

## **Statement to County Council – May 2018 - Councillor Michael Harrison**

### **Social Care reform – Green Paper**

The Health and Social Care Secretary - Jeremy Hunt - has recently set out the 7 principles which will underpin the government green paper that is intended to set out a national strategy on working age adults, older people and social care. These principles are Quality; Whole person integrated care; Control; Workforce; Supporting families and carers; A sustainable funding model for social care, supported by a diverse, vibrant and stable market; Security for all. This is significant national strategic subject, and we have already been visited by the civil servants undertaking this work. I will be inviting Caroline Dinanage MP, the new Social Care Minister, to North Yorkshire to see what we are doing and to make the case for rural and coastal communities. Early indications are that the Government is looking to provide an interim settlement for social care in the next Spending Review, with full implementation of the Green/White Paper by 2023/24.

### **North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board**

I was delighted to host a Health and Wellbeing Board seminar on Digital Health and Social Care, in partnership with Gartner. Digital capabilities – including robotics and artificial intelligence – could transform services in North Yorkshire, and has the potential to improve access to services more widely. We need to push strongly for its adoption, building on our significant investment in high quality broadband.

Later this month I will be hosting a Mental Health Summit to recognise that mental health is one of the biggest health issues facing the people of North Yorkshire and to promote greater awareness, and for the first time, to bring together, the Health and Wellbeing Board, members of the public and leaders from the public, private and community sectors to identify what we can do to tackle mental ill-health and to improve services.

### **Delayed Transfers of Care from Hospital**

The Council continues to play a key role in reducing the number of delayed discharges from hospital, and April saw us achieve the best ever month for delays attributable to adult social care. I want to thank all colleagues across our service areas for their continued efforts in reducing the delays experienced by people being discharged from hospital. Behind every statistic there is a human story, and this is why it matters that people are only discharged when they are ready and also go home when they can. Our NHS Trust partners have acknowledged that we are becoming more consistent in our practices to support safe and timely discharge and ensuring the person is at the heart of everything we do.

### **Provider Services**

Our services at 101 Prospect Mount Road in Scarborough officially ended on the 30 April. All people using the services there have been re-provided within the Borough at no additional cost to them. This has enabled £290,000 to be reinvested into alternative provision, with 10 beds for people with dementia to be developed and £514,000 of recurring savings made. Extensive work was carried out to redeploy colleagues into other provider services in the area.

Work is progressing to replace Woodfield House Elderly Persons Home with the Cuttings Extra Care Scheme in Harrogate. This is expected to complete in August 2018 with all our staff being redeployed. At the same time we will create 5 dementia residential beds in

Station View. As part of this initiative, £160,000 of recurring savings have been made with £560,000 being re invested into local services in Harrogate.

### **Telecare**

A new Telecare contract has been awarded to NRS to provide a county-wide equipment and monitoring service. They are a well-established organisation in the County being the existing wheelchair service provider for health partners, and we are working closely with District colleagues to ensure a smooth transfer of services.

The new service presents an opportunity to develop our use of technology in the home and explore new ways to use technology to help people stay safe and able to live independently. NRS are bringing an innovative and collaborative approach to the service and have partnered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service where there is a need for a home visit in response to alerts from alarms.