REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICE POLICY

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the new policy relating to occupational therapy and the provision of equipment and adaptations within Nottinghamshire.

Information and Advice

2. The policy document applies only to occupational therapy services for people over the age of 18 years. Occupational therapy services for children and young people under the age of 18 years are dealt with by Children, Families and Cultural Services.

3. All the documents relating to the occupational therapy service have been redesigned and updated to ensure that they are clearer for frontline staff. The new documents follow the corporate format for documents in the Policy Library; they are: an Occupational Therapy Policy; Occupational Therapy - Provision of Equipment and Minor Adaptations - Staff Guidance; Occupational Therapy - Recommending Major Adaptations- Staff Guidance. In addition, the Council has staff guidance on the Disabled Facilities Grant Contribution Fund, which was updated last year, and a number of documents relating to the Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES).

4. The information in the policy document is not new, but it was previously included in a range of other documents relating to occupational therapy. This made it difficult to be absolutely clear about the Council's policy in relation to occupational therapy and the provision of equipment and adaptations. The new policy clarifies the Council's position and will be shared with service users and carers through the Policy Library on the public website.

5. The preparation of the policy, and the revision of the associated staff guidance, is part of the Occupational Therapy Review Project; the work has included consultation with staff about the issues that they felt needed to be resolved, consultation with legal services, and discussion with members of the project.

Other Options Considered

6. No other options considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. Once approved, the policy will be published in the Policy Library on the public website. It has to be approved by Committee to enable this to happen.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, 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.

Implications for Service Users

9. The policy will make it easier for staff to make consistent decisions across the County. It will also be available to the public, so they will be able to understand how and why decisions are made.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) It is recommended that the Policy Committee approves the Occupational Therapy Policy and associated staff guidance.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 01/11/13)

10. The Policy Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (CLK 17/10/13)

11. There are no financial implications contained in this report.

Background Papers

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.

a. Equality Impact Assessment.
b. Occupational Therapy - Provision of Equipment and Minor Adaptations - Staff Guidance
c. Occupational Therapy - Recommending Major Adaptations- Staff Guidance

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.