North Yorkshire County Council

Health and Adult Services Executive

Friday 30th November 2018

Health and Adults Services – Peer Challenge Use of Resources Feedback Report

Report of the Corporate Director – Health and Adult Services

1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present for approval the draft 'Use Resources Peer Challenge Feedback Report' and draft action plan.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 It is an expectation that all councils will be subject to a periodic peer review for their adult social care services. North Yorkshire County Council asked for a peer review of its use of resources within Adult Services to be conducted by the Yorkshire and Humber ADASS.
- 2.2 The peer challenge was based on the Local Government Association (LGA) Use of Resources Toolkit, but the specific priorities identified by the council for the team to focus upon within this framework were:

Whether investment is made in the right places, at the right stages of the social care pathway.

Interventions which would reduce costs (including in-year pressures) and improve, or at least maintain, impact and outcomes.

Supporting and informing the adult social care response to the Council's BEST (Better Efficiency through Sustainable Transformation) challenge.

3. THE REPORT and ACTION PLAN

3.1 The Peer Review Team shared a draft report (appendix 1) with NYCC at the end of June for factual accuracy checking. The content of the report reflected the initial feedback provided by the team at the end of their final day. The general observations included:

- We had provided an accurate self-assessment.
- Strong, stable, supportive political leadership.
- Elected members speak highly of the officers across adult social care and the wider council.
- Difficult budget decisions have been managed well by members and officers.
- Council takes a long-term approach to budget planning.
- Elected members and officers are willing to change approach.
- Staff and partners speak highly of the leadership team, there is visible leadership.
- The council is willing to actively step into leading a complex NHS system in order to get the right outcomes for local people.
- 3.2 The action plan (appendix 2) picks out of the report suggestions by the Peer Review Team of other interventions which may reduce costs and improve, or at least maintain impact and outcomes. The action plan builds upon work already underway as part of 2020 HAS and Building Efficiency Sustainable Transformation Programme (BEST). It is proposed that this action plan is monitored through Health and Adult Services Leadership Team (HASLT) on a 6 monthly basis.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 None.

6.0 Reasons For Recommendations

6.1 To seek approval for the report and action plan to enable publication.

7.0 Recommendation

7.1 To approve the Health and Adults Services – Peer Challenge Use of Resources Feedback Report and action plan.

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Background Documents – Health and Adults Services – Peer Challenge Use of Resources Feedback Report

Peer Review Action Plan