

Question for the H&W Board meeting:

"Has the Health and Well Being Board any intention of involving the local Fire and Rescue Service in delivering integrated care service?"

This question has been prompted by my reading the following:

1. Daily Pilot <http://www.dailypilot.com/news/tn-cpt-me-1213-fire-department-ipads-20131211,0,1125602.story>
2. "FIRE WORKS A COLLABORATIVE WAY FORWARD FOR THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE"
http://www.nlgn.org.uk/public/wp-content/uploads/Fire-Works_Final1.pdf

Thank you for your question regarding working in partnership with the Fire Service in Shropshire. As you may be aware the Fire Service is an important member and contributor to a number of our partnership boards, including the Safer Stronger Communities Board, the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Children's Trust. We recognise the excellent work of the Fire Service and are very keen to work as much as we can with the Fire Service on our preventative programmes including our Community Resilience developments. So far this work is taking shape in a few different ways; the Fire Service in Shropshire has a long history of been involved in partnership working, which has included providing signposting services (Making Every Contact Count – MECC), and we are looking to see how we can support further developments and closer working relationships in this area.

Further, we are working with the Fire Service to understand what role they can play particularly in the rural areas of our county to support the frail and vulnerable. Discussions have been had regarding a pilot programme working with retained fire service officers in the Clun area. We will be happy to keep you informed of this work as it progresses.

It is helpful to consider examples from other areas, regarding the full breadth of potential partnership working across our services. Thank you again for your interest and input.