

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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**STATEMENT OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH INTEGRATION
PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARE WOOD****Integrated care and support**

Service users, patients and carers want continuity of care, smooth transitions between care settings, and services that are responsive to all their needs together. Achieving integrated care and support is a national priority and the importance of this issue is reflected in the title of this portfolio. It is the Government's intention that by 2018 health and social care will be fully joined up, and I am pleased to report that under the leadership of the Health and Wellbeing Board we are developing a framework for integration that recognises the particularly complex health and social care economy in North Yorkshire. An ambitious bid has been submitted to become one of the integration pioneer areas. The pioneers will be the first to test new models of commissioning, new payment arrangements which encourage organisations to work collaboratively to improve the patient's health and the delivery of integrated care and support.

Extra Care Housing

I recently had the pleasure of attending two events in connection with the Extra Care developments in Settle and Thirsk.

The first event was the ground breaking ceremony to mark the start of work at the Extra Care development in Thirsk. This development will comprise of 52 apartments and will also include a library. The development is due to be completed in March 2015.

The second event was a naming ceremony at the completed Extra Care development in Settle, which was attended by all partners responsible for its construction and development. The new name of the development, Limestone View, had been chosen by local school children from Giggleswick Primary School. Limestone View is our first Extra Care scheme with dedicated units for people with dementia. This will be a feature of future schemes in our ambitious procurement programme.

Extra Care has proved a highly successful solution so far to supporting the needs of older people whilst enabling them to live in a home of their own. There is a need to increase awareness of Extra Care and a DVD has recently been produced to support this.

Home from Hospital scheme

We have recently completed our first piece of joint commissioning work with the recently established Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to provide a Home from Hospital scheme.

The scheme will provide practical assistance to people who are discharged from hospital and will be available in all areas of the county.

Members will be pleased to learn that this service will be provided by REACT, which is a consortium of local Age UK branches. This will ensure that a robust and consistent service is provided by those with local knowledge. The service will start this month and will be introduced on a phased basis around the County.

Dementia Service – County Stakeholder event & procurement

Members may be aware of a further joint collaboration with the CCGs to redesign and redevelop a countywide dementia information and advice service.

The redesign will build on a widespread consultation exercise that has recently taken place with carers, people with dementia, professionals and service providers.

This process culminated in a highly successful event held on 1 July in Easingwold. Members of the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee were invited to attend and were able to play an important part in the consultation process.

The service to be procured will have a very personalised focus, whilst ensuring there is local access across the County. The overarching purpose of the scheme will be to support people appropriately when they are diagnosed with Dementia – giving both emotional support and clear and concise information regarding dementia and the range of practical support and assistance. This role is known as a 'Care Navigator'.

Officers will commence the procurement process in August 2013.

Elders Street

Finally, I am pleased to inform Members that the £2.4m remodelling of the old Elders Street Day Centre building in Scarborough has now been completed and has been handed back to HAS by contractors.

The refurbishment has transformed a dark building into a light, fresh and airy space and is a place that service users and North Yorkshire County Council can be proud of.

The building will eventually house a new day service for people with complex needs and learning disabilities. Elders Street will also benefit from some of the latest technology, which will enable staff to provide care and support with the proper dignity and respect that those with complex needs so richly deserve.

The project team are continuing to work hard to prepare the building, which will be ready to open in early September. An open day will be held later in the summer to enable service users and their carers to view this exciting development and visualise what it has to offer them.

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