

# **Statutory Officers Report for Health and Wellbeing Board**

## **Director of Adult Social Care**

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### **Whole Life Disability Approach Programme**

Further to a regional meeting of Portfolio Holders, Directors of Children's & Adults' services and agreement with the CCG, a joint programme of work is being established locally to drive forward change to improve outcomes for disabled children, adults and their carers. Whilst the project is still being scoped, the intended areas of focus include:

- Ensuring a personalised approach to meeting need, so that people can live their lives in the way they choose;
- Integrating health and social care responses;
- Changing how we operate so that people can transition from children's to adult services without negative impact;
- Supporting people to live at home and in the community in line with the Government's Transforming Care agenda;
- Ensuring that education and employment opportunities are maximised.

### **Shared Lives is latest Adult Social Care Service to win CQC praise**

Our Shared Lives Service for adults with learning disabilities is the latest adult social care provision run by Nottingham City Council to be rated as 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission.

The service – which offers accommodation and support, including short breaks, within approved family homes – was inspected by the CQC in September. It described Shared Lives as 'having a positive culture that was person-centred, inclusive and open'.

Shared Lives joins the City Council's three residential care homes – which are all rated as 'Good' by the CQC. Our Social Care Reablement service also received a 'Good' rating in 2014. The full report has just been published here: <http://www.cqc.org.uk/location/1-906534472/inspection-summary#safe>

### **Making Safeguarding Personal 2014/15 - National Evaluation**

The 'Making Safeguarding Personal' agenda is about ensuring that when we intervene to keep vulnerable adults safe from harm that they have good experiences and outcomes.

The national evaluation was produced at the end of 2015 with recommendations for national, regional and local change. A copy can be found [here](#). The Safeguarding Adults Board in Nottingham has already adopted the local recommendations.

A regional event - with a particular focus on the role of health organisations in relation to this agenda - is being held on March 17th and I am happy to provide information for partners who wish to attend.

### **New Body for Social Work**

On 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 there was an announcement by Nicky Morgan, the Secretary of State for Education, to take forward an ambitious set of reforms to improve the quality of social work. The creation of a new regulatory body for social work recognises social work's uniqueness and importance, strengthening our shared priorities on education, training, social work regulation and practice improvement across children and adults' social care. This will enhance a system of regulation which supports a single, unified profession, with an initial qualification giving social workers the freedom to work in many settings and contexts across England and the United Kingdom. Details of the speech, press notice and the Department of Education's vision for children's social care reform are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/nicky-morgan-delivering-a-revolution-in-childrens-social-care>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nicky-morgan-unveils-plans-to-transform-childrens-social-work>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-social-care-reform-a-vision-for-change>

### **Modern Slavery – New Duty to Report**

From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 a duty to report Modern Slavery to the Home Office was introduced. Modern slavery remains a hidden crime; however the understanding of the scale and nature is improving. New legislation to reinforce our response to modern slavery has been enacted this past year. The new Modern Slavery Act strengthens protection for victims of modern slavery and gives law enforcement the powers they need to bring the perpetrators to justice. The Modern Slavery Act also requires all large companies operating in the UK (with a total turnover above £36m per year) to set out every year what steps they have taken to ensure that their supply chains and businesses are slavery-free. The UK is the first country in the world to introduce such legislation. A copy of the report assessing modern slavery in the UK can be found [here](#).

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