

7 January 2019

Agenda Item: 8

## **REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **NATIONAL CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES CONFERENCE: 14<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The report informs the Committee of the key messages from the National Children and Adult Services (NCAS) Conference which took place in Manchester between 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

#### **Information**

2. The County Council's representatives attending the conference were Councillor Stuart Wallace, Chairman of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee, Councillor Steve Vickers, Vice Chairman of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee, David Pearson CBE, Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Public Health, and Jane North, Programme Director, Adult Social Care and Public Health.
3. The report is supported by the presentations which are available on the [conference website](#).
4. A fringe event called Social Care Future was a celebratory event which recognised the importance of social care in supporting people to live happy, healthy and independent lives. This event focused on how to co-produce a better future for social care by drawing upon people's experience of using health and social care. It was attended by Sarah Craggs and Mike Deakin, Person Centred Training and Development Managers, Sarah Wells (Commissioning Officer), and Eddie Morecroft and Sharon Walker (We can do it Training Community Interest Company) who both have experience of using social care services.
5. A range of issues and priorities in adult social care were reflected in the conference agenda. Major topics covered were: integration with health, transforming social care, prevention, strength based and asset based approaches. There were also some examples of innovative models of social care and health by local systems. For example, Southwark shared the key components for developing community hubs.
6. Glen Garrod, President of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS), raised the acute challenges faced in social care. He recounted the findings from the recent Autumn ADASS budget survey which found Directors' confidence in maintaining statutory services is becoming the exception. He said "*this is an untenable position when the lack of money means services decline, standards reduce and risks to people increase. This leaves*

*[Directors] in an invidious position. Despite the best effort by local councils to protect adult social care, austerity has gone too far and the consequences are not sufficiently well understood. The profile given to a delayed discharge has not been matched by what it must mean to have a backlog of assessments that stretch to four figures and the waiting times can be counted in months not weeks, where residents in care homes are obliged to move due to a lack of funds and our ability to protect people's liberty is severely impaired. Conference, this is just not acceptable."*

7. Glen Garrod went on to say 'Yet, we must all be ambitious for social care and the sort of country we want to live in.' He cited some examples of opportunities to improve outcomes for people thorough collaboration with health and housing, digital technology and personalisation.

8. Caroline Dinenage, the Minister of State for Care, received hearty applause when she said that social care has a value in its own right in keeping people independent and well, in addition to being critical for the sustainability of the NHS.

*'For too long... social care has been the poor relation of the health service. We know the two are umbilically linked; we know that one drives cost to the other. I am absolutely fed up with social care being described through the lens of the NHS; through the lens of saying what we can do to support it, what we can do to stop driving cost to it, but we have to be seen as equal partners with equal value in our own right.'*

9. Jane North, Programme Director, gave a presentation called 'Integration: it's not what you do; it's the way that you do it.' She presented on ground breaking findings that showed integrated care teams can improve outcomes and reduce costs, if the right conditions are in place. The findings from this evaluation were reported to Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee in March 2018. There was much interest from the conference in the toolkit developed to support best practice in developing integrated care teams.

10. Building upon the topical theme of integration, ['Shifting the Centre of Gravity: making place-based, person-centred health and care a reality 2018'](#) was launched at the conference. This publication draws upon the key findings and recommendations from the joint review of integration. It describes how local government and the NHS can work together at national and local level to develop person-centred and community based care and support, drawing on the progress made so far and the challenges that remain.

11. David Pearson, CBE, Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Public Health, spoke at a plenary event titled 'The state of Adult Social Care Funding: securing short-term sustainability consequences.' In this session, the panel identified the priorities the Government must address in the long awaited Green Paper. David Pearson talked about 4 big strategic issues:

- a) sustainable funding for the existing means tested system
- b) the degree to which 'pooled risk' should be extended to current self-funders i.e. those with over £23,250
- c) reform in areas such as the workforce, regulation of the market, technology, Housing with Care, and integration with Health
- d) how social care should be funded in the future.

12. In addition to the need for more funding, David talked about the need to promote social care as an investible proposition, as the value of social care to the economy should not be underestimated. The total value of the adult social care economy is estimated to be a £46.2 billion contribution to the national economy as well as 2.6 million jobs.
13. Melanie Brooks, the incoming Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Public Health, spoke at speaker's corner about transforming social care and the key components for an effective enablement service.

### **Other Options Considered**

14. No other options have been considered.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

15. The report provides an opportunity for the Committee to consider any further actions arising from the key messages contained within the report.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

16. 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**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the Committee consider whether there are any actions it requires in relation to the key messages from the National Children and Adult Services Conference contained in the report.

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**Constitutional Comments (EP 04/12/18)**

18. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Adult Social and Public Health Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

**Financial Comments (OC 13/12/18)**

19. There are no financial implications contained 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.

Evaluation of the impact of social care staff embedded within Integrated Care Teams – report to Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

National Children and Adult Services Conference 2018 – report to Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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