

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 3rd November 2020

Electoral Division affected: All Divisions

Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The report provides details of the Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2020-21, and the additional capacity that will be mobilised to meet the anticipated demand.

Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

1. Note the report.
2. Support the ongoing work of Adult Social Care to ensure vulnerable people who need social care support across the winter period and continuing pandemic, receive the right support the right time.
3. Formulate any recommendations for improvements to the Winter Plan for consideration by Cabinet for its scheduled meeting on 5 November 2020.

Background and Advice

Adult Social Care has published an annual winter plan for the last 5 years. The Winter Plan for 2010/21 will be considered by Cabinet when it meets on 5 November 2020 and copy of the plan is set out at appendix A.

This year, the Adult Social Care plan has required the Council to take account not just of typical winter pressures, but also the added challenges that are still evident across the social care sector from the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, dealing with the 'second wave' and preparing for any further spikes which may occur in the months ahead.

In addition, local NHS organisations are working hard to restore services that were paused during the earlier phases of pandemic, such as orthopaedic operations, which will bring greater demand to social care.

Ensuring the stability of the care market and the sufficiency of care and support services remains of paramount importance and is a critical part of this winter plan.

The Plan sets out the actions adult social care will take across winter. It also sets out the additional services that are being established to support more people to return directly home from hospital when they no longer need to be there, or for people to remain in their own home and avoid an unnecessary hospital admission.

The Winter Plan also sets out how risks will be managed and the contingencies that will be in place during times of enhanced pressure.

The plan also notes the recent requirement for Local Authorities to identify designated care settings for people discharged from hospital who have a COVID-19 positive status, and the significant challenges this brings for all areas including Lancashire.

The Adult Social Care Winter Plan sits alongside and is interdependent with local NHS winter plans of each of the Integrated Care Partnerships (West Lancashire, Pennine, Fylde Coast, Morecambe Bay, Central Lancashire) and with the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System level. It also aligns with the national Adult Social Care Plan and the requirements set out within it.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The Winter Plan will be subject to monitoring through the Lancashire County Council Winter Board to ensure its full delivery and the achievement of key outcomes.

Financial

The need to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic has seen the suspension of the Advancing Integration governance arrangements in Lancashire, where relevant financial discussions would have previously taken place.

To enable decisions to be made on the allocation of the Winter Pressures grant and the additional Covid Grant monies, the Out of Hospital cell of the Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Command & Control Structure has been used as it contains the required level and breadth of NHS and social care representation.

That body has agreed the plan for the use of the Winter Pressures grant and the Covid grant monies, with a continued emphasis on increasing capacity in core community/intermediate care services and doing all we can to support people to stay or return to their own home.

The planned spend on additional staffing and externally commissioned services is:

- Covid Grant £4.772m until 31st March 2021
- Winter pressures grant £3.0m from 1st April 2021

There is a potential need for a further £4.3m for the continuation of these services until September 2021. This is to be considered further.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A