

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Briefing to: Health Scrutiny Committee

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Report of: Health Scrutiny Committee

Briefing Title

Loneliness Task and Finish Group Update

At the start of the Municipal year it was agreed that Trafford's two Scrutiny Committees would undertake a joint piece of Task and Finish work looking into the problem of loneliness within Trafford. The group has met four times during the year with the first two meetings discussing the scope of the review and the others being with Council Officers and representatives of Age UK respectively. In addition to these meetings the Chairman of the group has met with the Greater Manchester Ageing Hub and Councillors have conducted their own investigations.

Whilst the work so far has identified much of what is being done within Trafford to tackle loneliness there are still a number of gaps in the picture of Trafford's services that need to be explored. These include meeting with volunteers who work at Cyril Flynn, Getting Feedback on the success of the pilot project run by GMFRS in Village ward, meeting with the Interim Director of Public Health, and looking into the Del Panno fund. The aim is to complete these additional pieces of work and have a draft report ready for the group to consider prior to the first meeting of the Scrutiny Committees in the 2018/19 municipal year.