

Statutory Officers Report for Health and Wellbeing Board

Director of Adult Social Care

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Care Act implementation.

Six months have now passed since Part 1 of the Care Act came into effect. We have submitted our 5th Care Act Stocktake this month.

We are completing more assessments for carers than previously, which demonstrates that the intention in the legislation to give carers parity with those for whom they care has translated positively in terms of people requesting an assessment for support. In the first six months of this year more assessments have been completed (793) than in the whole of 14/15 (644).

There is very little uptake of deferred payments. None have been completed to date this year, although 13 applications are currently in progress. A deferred payment is an arrangement with the Council that enables citizens to use the value of their homes to help pay their care home costs. If they are eligible, the Council will help to pay care home bills on behalf of the citizen. They are then able to delay repaying the Council until they choose to sell their home, or until after their death.

The Care Act placed a new duty on councils to assess the social care needs of prisoners. We have had more uptake than expected in terms of the national modelling. In the first 6 months of this year 26 prisoners have been assessed and 24 of these have met the eligibility threshold to receive services.

Promoting Health and Wellbeing

Members will recall the discussion at the health and wellbeing development day in June relating to how we can use our workforce more effectively in a time of shrinking resources to promote health and wellbeing and create: "a city with a well informed workforce and volunteers who use every interaction with citizens and their family members to identify well-being related needs and guide people towards solutions. I gave an update last month in relation to phase one of the work.

The second phase of wellbeing training work is currently being developed. It's been agreed we will pilot a brief, targeted learning session in Clifton in the Care Delivery Group. The training will be designed to upskill workers to offer effective, preventative interventions for a range of wellbeing issues, which can be a pre-cursor to more acute need.

Colleagues from a range of agencies, who are experts in the 3 priority areas (trips and falls, smoking cessation and social isolation) are currently involved in the design of the training. This includes providers of services, such as homecare, so that the training is relevant to the practical context in which a range of workers deliver services. Public Health and social care colleagues will work together to develop the methods by which the effectiveness of the pilot will be determined.

Transforming Care for People with Learning Disabilities

Further to my update last month regarding Nottingham being one of a number of Fast Track sites to accelerate this service change, the Government has announced plans to see transforming care partnerships set up across England to help people with learning disabilities stay out of hospital and live in the community.

NHS England has announced it will make 45m available to the partnerships between the NHS and social care over the first three years to transition to the new system.

Improving Outcomes

The Making Safeguarding Personal agenda is a sector led initiative which aims to develop an outcome- based focus to safeguarding work. The intention is to develop a range of responses which help people resolve or improve their circumstances.

Nottingham has been progressing this agenda and I am pleased to report that in relation to our first six months of data 80% of people that we have worked in relation to safeguarding concerns are saying that their outcomes were achieved or partially met.

Personalisation.

Think Local, Act Personal is a national partnership transforming health and care through personalisation and community based support which promotes self directed supported. The aim of this is to give people control over their support so that they can live more independent lives.

In Nottingham 100% of citizens needing long term social care support now have a personal budget and the number using direct payments (where money is paid direct to the citizen or someone acting on their behalf) is at about 30%.

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