

Wiltshire Council

Health Select Committee

6 May 2014

Report of the Continence Services Task Group

Purpose of report

- 1 To present the findings of the Continence Services Task Group and seek endorsement for them.

Background

- 2 The Continence Services Task Group was established in October 2013 following a rapid scrutiny exercise which highlighted concerns about the provision of continence products following the implementation of a new contract.
- 3 The Task Group focussed its work on the delivery and provision of continence products in the home setting.

Main considerations

- 4 The Task Group believes that the number of continence products, their quality and the range currently provided do not meet the needs of all clients using the continence service. There is a lack of accurate figures on the delivery and product costs of the service. There is also a lack of information about incontinence and the continence service for the public. The Council and the NHS need to invest adequately in the continence service to support service users and their carers, to uphold the joint vision of ensuring that people can live longer in their homes and also to reduce wider costs.

Proposal

- 5 To endorse the Task Group's report and refer the recommendations to the relevant executive bodies.
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