

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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STATEMENT OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH INTEGRATION PORTFOLIO
HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL HARRISON

- In October the Council, in conjunction with GP's in Scarborough & Ryedale, submitted a bid to the CCG to be a **Multi-specialty Community Provider** of community health services. This was a ground-breaking bid of national significance to provide a genuinely integrated community health, primary care and social care service intended to make a major contribution to improving the health and independence of local people, enhancing the quality of care and to become an employer of choice. The vision, to be *'in the community, with the community and for the community'* is unique as a locally based health and care provider, already rooted in the local community; accountable, through Councillors and member GP practices, to the community, with decisions made locally. We have built a partnership to deliver a radical transformation of community health services, to integrate them with primary care and social care and to shift the whole service model towards prevention and the active support of people at home.

This bid involved a significant amount of work from a large number of colleagues over recent months, and even if it is ultimately unsuccessful – as any initiative has to operate within a strict financial envelope, and within our risk appetite – we will have achieved a great deal of knowledge and experience of the wider primary care market that we will put to good use.

- The investment plans for the **Improved Better Care Fund monies** (for the period 2017-2020) have been developed and recruitment has started to secure more capacity to help reduce Delayed Transfers from hospitals and to work with the provider sector to stabilise the fragile care market. The Council faced considerable pressure over the summer from NHS England to commit to challenging targets on delays to hospital discharges in order to unlock these monies – this is set against a backdrop of the significant challenges we have in North Yorkshire to secure a workforce to create the capacity in the community that is needed to keep people safe and meet their needs.

All Councils in England received a letter from the Department of Health and the Department for Communities and Local Government to advise that this funding could be removed from Councils whose performance on hospital discharge delays continue to be at a level that is below NHS England expectations. This approach has been universally criticised and I will keep members updated with our performance, as well as progress to get the government to reconsider their position.

- Our Extra Care programme continues and I expect the next procurements for schemes in Bedale and Filey to be issued imminently. Others schemes in Whitby, Malton and Gargrave will progress once some complex land options are fully addressed.

- The Council have **launched two key strategies in October – covering Dementia and Carers**. These were agreed with our Health and Wellbeing Board partners in July. The Dementia Strategy focuses on the ways in which we can support people living with dementia to enjoy as full a life as possible for as long as possible, and commits to making more people dementia aware and dementia friendly. The Carers Strategy celebrates the importance of carers in our communities and seeks to ensure carers are supported to stay well and to enjoy their own lives alongside their caring responsibilities.

Michael Harrison