

## Cabinet Member - Health and Social Care Report

### Cabinet - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010

#### Inspection of Adult Social Care in Sefton – December 2009

An inspection team from the Care Quality Commission visited Sefton in December 2009 to find out how well the Council was delivering social care.

To do this, the inspection team focussed on the following:

Safeguarding adults whose circumstances made them vulnerable  
Improving quality of life for older people  
Increasing choice and control for older people

The final inspection report was published on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

The Care Quality Commission judges the performance of councils using the following four grades:

Performing poorly  
Performing adequately  
Performing well  
Performing excellently

The inspection team concluded the following for Sefton:

Safeguarding adults whose circumstances made them vulnerable – **performing well**  
Improving quality of life for older people – **performing excellently**  
Increasing choice and control for older people – **performing well**

Capacity to improve

The Care Quality Commission rates a council's capacity to improve its performance using the following four grades:

Poor  
Uncertain  
Promising  
Excellent

The team concluded that the capacity to improve for Sefton was 'promising'.

Following the publication of the report, there are areas highlighted in the report that need developing.

An Action Plan has been submitted to the lead inspector in his advisory role and will be presented to our local Business Manager from the Care Quality Commission.

The lead inspector will monitor our progress against the Action Plan.

The lead inspector will present his Inspection Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 together with the Action Plan.

### **Transforming Social Care**

I recently received a report informing me of progress in 2009/10 regarding:

Local targets for Transforming Social Care, set in agreement with the Care Quality Commission (CQC); and  
How far the Department is in compliance with the DH "Putting People First" Milestones (national performance template).

The results are that, at the end of the third quarter, all local targets are on track and, indeed, three have already been exceeded.

The targets relate to:

- Number of assisted assessments.
- Number of recipients of Direct Payments.
- Number of citizens engaged with the Voluntary Sector.
- Number of citizens registered with the Carers Centre.
- Number of users of Assistive Technology.
- Number of Learning Disability citizens moving into tenancies.

With regard to the national "Milestones" document, I am able to report that the Department is, again, compliant with the required progress.

The Department updates the National Milestones performance document regularly and this is reported to me on a quarterly basis.

As from April 2010, we enter the final year of Transforming Social Care and I will receive further reports on progress.

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**Health and Social Care Cabinet Member**