

# Penwith Primary Care Homes

## Newsletter July 2017

*Welcome to the first newsletter from Penwith. This will be a regular round-up of progress and news in relation to our plans to improve health and care services locally.*



### Who we are

- East Penwith Primary Care Home, covering St Ives, Hayle and Marazion, providing care for nearly 30,000 people and including 3 GP practices
- West Penwith Primary Care Home, covering Penzance, St Just and all of the area in-between, serving around 35,000 people and including 5 GP practices
- Penwith Chair is Dr Neil Walden, based at Marazion surgery.

### What we are

- A group of GP practices, community health, social care and voluntary sector teams, starting to come together to improve care and support for local people
- A Primary Care Home is a national model of care based around a group of GP practices. It is a type of 'new model of care' described in the NHS [Five Year Forward View: Next Steps](#)
- The main elements of this model are:
  - Bringing together teams from health and social care
  - A joint focus on improving health outcomes for people
  - Working towards having a single budget for the population
  - Provision of care to a population of around 30,000 – 50,000
- Working on this sort of scale means it is possible to get to know and trust the people you work with, which helps teams come together to improve care for patients.

### What we're working on

- 'Compassionate Communities' – a joint venture with Cornwall Hospice Care, to build stronger links with voluntary sector services; work with other agencies in a more structured and routine way; and to develop personal care plans so that people receive care they need and want
- We are working on funding bids to implement this model – sadly our bid to the Health Foundation wasn't shortlisted – time for plan B!
- Getting our teams together - 'meet your team' events held in East and West Penwith
- Volunteer-led scoping exercise of primary care is now complete and recommendations have been given to the public group for comment
- Community map – updating our map to understand what support is available in the community
- End of life pathway – improving support for patients and families
- Clinic at West Cornwall Hospital for frail older people– talks underway with the hospital and GPs
- 'Centipede Club' for people who need leg ulcer dressings runs every Wednesday at Ludgvan Community Centre; volunteers needed please!

### Good news

- A successful funding bid to Peninsula Community Health means we can now recruit three new Care Co-ordinator roles, to work with people with very complex health needs.

### Get involved

- If you want to find out more, or get involved with any of our work, please contact:-

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