

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Decision or Item number	9
Relevant Officer:	Val Raynor, Head of Commissioning, Adult Services, Blackpool Council

Social Isolation and Loneliness Thematic Debate

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The session will include a presentation by Val Raynor, Head of Commissioning - Adult Social Care and Zohra Dempsey, Public Health, Blackpool Council

The presentation will cover:

- what is being done to address social isolation and loneliness nationally
- what is Blackpool doing to address social isolation and loneliness
- what more needs to be done
- recommendations for the way forward.

This will be followed by the opportunity for the Board to discuss and debate the issues raised in the presentation and agree recommendations for the way forward.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider issues presented related to social isolation and loneliness and consider any steps arising from the debate that members wish to explore further.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 In recent years social isolation and loneliness have become increasingly important at national level, more so around risks linked with wider health and wellbeing outcomes. Research also indicates that both social isolation and loneliness can affect anyone regardless of age or background. The approach to both these factors are random across the country and the difference between social isolation and loneliness is confusing.

A new duty with measures for social isolation has been introduced in both the Adult

Social Care Framework and the Public Health Outcome Framework for 2013 – 14 (for ageing populations only). Loneliness measures are currently being processed.

There is no specific funding stream allocated to either social isolation or loneliness.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities

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- Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable
- Improve health and well-being especially for the most disadvantaged

5.0 Background Information

5.1 None

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

None

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Equalities considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Background papers:

9.1 None