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Agenda Item: 7

**REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND
PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**REPORT ON NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES CONFERENCE,
2 - 4 NOVEMBER 2016**

Purpose of the Report

1. The report informs the Committee about Member and officer attendance at the National Children and Adult Services Conference which took place in Manchester between 2nd and 4th November 2016.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council's representatives attending the conference were Councillor Muriel Weisz, Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee, Councillor John Peck, Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee, Colin Pettigrew, Corporate Director of Children, Families and Cultural Services, David Pearson, Corporate Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection and Paul McKay, Service Director, Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection,
3. The report is supported by the speeches and presentations which are available on the conference website, hosted by the Local Government Association (LGA).
4. A range of issues and priorities in adult social care were reflected in the conference agenda including some joint issues with children's services. Major topics covered were: integration with health; financial sustainability and the link with Sustainability and Transformation Plans; prevention; and managing demand.
5. As part of the event, David Pearson made a presentation to a policy session on Integrated Commissioning for Prevention highlighting the Mid-Nottinghamshire Better Together vanguard and a presentation on managing demand at the policy session on A Sustainable Future for Adult Care.
6. Various speakers referred to the need to adopt 'radically different approaches' to address rising needs in older and younger adults and demographic changes. This included how a number of councils were responding to the austerity measures by being able to meet people's support needs, deliver improved outcomes, reduce dependency and make significant cash savings. The work in Nottinghamshire was seen as a good example of where this was happening.

7. Examples of work that has been taking place across the country to deliver innovation and manage demand whilst ensuring quality were profiled. There were numerous references to the current challenges in the social care market and ensuring that there is an appropriately skilled and trained workforce.
8. There was a strong emphasis on prevention and the need for joint working between health, housing and social care. This reaffirmed how crucial good quality prevention services that help people to remain independent and live healthy are.
9. In relation to integration the conference included a session profiling the work of vanguards and integration pioneers. David Pearson outlined that social care is integral to the success of Sustainable Transformation Programme commenting “Without this, and without addressing the funding challenge of social care, the ambitions of the NHS England’s Five Year Forward View will not be realised”.
10. In his opening speech to the conference former ADASS President Ray James paid a moving tribute to the late Harold Bodmer, ADASS President.
11. He challenged colleagues to focus on the priorities set out by Harold Bodmer, calling for a focus on home care, taking a supportive but challenging approach on integration, promoting the cause of carers and making a call for a social movement to take forward social care in the same way that the Dementia Friends movement is already changing attitudes.
12. He also stressed the valuable contribution front line staff play in helping people to live at home in the community. This was also a theme of the opening address by David Hill, President of the Association of Directors of Children’s Services, who paid tribute to the work that “social workers, youth workers and others all across the county are doing to safeguard and improve the lives of vulnerable people each and every day”.
13. The conference was not well-attended by leading politicians in the social care field, but the conference heard from David Mowat MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Care. He acknowledged the current challenges regarding the financial situation and increasing demands and called for more innovation.
14. Barbara Keeley MP and Shadow Member for Mental Health and Social Care also addressed the conference and spoke about the need for improvements in mental health and social care services and for improved support and recognition for carers.

Other Options Considered

15. The report is for noting only.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

16. The report is for noting only

Statutory and Policy Implications

17. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

18. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee notes the report on attendance at the National Children and Adult Services Conference which took place in Manchester in November 2016.

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Constitutional Comments

19. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (MM 16/12/16)

20. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

National Children and Adult Services Conference 2016 – report to Adult Social Care and Health Committee on 7 March 2016

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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