

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****18 JULY 2018****STATEMENT OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH INTEGRATION  
PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL HARRISON****Adult Social Care Peer Review**

The Council has recently commissioned a peer review to look at our use of resources. The review took place over three days in June and a range of colleagues and partners were interviewed as part of the process. The review focused on whether investment is being made in the right place and at the right stage of the social care pathway. The review team were asked to identify interventions that may reduce costs and improve or at least maintain impact and outcomes. A final report will be published which will form the basis of an action plan and I will ensure it is shared with elected members in due course.

**Appointment of Independent Chair NY Safeguarding Adults Board**

Dr Sue Proctor has been appointed as the new Independent Chair for the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board, in succession to Colin Morris who sadly died earlier this year. Dr Proctor brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role. In recent years she has led two extensive investigations into allegations of historical sexual abuse. Her work has already made a significant impact nationally and I am looking forward to her arrival to lead the Board.

**Health & Wellbeing Board**

The HWB has changed its approach to how it does its business. The Board now has a formal business part of the meeting and development sessions focusing on key themes and priorities, two of which are Mental Health and Digital.

Digital: This is looking at the opportunities which digital solutions provide to both health and care. This year long piece of work will result in a shared digital strategy with tangible and digital solutions being evidenced across the county maximising the use of broadband and related technology.

Mental Health: The Board hosted a Mental Health Summit on 30 May. The Summit was organised to recognise that mental health is one of the biggest health issues facing the people of North Yorkshire and to promote greater awareness. It was also the first time the Health and Wellbeing Board, members of the public and leaders from the public, private and community sectors had come together to identify what could be done to tackle mental ill health and improve services, with a focus on children & young people, working age adults and older people. Output and proposals for further action will be presented to the Health and Well-being Board at its next meeting.

## **Service Provision**

Harrogate: The final two residents have moved out of Woodfield House in Harrogate with the new extra care scheme at The Cuttings, Starbeck opening this summer. I would like to thank residents, families and colleagues for all they have done to ensure a smooth transition for everyone involved.

Pickering: 5 dementia residential beds were opened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 5 Whitby Road following investment in the Scarborough / Ryedale locality as a result of the re-provision of 101 Prospect Mount Road. Capacity has been made to increase this to 10 beds which will be opened on a phased basis.

## **Delayed Transfer of Care**

The County Council has consistently improved their performance in this key area since a greater focus was placed on managing transfers of care last year, with April being our best ever performance. Additional work is being done for those people who are delayed in mental health and community beds to bolster the efforts we are making for those in an acute hospital setting. We will continue to work to prevent any delayed discharge in order to ensure the people we support are assisted to where they need to be for a safe and timely discharge from hospital.

## **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Assistance Act and NHS**

5<sup>th</sup> July marked the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the NHS. At the same time, it was also the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Assistance Act, which was the cornerstone of the social care system in this country. At times, both the NHS and social care are subject to close scrutiny and criticism. However, these anniversaries are an opportunity to take stock of the progress that has been made over the past seven decades and to thank colleagues who work in these services. The Government has recently announced additional support to the NHS of 3.4% above inflation which equates to £20.5bn by 2023/24. I am now seeking a similar commitment for a long-term settlement for social care which provides certainty for individuals and families and allows councils and other care providers to be able to plan for the future as the two are inextricably linked.

## **Kathy Clark**

Finally I am sure Members will want to join me in thanking Kathy Clark Assistant Director Commissioning and Quality, who takes retirement and leaves her current role at the end of August. Kathy has worked closely with many of us and her contribution and leadership has been much appreciated over the last 4 years that she has worked with the County Council. I would like to wish her all the best for the future.

Dale Owens, Assistant Director for Care and Support, will replace Kathy and interviews are taking place for the vacant Assistant Director post in July.

**Michael Harrison**