

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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STATEMENT OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER

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Extra Care

Our Extra Care strategy continues to progress well. In April, a 64 unit facility in Helmsley opened, and the funding for a 58 unit scheme in Skipton was approved. This will contain 4 units specifically for people living with dementia and is expected to be operational in 2021. The scheme in Harrogate that opened last year is full and reports a healthy waiting list.

Harrogate and Rural Alliance

A ground-breaking scheme to join up Health and Social Care is to be launched in Harrogate in September. The Harrogate and Rural Alliance will bring together teams from NYCC and Harrogate District Foundation Trust to work closely with Primary Care colleagues to provide timely support to people requiring health or social care interventions under a single management structure. There will be a focus on prevention, including admission avoidance. I believe this model will transform how we work and I am very excited about its launch.

My Health, My Technology

Engagement events have completed in Scarborough, Harrogate and Northallerton to gain the public's views on the draft Health and Wellbeing Board Digital Strategy, with further events being planned for the Vale of York area and Craven. This is a strategy called *My Health, My Technology* which is being led through the Health & Wellbeing Board. A digital challenge process is underway for technology companies to present innovative solutions to social isolation and rurality to the Board. An anticipated £50k funding has been allocated for innovation bids. Further information is available on www.northyorks.gov.uk/digitalchallenge

Clinical Commissioning Group Mergers

Three North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have agreed to merge - Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG, Harrogate and Rural District CCG and Scarborough and Ryedale CCG. A detailed formal proposal will be submitted to NHS England by 30 September and should it be approved, the three CCGs will begin operating as a single, statutory organisation from 1 April next year. The proposed merger represents an opportunity to improve healthcare with less duplication and bureaucracy.

Winter Pressures

A review of how agencies managed to provide services through the winter has taken place through the Accident & Emergency Boards with NHS partners. The learning from these reviews will be used in preparing plans for this winter. Generally services coped quite well and this was possibly assisted by a relatively mild winter. The performance in relation to delayed transfers of care (DTC) attributed to social care continues to be better than in previous years with what appears to be a downward trend. We continue to support our health partners to reduce the number of people

attending an acute healthcare setting who don't need to do so, and working in partnership to discharge quickly and safely those who do not need to be there. This will continue to be a long term priority for Health & Adult Services.