
OVERVIEW OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE PORTFOLIO

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform and update Members on progress within Adult Social Care since the last meeting of Council. The following are the main areas of work under the Portfolio for Adult Social Care.

Adult Social Care

2. The Just Checking Assessment Tool (JCAT) has been commissioned for use by operational staff as part of the assessment process to evidence individuals' levels whilst alone in their homes or during the night. The use of the JCAT can provide reassurance to family members about an individual's need and also enables appropriate and cost-effective support to be put in place if required.
3. Trading Standards and Adult Social Care are currently working on a project to prevent local residents from nuisance telephone calls and from becoming victims of telephone scams. Nuisance calls and scams can have a serious impact on the health and wellbeing of vulnerable adults. The National Trading Standards Scams Team obtained funding to provide each local authority in the Country with a set number of call blockers for use by residents free of charge. The project will be of particular benefit to residents who have a diagnosis of dementia. Work is currently being undertaken to identify residents who will benefit the most from the scheme.
4. We have commenced a twelve week public consultation regarding proposed changes to the Adult Social Care eligibility criteria. If implemented, the proposed changes will bring our eligibility criteria in line with the national criteria, as set out in the Care Act 2015. The consultation will run until 23 October 2017.
5. Adult Social Care went live with Liquid Logic on 26 June 2017. Staff have received on-going support to embed the new system and confirm they are increasing in confidence when using the system and will continue to benefit from on-going support in the coming weeks. They state they can see the benefits Liquid Logic brings due to its additional functionality.

Darlington Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (DSAPB)

6. The Board is reviewing the four stages of its multi-agency safeguarding adult's procedures and the practice guidance to underpin the procedures; these are expected to be completed by November 2017. The review includes updating the procedures from the learning of the recent Lessons Learnt Review and Safeguarding Adult Review.

7. The Board also received the draft DSAPB annual report. It will go to back to DSAPB in September 2017 for final sign off. This will then be presented at the Health and Well Being Board and Adults and Housing Scrutiny by the Independent Chair, as well as being shared with the Police and the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner.
8. Also of note is the [MAPPA¹ Information Sharing briefing](#) is now available from the [Boards' website](#) and training has been offered free by the MAPPA Coordinator on general awareness raising of MAPPA, which is also available from the Board's website. This work has been identified through a Serious Case Review in a neighbouring local authority.

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¹ Multi-agency public protection arrangements