

CABINET PORTFOLIO SUMMARY REPORT

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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 her portfolio.

1. BETTER CARE FUND

A section 75, pooled budget is now agreed and in place with the CCG. Significant progress has been made with regard 7 day working proposals and investment in a range of community services including intermediate care to support the reduction of demand for urgent hospital admissions. The Council is currently out to tender for 110 Intermediate Care and Transitional Care beds (40 additional places). Commissioning specifications have been completed for a remodelled Rapid Community Service and multi-disciplinary team. These services will help prevent admissions and provide a 4-hour response for those individuals who can be supported more effectively outside of hospital.

2. CARE ACT - UPDATE

The Care Act 2014 came into force on 1 April. It now replaces numerous previous laws, to provide a coherent approach to adult social care in England. By embedding and extending personalisation in social care and increasing the focus on wellbeing and prevention it will enable local authorities and partners to have a wider focus on the whole population in need of care and support.

For people who need care and support, and their carers, this means there will be a need for better access to information and advice, and other approaches to promote independence and improve wellbeing.

Adult Social Care is working stakeholders to implement the Act. The Project plan reflects the broad themes of the Act which includes Wellbeing, Prevention, Integration, Information and Advice, Market Management (relating to commissioning activities), Care Management, Finance, and Safeguarding.

3. CARERS COMMISSION

Work has now been completed on the joint health and care commission (DASS, Public Health and CCG) "Carers Health and Wellbeing Service". This is complemented by other service commissions

where carers have been included for advice and information, and advocacy. The joint commission has been led by Adult Social Care.

The new service offers carers practical support to help them back into employment, carer's grants, training and offers both planned and unplanned support through a range of commissioned providers.

4. DAY SERVICES - WIRRAL EVOLUTIONS/LAC

On Friday 22 May, the new Local Authority Company, Wirral Evolutions was launched.

Staff, parents and carers have been part of the co-design of the service. The company will take over the running all Day Services and Day Opportunities for people in Wirral, and will act as an independent body accountable to its shareholders and stakeholders.