

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**STATEMENT OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH INTEGRATION  
PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL HARRISON**

**Extra Care Programme Update**

The Council's Extra Care programme now has 1117 units of Extra Care housing in 22 schemes across the county, and working with Clinical Commissioning Group partners we are expanding step up, step down and respite units within them.

One new scheme (the Cuttings, Harrogate) has opened in 2019 with 55 new units, and Bransdale View in Helmsley (64 units) is due to open in March. Five schemes under construction are due to complete by 2020 adding an additional 300 units

The Extra Care programme has been running for nearly 15 years and is a great success story for the Council with other local authorities in regular contact to learn from our expertise. The programme has allowed us to offer care and support to people in their own communities in high quality accommodation whilst also contributing recurring annual savings in excess of £1.5 as part of the 2020 programme.

The coming year will see a renewed focus on what Extra Care can offer including new hybrid care models, Extra Care+ (EC with Nursing) and support for younger people with Learning Disabilities.

**NHS Long Term Plan**

The NHS Long Term Plan was published in January and covers many areas of health including out of hospital care; reducing pressure on emergency hospital services; supporting people to take control of their health and personalise care as well as a push to maximise the potential of digital technology.

The plan sets out priorities for the new funding settlement that was announced in June 2018 of a real term increase of £20.5bn by 2023/24. The plan highlights the importance of Integrated Care Systems and integration across health and social care; as well as the importance of prevention and challenging health inequalities. Having sufficient numbers of people that are trained to work across the various disciplines is also a priority.

These priorities are entirely in line with many of the Council's strategic objectives and the impact of the plan on Local Government will become clearer over the forthcoming months.

**Delayed Transfers of Care**

Delayed transfers of care have remained a priority for the Council over the winter, and over the last year delays attributed to social care have halved. Resilience has been good across the services over the Christmas period. However, NHS and social care services continue to be very busy and we have contingencies in place for a surge in hospital activity should it occur. I would like to thank colleagues who provided support during this time.

## **Harrogate and Rural Alliance**

In January the Executive approved the business case to create a new integrated community health and social care service in the Harrogate and Rural locality for 2019 and beyond. Working alongside key partners the aim is to develop an operating model which is anchored in primary care. It will focus on Prevention, Planned and Unplanned Care, with care provided at home wherever possible and crucially will focus on population health as opposed to organisations, and is intended to be centred around GP practices.

This programme represents radical change for Health and Social Care adult community services in the Harrogate and Rural locality, and will be one of the first places in England to integrate all health and social care adult community services, general practice, with community health and social care professionals working together as one team. These changes will start on a phased basis from the Spring.

## **Recent Consultations**

Following consultations with colleagues a new structure for the Council's Mental Health services will be implemented from May, and a new model for the Supported Employment service will be implemented in April.

We have recently completed a consultation on separate proposals to include the total cost of care when assessing the level of personal contributions that people may have to make towards their care (where two care workers are required to deliver care), as well as increases to our transport charges. A decision will be made in due course when the consultation responses have been fully considered.