

LOCAL ACCOUNT FOR SUNDERLAND

Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services and Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide the Scrutiny Committee with the final version of the first Adult Social Care Local Account for Sunderland, which has been developed in consultation with the Adults Partnership Board.

2. Background

Since it came into power the Coalition Government has been committed to replacing the burden of Whitehall oversight and inspection with greater local public transparency and accountability so that councils and other local public bodies can focus on frontline services. This resulted in a discontinuation of the Care Quality Commission's (CQC's) Annual Performance Assessment for Adult Social Care and its inspections of adult social care departments.

The Towards Excellence in Adult Social Care (TEASC) Board is leading on the roll out of a national programme of sector led improvement within adult social care. One of the requirements within this programme being that each local authority will produce an annual self assessment setting out progress against priorities for quality and outcomes (the 'local account').

3. Local Account for Sunderland

The first local account for Sunderland (covering the period 2011/12), has been developed in consultation with the Adults Partnership Board, and was formally approved in January 2013. A copy is attached at **appendix 1**.

The local account has been published on the council's website, in order that it can be accessed by the residents of Sunderland. It is planned that over time the local account will be developed to become an interactive document with which service users can engage and provide feedback about their experiences of adult social care in Sunderland. Much of this work will be aligned to the development and launch of the council's new website.

4. Recommendations

The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the first Local Account for Sunderland.

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