

8th January 2018

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, MID-NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

UPDATE OF THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY POLICY

Purpose of the Report

1. To invite the Committee to recommend the Council's updated Occupational Therapy policy, attached as **Appendix 1**, to Policy Committee for approval.

Information and Advice

2. The Occupational Therapy policy has been reviewed by Principal Occupational Therapist in September 2017 to ensure that the content is in line with Care Act legislation and the Nottinghamshire County Council Adult Social Care Strategy.
3. The updated Occupational Therapy policy identifies the additional national legislation that applies to the work of an occupational therapist working in social care and how this relates to the Care Act and social care eligibility. The additional text is highlighted in the updated policy which is attached as **Appendix 1**. The policy also points out Nottinghamshire County Council practice guidance for other interdependent services.
4. There are no implications for staffing or service users as the Occupational Therapy policy is in line with the recently updated Adult Social Care Strategy.

Other Options Considered

5. The Principal Occupational Therapist has considered changing the Occupational Therapy policy to practice guidance.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. This document has been identified in the past as a policy, rather than practice guidance. Having a clear policy gives staff confidence in their work and supports them in decision making.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. 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.

Data Protection and Information Governance:

8. The amendments to this policy do not affect information governance or data protection. There are no changes to existing information sharing between internal or external departments.

Financial Implications

9. There are no financial implications as the Occupational Therapy policy is in line with the Adult Social Care Strategy.

Implications in relation to the NHS Constitution

10. The Occupational Therapy policy supports the NHS Constitution that establishes the principles and values of the NHS in England.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

11. The Occupational Therapy policy respects the Nottinghamshire County Council [Children's Social Care Service Policy, Values and Principles](#) that outline the process of transition from Children's Services to Adult Care, in relation to social care occupational therapy and [Transition planning for young people with disabilities](#).

Implications for Service Users

12. The Occupational Therapy policy identifies an equal opportunity for occupational therapy assessment and interventions for all service users who are eligible for social care, under the Care Act legislation.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the updated Occupational Therapy policy, attached as **Appendix 1**, is recommended to Policy Committee for approval.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 13/12/17)

13. Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (AGW 15/12/17)

14. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 9.

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.

Previous version of Occupational Therapy policy

Adult Social Care Strategy

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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