
ADULT SOCIAL CARE CONTEXT FOR DARLINGTON

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To share with Scrutiny Members a piece of work currently in progress which helps to set the context for future discussions about adult social care provision in Darlington.

Summary

2. There is currently no single document which brings together key information about adult social care provision made by Darlington Borough Council. However, Members regularly receive information about budgets, about policy reviews and about performance data. Members are also aware of budget pressures and actions taken by the service in recent years. Furthermore, services are subject to external regulation and inspection and it is good practice to provide inspection teams with some contextual information.
3. This draft document is being put together with a view to bringing into a single reference document all the key information that external regulators would find useful in setting the scene for any visit and which we believe Members would also find useful in planning their Scrutiny topics, as well as in their wider role as ward councillors. A similar document is being prepared for children's services. The document includes:-
 - (a) Contextual data for Darlington (such as demographic and employment data)
 - (b) How social care is organised
 - (c) What changes (and savings) have taken place over the last few years
 - (d) What demographic trends tell us about likely future service usage
 - (e) What our performance is and, importantly, how our performance compares to that of other local authorities

Recommendation

4. Members are asked to:-
 - (a) Note the draft of the document
 - (b) Suggest any improvements to it
 - (c) Use the finished document as a reference paper for planning future work streams

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Background Papers

There are no background papers.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	No direct implication.
Health and Well Being	Support provided by Adult Social Care has a direct impact on the health and wellbeing of adults and older people.
Carbon Impact	No implications from this report.
Diversity	Recognising diversity with services for adults and older people influences service and mitigating any potential negative impact.
Wards Affected	All wards.
Groups Affected	All vulnerable adults and older people.
Budget and Policy Framework	No change in budget/policy framework.
Key Decision	No.
Urgent Decision	No.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report links directly to 'One Darlington'" objectives.
Efficiency	The report highlights the drive to value for money and improved outcomes.