



Report to Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny & Policy Committee

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Subject: Adult Health and Social Care Update

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Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of Adult Health and Social Care performance, self-assessment, and progress of change programme.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	x
Other	

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

1. Note introduction of an assurance framework for Adult Social Care through the passage of the Health and Social Care Bill at section 2.4.
2. Agree that regular updates on the implementation of the Adult Social Care Assurance Framework and Sheffield City Council preparations are provided to Committee.
3. Agree that regular updates on then progress of priority actions arising identified from the self assessment are provided to Committee.

Background Papers:

None.

1. Introduction/Context

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of and update about Adult Health and Social Care including information about the proposed inspection programme and key change programmes designed to improve lives and outcomes of people of Sheffield.

2.0 Background to Adult Social Care

- 2.1 Our ambition is that we deliver excellent quality, personalised services in communities across Sheffield, and work in partnership with colleagues and partners across the City to end inequalities and enable people to live independently, well and safely so that they can live the life they want to live in their local communities.

- 2.2 We do this by providing information, advice, and guidance as well as support and services to people who are over 18 with physical disabilities, sensory disabilities, learning disabilities, autism, experience of mental ill health and older people. We also support people who provide care and support to friends or family and young people supported by Children's Social Services who are approaching 18 years old and may require adult social care support.

- 2.3 The main responsibilities of Adult Health and Social Care are set out in three main pieces of legislation: the Care Act 2014, the Mental Capacity Act 2005, Human Rights Act 1998, Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act. These legislation direct Adult Health and Social Care to:

- promote wellbeing
- protect (safeguarding) adults at risk of abuse or neglect
- prevent the need for care and support
- promote integration of care and support with health services
- provide information and advice
- promote diversity and quality in providing services

- 2.4 In addition to this, the Health and Social Care Bill 2021 sets out a framework for integrating health and social care starting with the development of Integrated Care Systems (ICS) to tackle inequalities, improve population health and wellbeing, deliver excellent care, and maximise use of resources.

- 2.5 A key part of the Bill is the introduction of an enhanced assurance framework for adult social care, working alongside the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and local authorities to improve adult social care oversight, access, and outcomes across England. The assurance framework will likely consider our impact on people of Sheffield as well as how we are delivering on our legal obligations, our performance, our quality.

- 2.6 To deliver upon our ambition, our legal requirements and prepare for the introduction of an enhanced adult social care assurance framework, a Self-Assessment was undertaken between December 2020 and March 2021 to recognise our areas of strength, improvement and identify our key priorities for action.
- 2.7 The areas of priority identified can be summarised as implementing a:
- Vision and strategic direction which unites social care and sets out a long-term strategic direction and delivery plan.
 - Care Governance Framework which sets out how we will drive excellent quality, performance, governance, and financial sustainability across all aspects of adult health and social care.
 - New model for homecare delivery to enable people to live well and independently at home which enables us to respond to increased demand.
 - New model for enabling young people to transition well into adulthood and adult services so that young people have the best start in life.
 - Strengthened approach to safeguarding and mental health.
 - Workforce plan which sets out how we value and empower our social care workforce across the City by implementing the foundation living wage, a career pathway and incentives for working in social care.
 - Formal relationship with new NHS structures and build upon our positive working relationship with health so that we integrate care and through this end inequalities.
 - Series of invest to save which builds workforce capacity within Adult Health and Social Care to deliver long term financial sustainability, new ways of working and with that our ability to meet our legal and statutory requirements.
- 2.8 These areas of priority formed the basis of an Adult Health and Social Care Change Programme, the Adult Health and Social Care actions entered within the Sheffield City Council 1 Year Plan and our key priorities for action during 2021 – 2022.
- 2.9 Since March 2021 we have made good progress in taking forward these actions which includes developing:
- A strategic plan for Adult Social Care alongside joint strategic commissioning plans - It is planned to consult on a draft Strategic Plan throughout December to January.
 - A Care Governance Framework – It is planned to launch a framework throughout December to January.
 - A new model for homecare – This is to be discussed at Education, Health and Care Transitional Committee on 2nd December 2021.
 - A new model for supporting for enabling young people to transition well into adulthood and adult services so that young people have the best start in life.

- Invest to saves to build workforce capacity and support long term sustainability of Adult Social Care.
- A strengthened approach to safeguarding and mental health.
- An inspection preparation plan to prepare for advent of a new assurance framework.

2.10 Underpinning each of the developments is strong ethos and approach towards embedding collaboration with partners across the City and a focus on co-production with people with lived experience, their family members and carers and a joint commitment to promoting inclusion and tackling inequalities. It is aimed that this value base and approach will support us to deliver improved lives and outcomes for the people of Sheffield.

3 Implications

- 3.1 A key part of the Health and Social Care Bill is the introduction of an enhanced assurance framework for adult social care, working alongside the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and local authorities to improve adult social care oversight, access, and outcomes across England.
- 3.2 In going forward, it will be important that Sheffield City Council is well prepared for introduction of the assurance framework and to that end an inspection preparation team and planning have been implemented.
- 3.3. It is proposed, due to this that regular updates about the enhanced assurance framework and our progress in delivering upon priority actions identified following on from the self-assessment at section 2.7.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is being asked to:
- Note introduction of an assurance framework for Adult Social Care through the passage of the Health and Social Care Bill at section 2.4.
 - Agree that regular updates on the implementation of the Adult Social Care Assurance Framework and Sheffield City Council preparations are provided to Committee.
 - Agree that regular updates on the progress of priority actions identified arising from the self-assessment are provided to Committee.