

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET COMMITTEE - EQUALITIES

1 OCTOBER 2013

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

STROKE ASSOCIATION – PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND ADVICE FOR STROKE SURVIVORS IN BRIDGEND

1. Purpose of Report.

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the support and advice offered by Stroke Association to stroke survivors in our communities.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

The Strategic Equality Plan is a statutory plan and a cross cutting issue impacting on the whole of the council. It is linked to the Customer Care Programme and supports the community cohesion agenda.

3. Background.

3.1 In July 2010, Cabinet Equalities Committee agreed to receive reports and presentations on topic areas relevant to their remit. Part of this includes community representatives presenting on relevant topics at meetings so members can achieve a broader understanding of issues faced by members of our communities.

3.2 An update on the issues facing stroke survivors in Bridgend County Borough was added to the committee's forward work programme.

4. Current situation / proposal.

4.1 The Strategic Equality Plan is supported by an Action Plan. This was produced following an extensive consultation and engagement exercise involving local representative groups including Stroke Association. The council is pleased that access to services for disabled people is improving however it is mindful that more can be done to ensure that all council services are fully accessible to disabled people including stroke survivors.

4.2 At recent meetings of the Bridgend Equality Forum, issues have been raised by representative groups focusing on the need to review the ways in which council services are delivered. These issues will be addressed by Stroke Association whose main activities in Bridgend are to offer:

- carer support
- communication support
- information, advice and support
- reablement and social inclusion
- stroke prevention advice and

- stroke group

4.2 Issues to be addressed by Stroke Association include:

- Physical and attitudinal barriers to social and shopping opportunities
- Staff training for public sector staff
- Improved access to transportation
- Access to information
- Communication and availability of information

5. **Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

- 5.1 The report has no direct effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules but is required to effectively implement the council's statutory duties in relation to equalities and human rights.

6. **Equality Impact Assessment**

No equality impact assessment has been carried out as this report provides the committee with information that will positively assist in the delivery of the authority's equality duties.

7. **Financial Implications.**

None in this report.

8. **Recommendation.**

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Equalities Committee receives and considers this report.

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Background papers: None.