

1. Cabinet decisions since the last Executive Member report to the County Council

The items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio were:-

Cabinet held on 15 December 2014

- 1.1 **Review of OP Day Services** – Cabinet approved a comprehensive review of Older People’s Day Services. The review will seek to build on the important role day services can play in supporting our duties under the Care Act as a preventative service well placed to signpost people to other services that offer support that will improve their quality of life and enable them to live independently for longer.
- 1.2 **Review of Learning Disability/Physical Disability Day Services** – Cabinet approved the development of a new model of day services in the two pilot areas of St. Albans and Stevenage which will reflect the needs and aspirations of service users, carers and their families. The review will ensure effective joined up working with the Council’s partners, utilise community facilities and encourage volunteering and employment.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions since the last meeting of the County Council

- 2.1 Since Cabinet approved the spend of the government allocation for the Care Act of £4.9m, work has continued on planning for the recruitment of new staff to cover the new regulations, alongside new initiatives to assist with the retention of existing staff. Cabinet Panel was reassured in March that all new duties under the Care Act would be met in time for the start of the new legislation in April.

3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet

- 3.1 **Market Positions Statements for all client groups** – 23 March meeting of Cabinet will be asked to consider the Market Position Statements for all client groups which have been jointly developed with the East and North Herts Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group. Cabinet will be asked to adopt these Market Position Statements in line with the statutory requirements of the Care Act 2014.

4. Key Partnerships

- 4.1 **Health and Wellbeing Board** – recent meetings have considered:-

- ‘Living Well with Dementia’ - our new strategy. A series of consultation events was held from September to December 2014. The strategy has been signed off by the County Council, the Health and Wellbeing Board and approved by Herts Valleys CCG. It is due for consideration and approval by East and North Hertfordshire CCG in March 2015. It

proposes six new priorities for supporting people and families who live with dementia.

- Mental Health Care Concordat - a local Hertfordshire Crisis Care declaration and action plan has been developed in line with national requirements set out in the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat (February 2014). As part of this, I have proposed that we have a Hertfordshire 'Year of Mental Health' to include a conference which will help with raising awareness about mental health and reduce the stigma for those people living with mental health conditions.
- Learning Disability Self-Assessment Framework. The Learning Disability Partnership Board presented on this subject to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The assessment rated services and partnerships in Hertfordshire against a national framework. The Board was supportive of the approach taken and committed to generating an action plan to improve for next year's assessment.

5. Other comments

- 5.1 **Visit by Secretary of State** – Following the extensive re-development of the Lister Hospital, Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State, and the Executive Member for Adult Care and Health were invited to visit the site on Friday 6 March.

6. Cabinet Panels

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Member report to Council, the Adult Care and Health Cabinet Panel has met on 27 November 2014, 16 December 2014, 27 January 2015 and 10 March 2015 . The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

27 November 2014

http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/civic_calendar/achcabpanel/18319745/

16 December 2014 http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/civic_calendar/achcabpanel/18556741/

27 January 2015 - http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/civic_calendar/achcabpanel/18319757/

10 March 2015 - http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/civic_calendar/achcabpanel/18701143/

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