

## Scrutiny Management Board Briefing from Chair of Adults Scrutiny Board

### 1.0 Purpose of Update

- 1.1 This report updates Scrutiny Management Board (SMB) on the work of the Adults Scrutiny Advisory Board and any issues and developments that have occurred since the last meeting of SMB.

### 2.0 Board Meeting Update

- 2.1 The last meeting of the Adults Scrutiny Board took place on the 24 June 2022, issues considered included:

- Adult Social Care Strategic Position - A situational update and presentation providing a strategic overview of the Domiciliary and Residential Care Sector, Adult Social Care and Day Services.
- Local Government Reorganisation - Members received a short paper and presentation outlining the current position on the plan for Adults Services transition to the new authorities.
- Quality (Provider Services) - Members had the opportunity to scrutinise a summary of the inspection and performance reports from across the provider sector with a particular focus on Cumbria Care
- Safeguarding Adults at risk from abuse and neglect - The Board was presented with an update and analysis of adult safeguarding activity in the fourth quarter of 2021/22, briefing members on progress against key areas of performance relating to 'Making Safeguarding Personal', providing a benchmark against other local authorities and describing actions planned to strengthen and consolidate improvements in adult safeguarding in Cumbria through the Safeguarding Adults Board.

- 2.2 The next meeting of the Adults Scrutiny Board will take place on 14 October. Issues to be considered will be discussed at a planning meeting with the Executive Director – People, key officers and the Chair and Vice Chair to consider the work programme. Currently the draft agenda includes:

- Adult Social Care Strategic Position - A situational update and presentation providing a strategic overview of the Domiciliary and Residential Care Sector, Adult Social Care and Day Services.
- Use of enhanced Assistive Technology to support discharge - The Board to examine the work with North Transfer of Care Hub to increase use of assistive technology to support discharges.
- Policy framework for the Better Care Fund from 2023 - For Members to understand and scrutinise how the programme will support implementation of the new approach to integration at place level and what this will mean in Cumbria.

- Learning Disabilities Residential Care Framework - For Members to be presented with details of the new Framework for the provision of Learning Disabilities Residential Care.
- Safeguarding Adults at risk from abuse and neglect - Standing Item for each board meeting.

### **3.0 Additional Scrutiny activity undertaken by the Board**

- 3.1 The first meeting of the Joint Health and Adults Task and Finish Group took place on Wednesday 8 June, Members discussed: How the Integrated Care Partnership will relate to the Health and Wellbeing Board and other health related organisations, How elected members will engage with the Integrated Care Systems, and in addition how the voice of the communities will be included, What changes the new Integrated Care System will bring to the Health Scrutiny function.

### **4.0 Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Board will continue to focus on developments in the People Directorate, building on the positive working relationship with the Board.

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