

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. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LIVE INDEPENDENTLY

Wirral Evolutions has now taken over the running all Day Services and Day Opportunities for people in Wirral, and will act as an independent body accountable to its shareholder (the Council).

Wirral Evolutions Management Board is now well established and is responsible for the strategic and operational management of the company. The company has a robust growth strategy and will extend and diversify its offer, attracting new customers and moving into new markets.

Our investment in community services to reduce emergency admissions has evidenced a positive impact. Our national target to achieve a 3.5% reduction has now been achieved. To date, we are currently achieving a 6% reduction. Developments have included a Rapid Community Response for GP referrals (within 4 hours). We can support people within their own homes, with access to hospitals, intravenous (IV) antibiotics at home, mobile nights, domiciliary care and reablement. Our intention is to move to take referrals from North West Ambulance Service (NWAS).

We continue to work closely with partners at WUTH to ensure that people are discharged from hospital in a safe and timely manner. Wirral partners are part of the national Emergency Care Improvement Programme (ECIP) to focus on improving discharge pathways and processes.

There is particular focus on early discharge to reduce the average length of stay for patients admitted to Arrowe Park Hospital, and significantly improve the outcomes for individuals, ultimately reducing the demand on Health and Social

Care. Additional community capacity for winter pressures is currently being implemented.

Work continues to progress to ensure robust implementation of the Care Act locally. A number of revised policies/procedures will be taken to Cabinet in January 2016 for approval and implementation.

2. HEALTHY WIRRAL

The Healthy Wirral (vanguard) work stream is progressing well; with integration is a key driver and the aim of delivering the Right Care in the Right Place and the Right Time. Work has commenced to begin to design the community services and resources required.

The Healthy Wirral launch event took place in November at the Floral Pavilion in order to raise awareness with local stakeholders including staff, the public, voluntary and community sector and local businesses. This was to gain insights and feedback from stakeholders about the new models of care and develop it further to ensure it meets the needs of the local population.