

**LEISURE AND HEALTH PORTFOLIO
COUNCILLOR S J CARR****Portfolio Holder's Report to Council– 12 October 2022**Leisure centres update

The footfall and patronage at our leisure centres continues to steadily improve. Fitness memberships have grown by 9.5% since the beginning of April and now stand at 4,004 which is 83.3% of pre-pandemic numbers. Swim School numbers are still above pre-pandemic figures with 3,483 people (104% pre-pandemic figures) receiving swim lessons every week.

The cost of living crisis is affecting the operating costs across all aspects of our leisure centre operations. The company has revised its budgets to mitigate for pay awards, utilities and other expenditure increases. Liberty Leisure Limited has reduced its fitness membership prices for Chilwell Olympia and Exercise Referral only to try and support local people who have reduced income but still wish to exercise in a leisure centre environment.

Liberty Leisure Limited commenced operating under the new arrangements at the Kimberley School site on 1 September this year. Kimberley Gym and Swim continues to provide an extensive fitness and swim programme for the residents in the local community.

The company continues to develop opportunities to target different groups of people in the community. The Get Active team are working with the Broxtowe Women's Project to engage with vulnerable women to enable them to begin exercising. Through external funding 30 women are able to access a full fitness membership free of charge for a six-month period.

Ukrainian refugees can gain free access to the gym, exercise classes, swimming and swim school for a six-month period at our leisure sites. The Leisure staff are aware and will support a Ukrainian refugee to get started.

Events programme

The events team completed a successful summer of Play Days and Cinema Events with more than 6,000 people attending across the summer.

Around 5,000 people attended the Hemlock Happening Saturday 4 June 2022 and enjoyed a range of activities including jubilee themed activities, live music and performance, fairground rides and community activities.

Following the sold out Gin and Gaslight event at the museum on 3 June 2022, further events are being held on 30 September and 14 October with ticket sales going well! The museum is also hosting an exhibition exploring 'Eastwood: Coal, Community and Change' that is taking place between 2 September and 26 November 2022.

Refugees

The Communities Team are continuing to undertake refugee arrival and safeguarding and welfare checks as well as providing signposting to support for the Homes for Ukraine scheme. 100% checks have been carried out on arrivals we are aware of however we are reliant of sponsors informing us of arrivals as central government systems do not facilitate this.

Safeguarding

23 safeguarding referrals have been made since the start of 2022, 18 of which were for adults and 5 for children. The Complex Case Panel is multi agency and meets monthly to discuss cases and identify support to reduce risk.

Dementia

Interviewing carers and people living with dementia to see what is working well and what can be improved to support them as part of the Primary Care Network 100-day Community Transformation challenge.

Supporting Inspire Libraries who have a knitting challenge to create Twiddlers. 764 Twiddlers have been made and will now be shared with partners across Nottinghamshire that support those living with dementia

Mental Health

Working with partners on suicide awareness and sharing new suicide awareness materials / media pack across the partnership.

Supporting the creation of a South Nottinghamshire Population Health Management task and finish group that focuses on children and young people with mild common mental health problems.

Supporting Mental Health Communications to develop an adult version of the Nott Alone website <https://nottalone.org.uk>

Investigating if there is a psychosis e learning package that could be used by Broxtowe Borough Council staff following the outcomes of a DHR where psychosis was not recognised.

Exploring the idea / concept of delivering community group mental health awareness training in Broxtowe in partnership with Forces in the Community.

Following a private screening of a short film called Hamster, which successfully introduces the viewer to the subject of PTSD in soldier's work will take place with partners who may help with awareness raising.

As the cost of living crisis deepens the concept of creating Heat Banks / Warm Rooms is being explored which would provide residents with accessible warm spaces where they cannot afford to heat their homes.

Children and Young People

The Children and Young People's post is currently vacant. The post has been re-recruited and a start date will be confirmed once Police vetting has been successfully completed.

The Children's and Young Peoples Group of the Local Strategic Partnership (Brox-towe Partnership) has a new Chair Richard Macrae.

The HAF was delivered again throughout the summer with 9 providers delivering 311 places in 14 locations across the borough. The County Councils link worker for south notts started in September to work directly with providers and develop the offer.

Veterans

HR are planning to upgrade the Boroughs Community Covenant Employee Recognition status to Silver next year.