

**ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
13 DECEMBER 2022**

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**CARE HOMES IN SPECIAL MEASURES (EXECUTIVE SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS) TASK  
AND FINISH GROUP – FINAL REPORT**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update of the Care Homes in Special Measures (Executive Safeguarding Arrangements) Task and Finish Group, established by this Scrutiny Committee to receive information about those cases where Executive Strategy Meetings had been put in place at Care Homes and Private Hospitals ('Special Measures') and to understand the reasons why Care Homes and Private Hospitals enter Special Measures.

**Summary**

2. At a meeting of the Adults Scrutiny Committee held on 21 June 2022, Members requested that a piece of work be carried out to allow Members to receive information about those Care Homes in Special Measures, and to understand the reasons as to why those Care Homes had entered Special Measures (Executive Safeguarding Arrangements). Members agreed to undertake a piece of work around this via Task and Finish Review Group.
3. A meeting of the Task and Finish Group was held on 8 November 2022, and a note of the meeting and discussion is attached (**Appendix 1**).

**Findings**

4. Members noted that over the last three year period there had been ten instances of Care Homes and Private Hospitals being placed in Special Measures, whereas in the three years immediately preceding that there had only been four cases. Members discovered that the increase could be attributed to reason which included improved intelligence, a greater gathering and sharing of information, and greater interaction and more meetings between safeguarding partners from 2019 onwards.
5. The discussions which took place at the Task and Finish Review Group are summarised at **Appendix 1**.

**Recommendation**

6. It is recommended that the Adult Scrutiny Committee considers and approves the findings and recommendations of the Task and Finish Review Group.

**Councillor Bob Donoghue**

**Chair of Care Homes in Special Measures (Executive Safeguarding Arrangements) Task and Finish Group**

**Background Papers**

None

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
Health and Wellbeing	There are no specific proposals within the report that directly impact on Health and Wellbeing, however the report proposes continued monitoring those Care Homes and Private Hospitals in Special Measures.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no carbon impact or climate change implications in this report.
Diversity	There are no specific proposals within the report that impact on diversity issues. All providers must meet their duties under the Equality Act 2010.
Wards Affected	All wards
Groups Affected	The report proposes continual monitoring to assist with safeguarding residents of Care Homes and Private Hospitals.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework
Key Decision	Not a key decision
Urgent Decision	Not an urgent decision
Council Plan	There are no specific proposals within the report that impact on the Council Plan.
Efficiency	There are no specific proposals within the report that impact on efficiency.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	There are no specific proposals within the report that impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers.