

Cllr Vic Pritchard, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health
Key Issues Briefing Note

Health & Wellbeing Select Committee March 2018

1. World Social Work Day

20th March was World Social Work Day. Launched by The International Federation of Social Workers in 1983, every March World SW Day has become a highpoint in the social work calendar with social workers all over the world celebrating and promoting the contributions of the profession to individuals, families, communities and wider society.

Here in Bath and North East Somerset we have a highly skilled and committed workforce of social workers in both children's and adult's services, working tirelessly to protect, support and empower families and individuals across the region, often having to travel further afield, for instance to connect with family members or children in care.

They provide wide-ranging support, care and protection to the most vulnerable in society through services from pre-birth right through to end of life care.

Social workers are working in sometimes dangerous, fraught, extremely complex, and very often emotionally charged and challenging situations, but do so with skill, professionalism and compassion, sometimes in an extremely pressurised environment.

As many of you will know there has been recent recognition of this excellent work, for instance through the 'Good' OFSTED rating for our children's services in 2017, being only one of two receiving this rating in the whole of the South West. Our adoption services were especially lauded, receiving an 'outstanding' rating.

So take a few minutes to recognise and celebrate all that social workers do by watching the YouTube link below or reading one of the stories of social work

This is for my Social Worker (BASW):

<https://youtu.be/sJJ9yri5cK4>

<https://adultpswnetwork.files.wordpress.com/2018/03/wswd-2018-a-hundred-words.pdf>

2. Community Resource Centres

The reconfiguration of the three Community Resource Centres (located in Keynsham, Midsomer Norton and Bath) is continuing. The Council is investing £700,000 in improving the buildings and ensuring that they are able to support the provision of registered nursing care, high dependency residential care and specialist dementia care to the local population.

The CRCs are owned by the Council and provided by Sirona Care & Health. Building works continue in the three CRCs and are due to be complete in August 2018. Works include clinical treatment rooms, sluices and servery's to bring the CRCs to a comparable standard to private sector care homes and support a new model of care with greater focus on provision of nursing and high dependency residential care services for people with a complex dementia and physical frailty.

It has not been necessary for any existing residents to move out of the CRCs whilst works are being undertaken and the new care model is being put in place.

3. Exam Stress Tips for Parents, Carers and students

With exam season fast approaching, the Public Health Team in B&NES has put together a handy information and advice list on exam stress for parents and carers. The sheet (attached) includes reference to useful websites, apps and telephone numbers that can also support students at this time of the year.