

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER**

**26 July 2018**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care**

**Derbyshire Safe Places Scheme**

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To seek approval for a grant of £15,000 (£7,500 from Adult Care and £7,500 from Community Safety) to MacIntyre to expand the Safe Places Scheme across Derbyshire, working with people with learning disabilities following co-production principles.

**2. Information and Analysis**

A commitment of the Council Plan 2017 – 2021, as stated in the 2018 – 2019 update is to:

- Increase the number of Safe Places; and
- Increase the number of Keep Safe cards issued.

The Safe Places Scheme aims to stop the bullying and abuse of people with learning disabilities and help them to stay safe. It develops places of safety across Derbyshire for people with learning disabilities to access while out and about in the community, if they should feel unwell, confused, threatened or are in trouble. Our DCC libraries are Safe Places, as are a number of shops, cafes and offices of sympathetic organisations. At present, we have 172 Safe Places registered.

The scheme also provides Keep Safe Cards to people with a learning disability, which tells Keep Safe venue staff, the name and address of the cardholder, and the emergency contact details of the person they would want to be told if they were in trouble. The card also has space for the cardholder to write information about any medication they take, how they prefer to communicate and anything else they might want someone to know about them. There are currently 741 cards in circulation.

The Safe Places Scheme is managed by the Adult Care Prevention Team. It is supported by MacIntyre. MacIntyre identify, train, encourage and support people with learning disability, who are able and willing to take part in the development and implementation of the scheme.

MacIntyre also undertakes the following activities: 'walkabouts' with people with learning disabilities to help increase the number of safe places; training for staff agreeing to register as a Safe Place; secret shopper exercises with people with a learning disability for existing Safe Places; training for Keep Safe Champions.

Keep Safe Champions, deliver training to groups of people with learning disabilities and support their peers with help and advice about hate crime and keeping safe.

Feedback from this training is very positive from both people with a learning disability, family carers and care professionals. The individuals themselves are saying they feel more confident and know where to turn to if they need additional help or support around keeping safe.

Our targets for the Keep Safe Scheme over the next 12 months are as follows:

- 30 new Safe Places
- 200 new Keeping Safe Cards issued to adults, and 50 new cards issued to young people with a learning disability, 16 years to 18 years, transitioning to Adult Care support.

The grant will enable the Prevention Team to achieve the stated targets by funding the delivery of a range of activity, co-produced with people with learning disabilities, to grow the Safe Places Scheme in line with the Council Plan commitment. It will fund the delivery of:

- 16 x Staying Safe workshops by people with learning disability for people with learning disability;
- 2 x Easy read Staying Safe Fact Sheets (production and distribution);
- Training and on-going development for Keep Safe Champions (people with Learning Disability);
- 20 x Safe Place awareness raising sessions to staff in Safe Places;
- 5 x walk-a-bouts in targeted towns/villages, to raise awareness about Safe Places and encourage take-up of new Safe Places;
- 5 x mystery shopping exercises to check Safe Places are functioning as required.

The scheme is a great example of how people with learning disability are actively engaged in an initiative that benefits them; true co-production.

The effectiveness of the scheme will be monitored over the 12 month grant period, including how often Safe Places are used by people with learning disability and under what circumstances. Further, at the end of period the core team will continue to support and monitor Safe Places.

### **Financial Considerations**

The Safe Places Scheme is to be jointly funded between Adult Care and Community Safety (Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department), each contributing £7,500 to the £15,000 grant.

The Adult Care contribution can be funded from the Prevention budget and the funding from Community Safety has already been agreed.

### **3. Human Resources Considerations**

None

### **4. Legal Considerations**

None

### **6. Social Value Considerations**

The Safe Places Scheme delivers social value to a protected group namely, people with learning disabilities, and also to people in the wider community, by raising awareness about and increasing their involvement with, people with learning disabilities through engagement with the scheme.

### **7. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Legal and Human Rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

### **8. Background Papers**

None

### **9. Key Decision**

No

**10. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?**

No

**12. Officer's Recommendation**

That approval is given for a grant of £15,000 (£7,500 from Adult Care and £7,500 from Community Safety) to MacIntyre to expand the Safe Places Scheme across Derbyshire, working with people with learning disabilities following co-production principles.

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