

<b>CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT</b>		
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care) 1 March 2016</b>		
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Period of Report</b>
<b>Paul Cummins</b>	<b>Adult Social care</b>	<b>February/March</b>

### **Day Care modernisation.**

This project is currently on schedule and activity continues. The modernisation of Dunningsbridge Road (New Direction's) day centre commenced on the 22nd February 2016. From the 19<sup>th</sup> February Dunningsbridge has been closed to service users. At this time service users will be attending other various alternative venues while the building is modernised. The new building is expected to open in February 2017.

Mornington Road day centre will close in May 2016 and plans are also to schedule for the work to modernise and reopen the centre in December 2016. West Park and Brookdale day centres are being improved with new toilets and patio area and resurfacing of walkways and improved signage.

The new model for assessing service user needs (including use of Council transport) is being applied through social care reassessments. This is also on schedule and the social work teams are working with voluntary organisations to signpost service user to alternative day opportunities.

### **Supported Living – tenancies and shared lives.**

A new model of service was approved at the 4th February Cabinet. This will not impact on those with existing tenancies other than a reassessment for the potential introduction of more or better assistive technology within their homes.

The commissioning of care and housing will be impacted the most with the introduction of a zoning approach for care providers and the increased use of more multi-occupancy accommodation (apartment style but with tenants having their own front door rather than single houses) for new tenants entering the service. Work continues on discussing these changes with care and housing providers and on reassessing service users for the change of technology.

### **Personalisation**

The monitoring of the personalisation action plan is now encompassed under the ongoing work streams of the Community Resilience Corporate Leadership Group and the Early Intervention and Prevention Group. An easy read version has been developed and this has been published.

The Personal Budgets Strategic Plan was approved by Cabinet on 4 February 2016. The next steps for the implementation of the action plan are:

- Development of a Personal Budgets work stream to scope the needs of a more comprehensive approach to individual budgets for Sefton citizen including the roll out of Pre Paid Cards and alternative models including Managed Accounts.
- Within the work for personal budgets there will be an initial focus on direct payments which will reconcile historical costing issues and provide comprehensive documentation for internal and external use to provide clarity for officers and Service Users including the publication of Direct Payment Guidelines.
- A workshop took place in January to explore ASC developments to the assessment pathway and begin to explore the development of a personal budget calculation model.
- ASC strategic priorities continue to focus on assessment and the personalisation strategy and the Care Act will remain at the centre of developments.

### **Mental Health Team Restructure**

The review of the mental health teams function and structure continues. A working group are completing a piece of work on the roles and responsibilities of mental health social workers. This will align the local authority and professionals with care act statutory responsibilities within mental health services.

Agreed Phase one re structure has been implemented and we are currently recruiting two lead practitioners, and two advance practitioners to lead the future management of the teams. This management structure will take forward the continued review of the service currently delivered under the section 75 agreement with MerseyCare.

### **Care Act Update**

Since the implementation of the Care Act in April 2014 Adult Social Care have been monitoring the impact and implementation of the new legislation and duties on the Council. There has been some distinct challenges in the assessment process with the introduction of new eligibility for both service users and Carers.

A new Practice and Procedure resource has been published for frontline workers on the Sefton Intranet and during March and April there will be a full update of all external information on the Sefton website within the Adult Social Care pages.

There will be a programme of continued refinement of processes during 2016/17 to improve the efficiency of pathway and to ensure the best 'Customer Experience'. This includes the continued alignment with IT systems across both Adults and Children's Services in regards Carers specifically.

Through the implementation of the Care Act 2014, there is also a need to reassess all Service Users to ensure alignment with national eligibility. A focused work plan is monitoring the progress with specific resource attached to ensuring Care Act compliance. There is a focus on key priorities that have both legislative and financial impacts. These are:

- Long term nursing and residential
- Supported Living
- Direct Payment recipients
- Day Care recipients

Service Users in the remaining cohorts will be reassessed toward the end of the process.