

7th December 2020

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH WINTER PLAN 2020-2021 AND SERVICE CONTINUITY AND CARE MARKET REVIEW SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Purpose of the Report

1. That Committee receives the Service Continuity and Care Market Review: Self-Assessment and the Adult Social Care and Public Health Winter Plan 2020 to 2021, as submitted to the Department of Health and Social Care, and agrees to receive an update on the outcomes of the Winter Plan in April 2021.

Information

2. The Department of Health and Social (DHSC) published a policy paper entitled Adult Social Care: Our COVID19 Winter Plan 2020 to 2021 on 18th September 2020. In the plan it described three overarching priorities for adult social care over the winter period:
 - Ensuring everyone who needs care or support can get high-quality, timely and safe care throughout the autumn and winter period
 - Protecting people who need care, support or safeguards, the social care workforce, and carers from infections including COVID-19
 - Making sure that people who need care, support or safeguards remain connected to essential services and their loved ones whilst protecting individuals from infections including COVID-19.
3. The DHSC policy paper puts into practice the recommendations of the Social Care Sector COVID-19 Support Taskforce and sets out actions for local authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and care providers to take over the coming months.
4. One of the products produced as part of the Winter Plan development is the Self-Assessment Questionnaire which has been submitted to the DHSC by the 21st October 2020 deadline. The self-assessment provided analysis of the risks to the continuity of services in the provider sector. It also aimed to explore the plans that local authorities had

in place to mitigate these risks with a focus on the impact of COVID-19 and winter planning arrangements. The outcome can be found at **Appendix A**.

Developing the Adult Social Care & Public Health Winter Plan 2020-2021

5. The Department's Winter Plan builds on the considerable work done to date in responding to the pandemic, and supports and progresses the actions already in place, across the following four themes:
 - Theme 1: Preventing and controlling the spread of infection in care settings
 - Theme 2: Collaboration across health and care services
 - Theme 3: Supporting people who receive social care, the workforce, and carer
 - Theme 4: Supporting the system
6. The Council continues to collaborate with partners across our homecare and care home providers and Local Resilience Forums to ensure the successful delivery of the plan.
7. A letter has been sent to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to provide assurance that the Council has a winter plan in place and is working to meet all the DHSC requirements in full. The Winter Plan has been published on the Council's website and a link can be found in background papers.
8. A current position statement for the Winter Plan can be found at **Appendix B**.

Other Options Considered

9. There are no other options to consider as the department needs to meet the requirements of the Department of Health and Social Care.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To receive the Department's Winter Plan actions and self-assessment questionnaire that will support the needs of adults within Nottinghamshire during the winter period of the pandemic.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance 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, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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

12. The Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund has been extended until March 2021, and the Winter Plan sets out how and when this is to be used to support the care home and home care sector.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

13. The Winter Plan aims to protect people who are at risk from infections including COVID-19, making sure they remain connected to essential services and their loved ones.

Implications for Service Users

14. The Winter Plan aims to ensure that everyone who needs care or support can get high-quality, timely and safe care throughout the autumn and winter period.

RECOMMENDATION/S

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Constitutional Comments (LW 18/11/20)

15. Adult Social care and Public Health Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (DG 16/11/20)

16. There are no direct financial implications within 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.

Adult Social Care and Public Health Winter Plan 2020-21

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/health-and-wellbeing/stay-well-this-winter>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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