

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Adult Social Care Winter Plan**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the progress and achievements in relation to the actions identified in the Winter Plan.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Department for Health and Social Care published a policy paper 'Adult Social Care: Our COVID-19 Winter Plan 2019 – 2021' which sets the context to our approach; ensuring the recommendations were incorporated into existing integration plans as approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 16 November 2020 (minute 335 refers).
- 2.2 This winter particularly, continues to place unique pressures on the health and care system with COVID-19 and other winter related problems. These pressures create capacity risks to the health and wellbeing of both individuals who need care and support and the social care workforce, including family carers and social care providers.
- 2.3 It is essential that local partners continue to work closely together to protect the most vulnerable and keep residents safe and well over this period.
- 2.4 The Winter Plan covers four themes:
- Preventing and controlling the spread of infection in care settings.
  - Collaboration across health and care services.
  - Supporting people who receive social care, carers and the workforce.
  - Supporting the system.

2.5 All of the required actions have been implemented with assurance provided through monthly reporting. Some highlights include:

- Initiatives supporting community first approach and increasing volunteering opportunities.
- Enhanced support for people nearing end of their life with improved coordination of support across health and social care.
- People supported in their own homes by investment in rehabilitation and reablement services.
- People supported to leave hospital and return home through new ways of working across health and social care.
- People in care homes supported to receive the vaccinations for flu and COVID-19.
- Care home managers supported to keep people safe and well through proactive prevention and management of infection outbreaks.
- People supported to ensure their needs are considered in line with continuing health care guidance.
- People supported to access community wellbeing initiatives through the establishment of the social prescribing alliance.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the progress and achievements in relation to the actions identified in the Winter Plan.

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Paper for information only.

### **5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

5.1 The council has distributed the extra funding from the infection control and rapid testing funds to the care sector, in line with the grant conditions.

5.2 The council distributed free personal protective equipment (PPE) to the providers of low-level care / support in line with the guidance and continues to do so. This includes people who use direct payments to

employ a personal assistant and housing providers where they carry out close contact support.

**6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

6.1 The review of existing plans highlights the importance of learning lessons and understanding the risks individuals face, to appreciate and address health equalities across North Lincolnshire. Health and Social Care partners will consider the implications of higher prevalence of COVID-19 in individuals and communities that experience disadvantage and the lived experience of people with learning disabilities, autistic adults, and individuals with mental health difficulties.

**7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 The plans cover all age, all levels of need and as such is fully inclusive.

**8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 People with lived experience and their carers have been actively engaged in the development of these plans and have expressed the support they received during the pandemic has been helpful and forthcoming.

8.2 The feedback received during the consultation has been fed into plans and actions agreed, for example falls prevention – work has commenced on reviewing current arrangements to ensure the service is further developed; access to information and guidance in accessible formats – information is being produced in easy read and videos have been created in alternative languages in relation to COVID-19 advice; and use of digital technology – i-pads purchased to support individuals to participate in on line meetings and enable residents within care homes to access health appointments etc..

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the progress and achievements in relation to the actions identified in the Winter Plan.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

'Adult Social Care: Our COVID-19 Winter Plan 2019 – 2021'. Health and Wellbeing Board minutes 16 November (335)