

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT

Overview and Scrutiny (Adult Social Care and Health) - 4th September 2018

Councillor	Portfolio	Period of Report
Paul Cummins	Adult Social Care	July/Aug 2018

Delayed Transfers of Care and Interface with Aintree Hospital

At the February meeting of the Accident and Emergency Executive Delivery Board it was agreed that Newton Europe, a consultancy company, would be asked to undertake a detailed review of delayed transfers of care at Aintree Hospital. South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group led on the work at Aintree but with recognition of the need for collaboration with the multiple commissioning and provider stakeholders who support this system.

Sefton's Adult Social Care hospital teams were actively involved in the workstream and it is hoped that the work will lead to improved processes and better outcomes for older people when they are discharged from hospital.

The report concluded that there are two workstreams which will need to be actioned. Each workstream is led by a strategic leader from across the health and social care system:

Sue Rogers and Deborah Butcher (Liverpool and Sefton) will be leading on commissioning 'out of hospital' services across the region.

Beth Weston (Chief Operating Officer, Aintree Hospital) will lead on process and decision making, supported by officers from Sefton, Knowsley and Liverpool Councils.

Domiciliary Care Contracts

I would like to update you on the implementation of the new Domiciliary Care Contracts. As you may be aware, these started on 1st August 2018. New providers are: Castle Rock, ICare, and Local Solutions. These domiciliary care agencies will be the lead domiciliary care providers for Sefton, supported by other accredited spot contract care agencies. To allow further time, owing to issues being experienced with two outgoing providers, the contracts in these areas have been extended with a new commencement date of 3rd September 2108. This will allow sufficient time for the new providers to recruit and the TUPE information to be formulated. One area in the north of the borough transferred on 1st August 2018.

Officers are engaging in regular meetings with the incumbent care agencies to ensure a smooth transition of services and have provided reassurance that the majority of care staff and service users will transfer to the new suppliers. This piece of work is obviously very complex and a culmination of several months of tendering. The new providers will be contacting people who use services over the next few weeks, and so there may be queries via Cabinet Members regarding this matter.

Peter Moore is the lead officer for this piece of work, that has been undertaken by his team in collaboration with Knowsley Council.

Sefton New Directions (SND)

James Dixon Court

Plans are progressing in relation to updating the building and to remodel the service. It is hoped that the service will be supporting with respite care and 'step down from hospital' as well as a focus on long term care for older people. Work is ongoing with SND around developing the models. A task and finish group has been set up to progress the use of seven step up/down beds and to develop the process for the use of these.

The Strategic Capital Investment Group has approved capital to support these improvements and the work will be completed in October and will contribute to:

- Redecorating bedrooms
- Profiling beds
- A kitchenette to enable people to practice daily living activities before they return home

Consultation Plans

Consultation is currently being undertaken with Adult Social Care Direct Payment recipients regarding the implementation of two different fee rates. This will not disadvantage people who use Direct Payments, as it will better reflect the arrangements people have for commissioning their care.

Consultation Plans on “The Lives We Want to Lead”

The Local Government Association (LGA) has recently launched a 'Green Paper for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing' ahead of the Government's own Green Paper which has been delayed until Autumn and will be published at the same time as the proposed NHS plan.

The LGA decided not to wait until the Autumn and unveiled their biggest ever eight-week consultation on how best to pay for care and support for adults and unpaid carers.

The consultation will end on 26th September and officers are arranging small events to capture feedback which will be sent to the LGA. Details of how to get involved will be circulated, but the website is as follows: <https://futureofadultsocialcare.co.uk>

The Green paper is consulting on the following areas:

What is the role of Councils in improving health and wellbeing?

What is Adult Social Care and why is it important?

Decision making on Adult Social Care at local level versus central decision making

Funding for Adult Social Care

What are the options for change?

How should we pay for these changes?

Community Equipment Store

This Committee will receive a report of the Community Equipment Store in respect of the Model of Service in September 2018. The plan is that the Council will commission this service on behalf of the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Learning Disability Partnership Board

The first meeting of the Partnership Board was held In July. The Board will be co-chaired by a representative from People First and myself. An analysis of service gaps is already underway with a planned event in late September to involve people with learning disabilities and their carers in reviewing services, with a particular focus on access to healthcare and housing.

Safeguarding - Barton Park Update

Following a lengthy trial and sentencing that took place on 13th July 2018 in respect of several named parties, reporting restrictions were lifted. Notice was subsequently issued by the Local Authority, South Sefton CCG and Southport and Formby CCG. As a result of this residents were moved out and, as of the 2nd August, all residents had been moved from the home to alternative care providers. CQC issued a Section 31 Notice to Cancel Registration in respect of the home with effect from 3rd August 2018.