

REPORT TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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3 YEAR DELIVERY PLAN FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN SUNDERLAND – AIM 3 EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report is to outline to the Board Aim 3: Equal Access for All of the 3 year delivery plan for adult social care in Sunderland, and to recommend that the Board becomes the Programme Board for this Aim.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Health, Housing and Adult Services' 15 year plan sets out what the city's vision means for vulnerable adults – those citizens who may need adult social care or housing support.
- 2.2 The 15 year plan is supported by 3 year delivery plans that set out how the vision will be achieved through 5 key aims. Overall, 26 projects have been identified across the 5 aims for the first 3 years delivery.

Aim 1: Choice and Control
Aim 2: Independent Living
Aim 3: Equal Access for All
Aim 4: Improving Health and Well-being
Aim 5: Better Commissioning

- 2.3 In order to effectively manage the 3 year delivery plan, project management methodology is being employed. This means that each Project has a project manager, project executive and a Project Board to support implementation. The projects within each Aim are responsible to an Aim Programme Board and in the majority of cases, this is Health, Housing and Adult Services Directorate Management Team.

3. AIM 3: EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL

- 3.1 The objective of Aim 3 is to work with partners to improve access to services and opportunities for all sections of the community in order that people lead fulfilling lives.
- 3.2 The projects identified to achieve this aim are:

3.2.1 Improving access to employment, education and training for vulnerable people

This project involves:

- Working with partners to improve access to, and support within employment, training and education
- Reducing the risk of loss of employment through developing preventative models of support
- Establishing pathways to work for people with disabilities and mental health
- Building capacity within the third sector to deliver pathways to work, education and training

These objectives are being driven by applications recently submitted to Working Neighbourhood Fund.

3.2.2 Enabling vulnerable people to make a positive contribution to the community

This project involves:

- Working with partners to increase opportunities for making a positive contribution
- Focusing on reducing social isolation/exclusion through development of a Social Exclusion Strategy
- Reviewing and strengthening the Volunteering Programme and its role in making positive contributions
- Working with partners to reduce the stigma associated with disabilities and illness

3.2.3 Improving access to other universal services

This project involves:

- Implementing the social model of disability
- Working with partners to improve leisure and cultural opportunities for individuals
- Working with partners to maximise vulnerable people's income
- Working with partners to improve citywide access to, and support within services across Sunderland

3.3 As the above three projects demonstrate, the achievement of this aim relies on the engagement and commitment of partners to ensure that vulnerable people can access opportunities and services in order that they can lead a fulfilling life.

3.4 The Board is in a position to take ownership of this aim and influence partners, including the LSP, to ensure successful delivery of Aim 3. The Board could act as Aim Programme Board, being responsible for supporting project implementation and receiving updates on progress.

The Board will have an influencing role, alongside providing leadership to overall delivery against the Aim.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Board are requested to:

- Receive this briefing paper
- Consider the proposal in section 3.4

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