

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 14 June 2022

REPORT TITLE:	ADULT SOCIAL CARE – ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2020/2021
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF CARE AND HEALTH

REPORT SUMMARY

It is a statutory requirement for the Council to produce an Annual Report about complaints made by, or on behalf of people who receive support or services from Adult Social Care. The Annual Report also provides a mechanism by which the Council can monitor the quality and effectiveness of our services.

This report provides an overview and analysis of all complaints received during the reporting period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 including:

- Numbers of complaints received
- Key themes
- Responding to complaints (including performance data against statutory requirements)
- Overview of complaints escalated to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough. This is not a key decision.

This report supports the delivery of the Wirral Plan 2021-2026 and is linked to the following themes of the Plan:

- Brighter Futures
- Safe and Pleasant Communities
- Active and Healthy Lives

The report will be shared on the Council's website for the public to view.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is recommended to consider the contents of the Annual Complaints Report (Appendix 1) relating to statutory Adult Social Care service delivery.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report. The Report will be shared on the Council's website for the public to view, which is a statutory requirement.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Not to produce an annual complaints report. However, it is a statutory requirement to do so.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Report is attached as Appendix 1. The report provides an overview and analysis of all complaints received during the reporting period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 including:
- Numbers of complaints received
 - Key themes
 - Responding to complaints (including performance data against statutory requirements)
 - Overview of complaints escalated to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
- 3.2 The report also describes the process followed for complaints made about commissioned Care Providers, as there are different routes for complainants to consider when raising their concerns.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is a statutory requirement for the Council to produce an Annual Complaints Report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are no resource implications arising from the report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 There is the potential risk of media interest from publishing the report. At the time of writing, there are no known risks associated to this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 There has been no reason to engage/consult as part of this report.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The report has no direct equality implications.
- 9.2 The appendix may not be suitable to view for people with disabilities, users of Assistive Technology or mobile phone devices. Please contact the report author if you would like this document in an accessible format.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no environment or climate implications arising from the report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Effective and well monitored Adult Social Care services have an overall positive impact on the people of Wirral.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Adult Social Care – Annual Complaints Report 2020/2021

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Local Authority Social Services and National Health Service Complaints (England) Regulations 2009, which places a requirement on the Local Authority to produce and make available an Annual Report can be accessed using the link below:
https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2009/309/pdfs/ukxi_20090309_en.pdf

Complaints and Compliments about Adult Social Services - <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/about-council/complaints/complaints-about-adult-social-services>

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee – Annual Complaints Report 2019/20	18 January 2021
Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Annual Complaints Report 2018/19	21 January 2020
Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Annual Complaints Report 2017/18	27 November 2018