

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**21 FEBRUARY 2018****STATEMENT OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH INTEGRATION PORTFOLIO
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In October the Council, in conjunction with GPs 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. Humber NHS Foundation Trust was the successful bidder, and whilst I was disappointed that our joint bid was unsuccessful, we have learnt a great deal from the bidding process and will continue to work closely with GPs and other local partners across primary care and social care and look for opportunities to jointly improve the services we provide.

Winter Pressures and Discharging People from Hospital

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their incredible work in supporting people to be discharged safely from hospital. We have reduced significantly the number of adult social care delays in the last year and at one point before Christmas, we had no delays anywhere in the County. Our targets remain very challenging and we continue to seek improvements, but I am pleased to report we have had very few delays so far this winter at Airedale, Harrogate, Friarage and James Cook Hospitals.

I still want to see improvements in our performance and the Council continues to invest our Improved Better Care Fund monies in steps to stabilise the care market, ease social care pressures and reduce the number of people delayed in hospital.

Extra Care

Extra Care is our strategic supported housing programme, and recent progress means that procurement for new schemes in Bedale and Filey are being issued. Others schemes in Whitby, Malton and Gargrave will progress once some complex land options are fully addressed. Work is soon to start on site for a scheme in Great Ayton for 57 apartments and 12 bungalows.

Finance

Members have continued to prioritise the funding of adult social care in the budget setting process alongside challenging efficiency targets. There continues to be pressure on the cost of care packages as a result of market conditions, and in the short term these pressures are being mitigated by utilising funding that has been allocated through the Improved Better

Care Fund. It is important to highlight that our service is reliant on approximately £24m of annual funding provided through various central government and NHS funding initiatives. Without this funding we simply could not deliver the service and I will continue to stress to Government Ministers and our own local Members of Parliament the importance of it.

Make Care Matter

An initiative to improve the recruitment of staff across the sector is the Make Care Matter campaign. If you live in the Harrogate, Knaresborough or Ripon areas, you may have seen an extensive poster campaign for recruitment to social care jobs. If you want to find out more, please visit our website www.makecarematter.co.uk to find out about the opportunities and career paths that are available.

Ministerial Changes

I was pleased to see that the importance of social care has been recognised with the name change at the new Department of Health and Social Care. It was also positive to see Caroline Dinenage MP appointed as a Minister of State, as this sees an upgrading of the lead responsibilities for social care. The new Department will lead on producing a Green Paper on ageing and a strategy on working age adults. We will continue to seek to influence both of these developments through our links with MPs, Ministers and various national networks as the importance of having a national strategy on the long term funding for Adult Social Care cannot be underestimated.

The NHS

Members may be aware that NHS England have placed Hambleton & Richmond, Scarborough & Ryedale and Harrogate & Rural Clinical Commissioning Groups into Special Measures. Vale of York CCG is already in Special Measures. The reasons are all to do with the deteriorating financial position of each CCG. It is unlikely that we will know the full details of the special measures and the turnaround programme for a few weeks. We will, of course, continue to work closely with our CCG colleagues during this time, to ensure the high quality services that the public expects. If necessary I would expect our Scrutiny of Health Committee to become involved.

In addition, the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) is making an application to become one of a handful of 'Integrated Care Systems' and my officers are contributing to that process.

Michael Harrison