be required to continue/enhance the offer to the community if services and activities are promoted through the directory.
- 1.3 September Area Committee agreed the recommendation which included potential for future SIB applications and or a call for projects to support activities.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 Information has been gathered from a wide variety of VCS organisations delivering services and activities which address social isolation with the following issues and opportunities identified to date:
- Equipment required in order to continue to deliver luncheon clubs for increased users
 - Support for health & wellness related activities
 - Support for arts and crafts sessions
 - Healthy Eating Projects
 - Memory box projects
 - Training for organisations to become dementia friendly
 - Community Connectors to be identified to mentor potential service users
 - Support to and coordination of volunteers
- 2.2 VCS organisations have identified that promoting services and activities through the directory will lead to increased numbers which in turn in the future will assist in sustaining the offer, however initially pump priming will be required to continue/enhance current projects and provide new activities.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Consider the information collated to date with a view to agreeing a recommendation to January Area Committee that £30,000 of the SIB budget for 2013/2014 is aligned to the provision of services and activities that address social isolation subject to the development of a full project brief and call for projects.