

Dalriada Pathfinder Partnership	15 January 2019
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with strategic partners to deliver our vision for this Council area
Lead Officer	Head of Policy and Community Planning
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.0 Update on Dalriada Pathfinder Partnership

- 1.1 The Dalriada Pathfinder Partnership was established to promote health and well-being in the Ballycastle, Bushmills, Ballintoy, Armoy, Portballintrae, Cushendun, Cushendall and the Glens of Antrim.
- 1.2 The Council is represented on the Dalriada Pathfinder Partnership along with a range of other statutory and community organisations.
- 1.3 Attached at **Appendix A** is a short report for your information which provides an update on the work of the Partnership, particularly the introduction of the “Living Well Moyle” approach which has been in place since November 2016.

Appendix A

The Dalriada Pathfinder Partnership was established following the proposed closure of Dalriada Hospital to promote health and wellbeing in the local area of Moyle including Bushmills, Ballintoy, Armoy, Ballycastle, Portballintrae, Cushendun, Cushendall and the Glens of Antrim. The Dalriada Pathfinder Partnership has representatives from the Health and Social Care Board, the Department of Health, the Public Health Agency, the Integrated Care Partnership, the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, Causeway Coast and Glens Council, local GPs, Age NI and the local Community and Voluntary sector.

In order to improve health outcomes for people living in the community with long term health conditions, the Dalriada Pathfinder Partnership introduced the Living Well Moyle approach in November 2016. People who are patients of 5 GP practices in the area living with a long term condition who have had a hospital admission/ A&E attendance, are identified by various health and social care professionals and voluntary and community organisations working in the locality and once the GP has approved the referral, they are visited by the Living Well Coordinator. Fiona Kennedy, who is the Living Well Co-ordinator, employed by Age NI, discusses the challenges faced by the individual and explores their aspirations. From this guided conversation, outcomes which would be beneficial to each individual are identified. The overall aim is to support people by providing practical help and to increase their connections to the local community. The individuals can be signposted to various clubs, activities etc which helps to integrate people back into their local environment. The project also relies heavily on volunteers and on organised activities. Many of the activities have been organized by Artscare NI such as reminiscence evenings, films, art and musical events.

To date over 100 referrals have been received with a significant number of personal goals realised. There are currently 17 volunteers supporting various people in the community. Many linkages have also been made with local community groups enabling people who were formerly isolated to participate in community life.

An interim evaluation is currently underway to gauge the impact of Living Well Moyle in terms of health and wellbeing, this will be followed by a full evaluation later in the year.

The linkages with the Causeway Coast Glens Council through the Community Planning Partnership, are very important to the ongoing success of Living Well Moyle. It is envisaged that Living Well Moyle will contribute significantly to the outcomes of improved physical health and mental wellbeing and enabling people to live independently as far as possible, accessing support services when needed, under the key outcome of A Healthy Safe Community.

Further work is to be undertaken with representatives from PSNI, NIFRS and NIHE, all statutory partners in Community Planning, to identify individuals who can benefit from the Living Well approach and to ensure that schemes which these organisations have in place are fully utilised by vulnerable individuals living in the community. Work is also ongoing to maximise opportunities for the promotion of volunteering within the Community Planning Partnership.

The Dalriada Pathfinder Partnership welcomes the ongoing involvement of Causeway Coast and Glens Council in Living Well Moyle. We would be grateful for the support of councillors in promoting the availability of Living Well Moyle to people who might need this approach and in encouraging individuals to volunteer their time and community groups to provide a resource to enable people to reconnect with the local community.