

**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**  
**12 October 2023**

**Adult Social Care Winter 2023/24 Preparedness**

**Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To review the Council's preparedness for responding to and managing pressures on the provision of adult social care services during the winter 2023/24 period.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked:
- a) if it wishes to make any comments or recommendations; and
  - b) whether any further scrutiny is required and if so to identify the focus and timescales.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 Each year the Council puts in place a winter plan to ensure that adult social care services are able to respond to need during this period of particularly high pressure.
- 3.2 In January 2023 the Committee reviewed the delivery of the winter plan for adult social care in the context of the wider health and care system. The Committee welcomed the positive working between the local authority and NHS and that, despite the significant challenges, the local position at that time was relatively good. The Committee was concerned that the non-recurrent funding made available to local authorities doesn't support a sustainable health and social care system and encouraged the Portfolio Holder to lobby the Government on this matter and the need for a strategic national approach to recruitment and retention of care workers. The Committee decided to review the lessons learnt from management of pressures during winter 2022/23 and how that was being used to inform decision making about winter planning 2023/24.
- 3.3 The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health and Director of Adult Health and Care have submitted a report about the Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2023/24, and the Portfolio Holder and Head of Access and Prevention will be attending the meeting to discuss this with the Committee. The System Delivery Director from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board will be attending the meeting to provide a wider health and care perspective.

#### **4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Briefing on Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2023/24 from the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health and Director of Adult Health and Care

#### **5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

- 5.1 None

#### **6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

- 6.1 Report to and minutes of the meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee held on 12 January 2023

#### **7 Wards affected**

- 7.1 All

#### **8 Contact information**

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