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Executive Summary

This report is an update from the Cabinet Portfolio Holder to Members of the Council on matters relevant to his/her portfolio.

In this update I have recognised the significant work that has been taking place in Adult Social Care to implement savings and to transform the social care market through strategic commissioning.

Effective Delivery of Residential and Day Service Transformation

At Cabinet in June changes to a number of residential and day services were agreed which have been delivered on time and within budget.

The key changes are:-

Development of a smaller Moreton service – Following detailed individual service reviews it was agreed with carers that a revised smaller service was needed at Moreton. Almost 100 people were relocated to other services, as there was sufficient capacity to meet their needs. The revised Moreton service is for up to 35 people a day. The new Local Area Coordinators will work with people at Moreton to maintain local contact with employers, nurseries, churches and community centres.

Relocation of services users from Sylvandale residential unit – Thirteen people have been re-housed into a range of alternative services. Due to the efficient work of staff Sylvandale closed ten days before the proposed date.

Reprovision of Fernleigh respite care – This service was commissioned differently from the independent and health sector. In addition people were also offered personal budgets to purchase alternative arrangements to best suit their needs. This proactive partnership work now ensures that all service user needs could be met more cost effectively.

Amalgamation of Prenton and Union Street into Beaconsfield - All three services offered an outreach facility for people with recovering mental health needs. Both Prenton and Union Street operated from dilapidated buildings in their local community. Alternative resources were found in Prenton at the local library and also at a small café that is a social enterprise and willing to offer a range of services such as web design, arts and crafts etc. Service users at Union Street identified the use of a room at a resource in Falkland Road. Beaconsfield staff support the workshops that take place at Falkland Road but its very much service user led.

Develop a social enterprise project board – Now that the day services restructure is complete the focus is on the development of the social enterprise project. A project Board is in place with input from carers and officers. The findings are due to be reported to cabinet in December 2013.

Improvements in services through Commissioning

- Wirral was one of the first Local Authorities in the Northwest to complete a market Position Statement. The key message is about reshaping the market place - reducing dependency on residential beds and moving to a wider range of options to support people effectively to be as independent as possible in their local communities.
- Consultation on residential and Nursing Fees for 2013/2014 is complete; the main investment is in dementia and complex nursing. The Wirral Model is providing a platform for other commissioners in the region to build their consultation upon. Consultation for 2014/2015 is scheduled to start in October.
- New domiciliary and re-ablement at home contracts have been tendered. There is significant emphasis to support principles of the “Ethical Care Charter”; this includes appropriate contracts, investing in training and offering continuity of care etc The new service will be required to provide a one hour response time. The services must operate and take referrals 365 days a year, 8am - 11pm.
- The Recommendations for appointment will be presented to Cabinet in November 2013.
- Intermediate Care is being remodelled in partnership with the NHS. Two key bed based hubs will be tendered in November (approx. 30 Intermediate Care beds in each hub). Multi Disciplinary Teams being established to support people on discharge to an Intermediate Care bed/at home service. Reablement and intermediate care will combine into a single service
- Mobile nights: Wirral has not had a mobile night service. Therefore people ended up in long stay residential and nursing accommodation, when they may not have needed to do so. Providers for this much needed service are currently being shortlisted and interviewed so that the service can commence from later this month.

In summary there has been a significant amount of activity that is delivering an increasingly cost effective Adult Social care offer through transformational changes in the way that services are delivered and commissioned. I would like to recognise the

hard work and commitment of officers in achieving these improvements across the department.

Signed: **Dated:**

Councillor Christine Jones
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