

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT CARE** held on 26 July 2018 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor J Wharmby (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors W Major, C Dale and Mrs J Twigg

26/18 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

27/18 **DERBYSHIRE SAFE PLACES SCHEME** Approval was sought 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.

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

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

The Safe Places Scheme aimed to stop the bullying and abuse of people with learning disabilities and help them to stay safe. It developed 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, and at present, there were 172 Safe Places registered.

The scheme also provided Keep Safe Cards to people with a learning disability, which told 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 had space for the cardholder to write information about any medication they took, how they preferred to communicate and anything else they might want someone to know about them. There were currently 741 cards in circulation.

The Safe Places Scheme was managed by the Adult Care Prevention Team. It was supported by MacIntyre. MacIntyre identified, trained,

encouraged and supported people with learning disability, who were able and willing to take part in the development and implementation of the scheme.

MacIntyre also undertook 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, delivered training to groups of people with learning disabilities and supported their peers with help and advice about hate crime and keeping safe.

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

The targets for the Keep Safe Scheme over the next 12 months were 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 would 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 would 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 was a great example of how people with learning disability were actively engaged in an initiative that benefits them; true co-production.

The effectiveness of the scheme would 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 would continue to support and monitor Safe Places.

RESOLVED that approval be 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.

28/18 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Adult Care held on 24 May 2018

29/18 **EXEMPT MINUTES RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.