

ADULT CARE AND WELL BEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 16 March 2016

REVIEW OF THE CARE MARKET

Summary

1. The Adult Care and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel will consider an update on emerging findings from a review of Worcestershire's care market, commissioned by the Council to assess the market's resilience and sustainability.
2. Representatives have been invited from the Council's Commissioning Team for Adult Services and Health, and from a care home provider which contributed to the review exercise.

Background to the Review

3. Resilience and sustainability of the local care market is part of the Panel's 2015 – 2016 work programme.
4. The Panel has held a number of discussions during 2014/15 around adult social care services, in particular care services for older people, supported living and extra care projects, and the Council's monitoring of domiciliary care providers. Areas of concern have included the impact of reduced council budgets on care providers and service users, and how this is monitored.
5. To re-cap, in May 2015, the then Director of Adult Services and Health provided the Scrutiny Panel with an overview of the proposed review, commissioned from Oxford Brookes University.
6. The aims of which were to gain a better understanding of the following areas:
 - What does the market look like – especially in terms of resilience and sustainability?
 - What demand pressures are falling on the market now and are likely to fall on the market in the future?
 - Given the range of demand and current supply, how might the County begin to stimulate the market to deliver change?
7. The scope for the review included adult social care services to older people, people with learning disabilities, people with mental health problems and physical disabilities, and extended to the market both for Council funded individuals and self-funders.

Purpose of the Meeting

8. Following discussion of the emerging findings from the review of the care market, the Scrutiny Panel is asked to:

- agree any further information or scrutiny work required
- agree any comments to be highlighted to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes from the Adult Care and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 12 May, 24 June and 13 October 2015, which are available on the website [here](#)