

Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday 27th June 2018

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| REPORT TITLE: | Continuing Healthcare Scrutiny Review |
| REPORT OF: | Chair and Members of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group |

REPORT SUMMARY

This report sets out the findings and recommendations arising from a Scrutiny Review completed in May 2018. The Review was commissioned as part of the former People Overview & Scrutiny Committee's work programme - later the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

The report aims to understand, assess and give consideration to the Continuing HealthCare (CHC) framework and how it is applied locally. A Task & Finish group was set up to, amongst other things, evaluate the impact of CHC on clients and their families, focussing on both the process and the funding outcomes.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members are requested to:

1. Consider the contents of this report and endorse the findings and recommendations of the review.
2. Refer the report to Cabinet for consideration of the recommendations made.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

For Committee to endorse the work of the Task & Finish Review Panel, and to refer the findings and recommendations to Cabinet for consideration.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The review was prioritised as part of the former People Overview & Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 As part of the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme, a Task & Finish scrutiny review on Continuing Healthcare was added for the municipal year 2017/18. The main objective of this review was to understand the CHC Framework and its impact on Wirral residents.

3.2 A review panel was set up comprising of former Cllr Alan Brighthouse (Chair), Cllr Wendy Clements and Cllr Moira McLaughlin. The review panel also included Karen Prior, Chief Officer of HealthWatch Wirral.

3.3 The review was conducted through a series of evidence gathering meetings. Sessions were planned with relevant managers, staff who are responsible for delivery of CHC and with individuals who had personal experience of applying for CHC funding. A number of recommendations have been made as a result of the review. These are detailed in the Scrutiny Review itself (**Appendix 1**)

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

Not applicable

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Not applicable

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not applicable

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no equality issues arising directly from this report

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Continuing Healthcare – Scrutiny Review

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

| Council Meeting | Date |
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