

**Statutory Officer's Report for the Health and Wellbeing Board
Corporate Director of People
25 November 2020**

Preparing for Ofsted

Following our Ofsted Focused Visit in February, we are now preparing for our Ofsted Inspection, which is due imminently. The inspection will cover all key Children's Services: front door/Children in Care/Child Protection (not just our Focused Visit areas). Inspectors are expected to be on-site and off-site, and there will be an Education Inspector with a focus on Children in Care and the virtual school.

Inspectors will look at the experiences of children and how Local Authorities and providers have made the best possible decisions for children in the context of the pandemic. The driver for our work in Nottingham is all about the right outcomes for children and our focus on consistently good practice is how we are improving our impact for children.

If you want to know more detail, the inspection framework and guidance can be found [here](#).

Update on the Children at the Heart Improvement Board



To support our improvement in Children's Services, we established our monthly Children at the Heart Improvement Board. This Board is chaired by our new Chief Executive, Mel Barrett, and is attended by the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People. It also has senior representation from a variety of agencies including the Police, Citycare, the Local Government Association, schools and the Clinical Commissioning Group, to help us achieve the sustainable improvement that will make a real difference for children, young people and families.

Our Board has now met seven times and we are really making progress. We have arranged for our Board members to shadow Services, to improve their knowledge of our Services and the work that we do.

At our last meeting, we agreed to invite a practitioner representative to attend the Board going forward, to ensure that we are hearing the voice of the frontline. In November, the Board will be spending time with our young people for their direct feedback.

Adult Social Care

A the time of writing this report, we are going into a second national lockdown, and as we continue to ensure our citizens are supported we have also taken into account

how, on this occasion, we will continue to keep key services open. We have decided, therefore, that our day centres will continue to offer support to groups of people who are vulnerable and socially isolated with reduced occupancy, and maintaining a Covid-safe environment.

We are also in receipt of governance and Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) guidance on care home visits, in particular on ensuring that people's human rights are maintained by, where applicable, allowing for safe visits following dynamic risk assessments. We will be working with our colleagues in Public Health and providers to put this in place and communicating out.

We are working with our partners across the system to ensure safe transfers of care, but are seeing pressures develop in the system, in particular within the workforce. We are undertaking a piece of work to identify all current staff capacity, so we can ensure staff are focused and deployed on key areas. Currently, we are continuing to meet our duties to assess under the Care Act, but we are keeping this under review due to pressure in the workforce, which may mean we need to consider Care Act easements.

The Department of Health and Social Care has asked for Local Authorities to contract with a care home that would be able to take Covid-positive people who need a 14-day isolation period. We have managed to secure a home to undertake this, which has been checked by Care Quality Commission and which will begin operation in the next two weeks. This is a joint initiative with Health and is funded by Government monies. The intent is that, once a person has passed the isolation period, they will move onto their previous accommodation – either home or residential care.

Our Adult Social Care team have been involved in two home closures, in one of which there were serious safeguarding concerns. This is been managed jointly with our colleagues in health, therefore ensuring all residents are safe and involving relatives in supporting people to move into new accommodation. This work is still in progress, with the intent that by the end of November, all residents will have moved to their new homes.

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Save Lives

#StopTheSpread #Covid19



HANDS - wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds



SPACE - maintain social distance

Keep 2m apart where possible



FACE - wear a face covering in all shared inside spaces



Self-isolate if you have symptoms

Call 119 to get a test



If you are self-isolating and you need help you can call the Council: 0115 915 5555

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