



Adults, Health and Housing Commission Recommendations

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Adults, Health and Housing Commission received a number of progress reports on areas within its portfolio at 26th July meeting . These included amongst other items, Transforming Social Care, Extra Care, Safeguarding, Dementia Strategy and Social Services Complaints Annual Report.
- 1.2 This report provides the formal response of the AHH Commission on the issues discussed.

RECOMMENDATION

Transforming Social Care

- 2.1 The Adults, Health and Housing Commission recommends that the system of Transforming Social Care is tailored to meet individual needs of the service users and not developed through a blanket approach of 'one size fits all' in order to avoid the risk of some current recipients getting a reduced in the level of service. The Commission wishes service users to receive a positive benefit from the change to the personalisation programme.

Extra Care

- 2.2 The Commission asks that any reduction in residential care beds should be planned carefully to ensure there is a smooth transition from residential care to extra care provision. The Commission recommends that the Council should retain sufficient supply of residential care beds in the city until an appropriate level of care provision is available through extra care. Reduction in capacity should not put people at risk.

Safeguarding Adults

- 2.3 The Commission recommends that the Safeguarding Board review the process and thresholds for partners to make referrals to Derby City Council under safeguarding process so that the right balance is achieved between maintaining safety of the service user and the partner organisations to take appropriate action on issues that fall within their jurisdiction.

Dementia Strategy

2.4 The Commission asked that accurate information is collated on the numbers of people receiving dementia services in the city to enable more accurate planning for future.

2.5 The Commission noted the Social Services Complaints Annual Report.

Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 The Commission seeks to add value and improve the Council's decision making by through the scrutiny process.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Personalisation

4.1 The Commission was informed that Derby is taking a cautious approach to the personalisation programme and aims to target those people whose conditions are stable. The Commission welcomes this approach, however it considers that there is a risk that some current recipients could end up with a reduced level of service through the personalisation programme especially if their situation deteriorates. Members asked for flexibility in the system so that services can be tailored to meet individual needs, rather than having a blanket approach for all users. The service should take into account carers willingness and ability to provide care.

Extra Care

4.2 The Commission was informed that there are currently 76 units of extra care in the city and a target of providing approximately 2450 units by 2026. The Council has every intention of providing extra care in Mackworth on the former Lois Ellis/ Arthur Neal site and the plans for this are well developed with planning permission granted. There are also intentions to provide extra care in Normanton on the Grange Avenue site and in Osmaston. However due the current difficult financial environment there is a squeeze on funding from the Housing Corporation which will slow down or stop development of extra care facilities in the city. Members are concerned that reductions in the residential care without alternative provision could leave service users at risk.

Safeguarding Adults

4.3 The Commission noted an increasing number of referrals by partner organisations under safeguarding procedures to Adult Social Services. Although not all referrals require detailed investigation they were still taking a significant amount of time to deal with. The Commission does not wish to prevent genuine cases being referred however, there was a discussion that some partners seem to be absolving their respective responsibility and referring all types of issues to Adult Social Services. The Commission wants the Safeguarding Board to review the process and threshold for partner agencies so that partner agencies are better able to act on issues that are within their jurisdiction.

Dementia Strategy

4.4 The commission was informed that the number of people suffering from dementia was expected to increase and that the strategy was designed to ensure appropriate support was available from a cross-section of partners.

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Background papers:	
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 None arising from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 None arising from this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 This report links with Council's priority that by 2020 Derby will be a Healthy City where people enjoy long, healthy and independent lives