

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**STATEMENT OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH INTEGRATION  
PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR CLARE WOOD****Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

The original Health and Wellbeing Strategy from 2013 has been updated. Health and social care partners have worked together to identify four key themes that provide a framework for improving the health and wellbeing of the population of North Yorkshire. The four themes are: Connected communities; Start Well; Live Well and Age Well which are focused on making improvements for people across the whole span of their lifetime. One area that is included as a priority is reducing isolation and loneliness. To help deliver these priorities, the Strategy also sets out what we need to focus on together to help make a difference. We have also set out a range of outcomes and improvements that will be a measure of how successful we have been in turning the strategy into reality. It is really important to me that this plan is not just a document on the shelf but is something meaningful and real to people. We would be really keen to hear the views of individuals, groups and partners throughout the next few months – all the information is available to view or download on [www.northyorks.gov.uk/jhwsconsultation](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jhwsconsultation) and the consultation runs until 19 August.

**Draft Joint Mental Health Strategy**

As Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, I was pleased to receive the draft of a new joint mental health strategy in June. The strategy has been developed with partners and covers all ages. The draft was well received by the Health and Well Being Board and has recently generated significant discussion at the Care and Independence Scrutiny Committee. It proposes three priority areas for improvement: prevention and resilience; responsive services designed in partnership with people who use them and helping those with mental health issues to have their wider needs (eg employment and housing) recognised.

The draft strategy is now out for consultation with people who use services and their carers. Plans for implementing the strategy will be drawn up with partners before it returns to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September.

**New models of care**

We are continuing to work with Health partners in the five Clinical Commissioning Groups across North Yorkshire to develop new ways of working together and joining services up. The recent establishment of health and social care 'hubs' in Malton and Selby is an example where local services are being brought together to help support people at home and maintain their independence. Health and social care professionals are focused on achieving the same outcomes and to ensure services are working for the individual and their families.

Similar approaches are being tested across local communities throughout the County so that we can learn what works well and what does not work, before making improvements on a larger scale.

### **Extra Care**

I was very pleased to be able to open Jazz Court, the new Extra Care Scheme in Scarborough on 26 June, alongside Robert Goodwill MP. This is the 19th national scheme in North Yorkshire, and has provided 60 new homes and has offered more independent living for 12 residents from our residential care home, Braeburn House. I was very gratified to hear from some of the residents about their positive experiences in the new scheme.

The procurement exercise to secure partners to develop our ambitious programme, for an extra care scheme in every major town in the County, is now underway. There has been genuine enthusiasm about the programme, and we anticipate being able to launch the new framework and start the development programme in the autumn.

### **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding (DOLS)**

Care & Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report detailing the pressures that all local authorities including North Yorkshire are facing. These are as a result of Case Law which has dramatically widened the scope of people covered by the safeguards. I have written to the President of the Supreme Court to make him aware of these pressures and to suggest some possible courses of action.

### **Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board**

The Board has now successfully been formed as a Statutory Body, as required by the Care Act. The necessary changes have been implemented through some excellent work with partner organisations. These include the statutory members of the Board from the Health & Police Services.

The Board will undertake a recruitment process for a new independent Chair of the Board potentially for up to four years, and this post will be advertised in the near future. I would like to thank Jonathan Phillips whose term of office as independent Chair concludes during 2015/16.

### **Reeth Medical Centre**

On behalf of the County Council and the Health and Well-being Board, I have written to Dr Brookes and his team at Reeth Medical Centre, to offer our congratulations for being rated in the top 3% of GP practices in the country in Care Quality Commission inspection and the first 'Outstanding' grade in all Yorkshire and Humber. This result is a huge achievement for Reeth and the surrounding area.

**Cllr Clare Wood**