

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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**STATEMENT OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH INTEGRATION
PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL HARRISON****Stabilising Care Provision**

The care market, nationally and locally, is changing rapidly. I welcome the Government's recent announcement of a £2 billion grant nationally to address adult social care pressures, to support care providers and to help more people to be discharged from hospital in a timely manner. £19m has been made available to North Yorkshire over the next three years which is good news, however it is non-recurrent. Officers have been preparing a list of options for use of the money, consulting widely - particularly with NHS commissioners and providers and with representatives of the independent care sector. Members were briefed about the draft proposals at a Members' Seminar and at the Care and Independence Scrutiny Committee. I need to ensure that we get the best possible outcome using the funds allocated, but this must be balanced against any longer term revenue commitments - reflecting the fact that the funds are only available for 3 years. Final proposals are due to be considered by the Health and Well-being Board on Friday.

In addition, the Government has asked the Care Quality Commission, which regulates health and social care, to undertake 20 area reviews related to this new Grant. If we are selected then I will inform Members. The first 12 area reviews have been announced. North Yorkshire is not in the first cohort.

Members, officers and partner organisations have recently met with civil servants who are working on a potential Green Paper on the future of social care. This allowed us to raise issues such as the specific needs of rural and coastal communities, prevention, workforce issues, the care market and securing a long-term funding settlement.

Working with the NHS

The County Council is already working actively with the NHS across the County. We are continuing to work with several of our Clinical Commissioning Groups to develop local joint planning and commissioning arrangements. The Scarborough and Ryedale proposals have recently been approved by the Executive, and recommendations will come forward relating to Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby, and also to Harrogate. Officers are also working closely with GPs and other partners in Scarborough and Ryedale to develop a potential model for integrated community services, subject to a competitive tender process within the NHS.

I will be chairing my first meeting of the North Yorkshire Health and Well-being Board on Friday and, as well as considering proposals for the £19m investment set out above, we will also consider the results of the consultations on the Carers' and Dementia Strategies.

Extra Care

A number of engagement sessions have been held across the County to seek the views of local communities on 5 new Extra Care schemes proposed for Gargrave, Malton, Bedale, Filey and Whitby. I expect specifications to be issued to potential providers via the Extra Care Framework at the end of the summer.

Provider Services

A number of events have been taking place over the last two months within our care homes for older people: these include the 50th anniversary of Springfield Garth in Boroughbridge which was celebrated with a garden party for residents and families. Also a number of events were held within homes, as part of National Care Homes Open Day, to encourage inter-action with local communities and promote awareness of the good work which many care homes do, whether they are run by NYCC or other providers.

Learning Disabilities

The North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board celebrated MENCAP's Learning Disabilities Week last month by launching its new 'Live Well, Live Longer' strategy. Over the next five years, the strategy will give people with learning disabilities the tools and support to enjoy longer, healthier and more independent lives. The strategy is committed to giving people with learning disabilities in the county greater choice and control over important life decisions, and sets out how it will go about delivering this ambition.

Michael Harrison