

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

21 January 2014

Subject: Wiltshire Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan

**Cabinet member: Councillor Keith Humphries,
Public Health, Protection Services, Adult Care and
Housing**

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary

To report to Cabinet on the development of a winter plan for adult social care

Proposal(s)

Cabinet are requested to note the Council's contribution to the winter planning process and the production of an Adult Social Care Winter Plan.

Reason for Proposal

To keep Cabinet informed of the contribution of adult social care in supporting the anticipated rise in demand for health services over the winter period.

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Purpose of Report

1. This report informs Cabinet of the work undertaken in Adult Social Care to prepare for the anticipated additional demand over the winter period.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The Winter Plan supports the Council's goal to protect those who are most vulnerable in our communities. By ensuring that sufficient and safe services are available in times of high demand, it also supports two of the 6 outcomes set out in the business plan, namely:
 - People in Wiltshire have healthy, active and high-quality lives
 - People are protected from harm, as much as possible, and feel safe

Main Considerations for the Council

3. Wiltshire Council traditionally supports the annual NHS winter planning process, but this is the first year that the Council has formalised this support by producing its own written plan, which can be shared, managed and monitored.
4. The Council's adult social care winter plan is attached as Appendix 1. It is a contribution to the Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group's Health and Social Care Communities Winter Plan 2013/14 which was approved by the CCG Governing Body on 26th November 2013 and describes the state of 'system readiness' of the whole health and care system for the winter period.
5. The CCG's Health and Social Care Communities Winter Plan is monitored by the Wiltshire Urgent Care Working Group which comprises of commissioners and providers who provide health and social care for people in Wiltshire, and is coordinated by the Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group. It reflects investment in a range of projects, funded through the CCG and (in relation to the Royal United Hospital NHS

Trust (RUH), projects funded from an additional allocation from NHS England to support organisations which been identified as at risk of poor A&E performance this winter.

6. The plan describes the anticipated demand and capacity management requirements for the winter period and sets out a range of additional schemes (Appendix 1) funded by the NHS, and other actions being taken (Appendix 2).

Safeguarding Implications

7. There are no direct implications for safeguarding, however, the Winter Plan will support the delivery of efficient and safe services across the whole health and care system, and therefore has an indirect impact on ensuring that vulnerable people are safeguarded.

Public Health Implications

8. The Winter Plan includes arrangements for infection control, in particular to minimise the risks of a norovirus outbreak and to ensure that all front line staff (Council employed and commissioned providers) are protected by 'flu jabs.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

9. There are no direct implications for environment / climate change, however work to reduce excess winter deaths links to the council's actions to tackle fuel poverty (Winter Warmth Campaigns etc) which can also reduce carbon emissions.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

10. The Winter Plan has no direct implications for equalities. The initiatives set out in the plan will help ensure that health and care services are available across the whole system to anyone who needs to access them over the winter period.

Risk Assessment

11. The Winter Plan includes a Risk Register as Appendix 5. This sets out risks that may arise over the winter period and the actions that are being taken to mitigate those risks.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken

12. If the Winter Plan is not adopted, the risks associated with increased activity over the next few months will not be managed or mitigated.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

13. Appendix 5 of the Winter Plan sets out potential risks and actions that are being taken to mitigate those risks.

Financial Implications

14. The service developments set out in Appendix 1 of the Winter Plan (Additional schemes in conjunction with Wiltshire CCG) are funded either by the CCG from Winter Pressures, Headroom Funds or the Community Transformation Programme. Other projects are funded from NHS funds already transferred to the Council and managed/monitored by the Joint Commissioning Board. Therefore, there are no direct financial implications for the Council.
15. The joint pilot projects underway with the CCG will enable the Council and the CCG to establish together the outcomes and impact upon the whole health and social care system and the financial business case for further joint working.

Legal Implications

16. There are no direct legal implications from this work.

Options Considered

17. Wiltshire Council's participation in the winter planning process is not optional. The production of a winter plan formalises the Council's commitment to this process.

Conclusions

18. Adult social care services are an integral part of the health and social care system that supports people in Wiltshire. The Council's engagement in the winter planning process is therefore fundamental to the successful delivery of health and care.

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Background Papers

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Wiltshire Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan
