

**CHALLENGES OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN SUNDERLAND UPDATE REPORT –  
ADULT SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMISSIONING AND MARKET OVERSIGHT**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update on recommendations made in the Challenges of Adult Social Care in Sunderland Report.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee undertook a task and finish review in 2022 -2023 to look at the challenges faced by adult social care services in Sunderland post Covid 19, to understand the impact that Covid 19 had on the sector, including lessons learned and how these were driving improvement and innovation across social care.
- 2.2 A report was produced and a number of recommendations made, which is attached at **Appendix 1** of this report for reference.

**3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 A presentation will follow this report and provided a progress update on the recommendations made including:
- Raising the Profile and Marketing of Social Care
  - Recruitment and Retention in Social Care
  - Accessing Social Care and
  - Technology in Social Care
- 3.2 Representation from the Adult Social Care Commissioning Team will be in attendance at the meeting to provide the update and answer any questions that Members of the Committee may have.

**4 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee are asked to note and comment on the presentation.