

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE**

5 July 2017

Review of Care Homes

Scoping Report

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of the scope of the Care Homes review.

2. Information and Analysis

In recent years, there have been developments in the statutory duties on Local Authorities that can impact on provision of services in Adult Care. This includes the responsibility for Public Health, which moved over to Local Authorities in 2012 and changes to the governance of Public Health. The Social Care Act 2014 has also added responsibilities onto Authorities. In addition, there are inspection regimes including the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Derbyshire Healthwatch, through their Enter and View programme.

The review will aim to understand how best the authority can ensure the consistent delivery of care to residents of its care homes. This will include the extent to which potential and actual care home residents (and their families) are supported and listened to, so their care needs are met.

The review will focus the following key lines of enquiry:

- The authority's response to Derbyshire Healthwatch's programme of Enter and View visits to the authority's care homes.
- How standards are maintained to provide the appropriate level of care, for example risk assessments, social workers and care plans.
- How staff are trained to provide mechanisms of recording, reporting and early intervention.
- How staffing levels are appropriately managed and residents are placed in facilities appropriate to their care needs.
- How residents are being treated with dignity and how a quality of life is maintained.
- The use of appropriate auditing to ensure the measurement of compliance to standards.

3. Potential Information Sources

The review will seek evidence from the following:

- Relevant officers from Adult Care including Public Health
- Cabinet Member for Health and Communities
- Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
- Strategic Director of Adult Care
- Director of Public Health
- Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board
- Derbyshire Healthwatch
- Clinical Commissioning Groups in Derbyshire
- Care Quality Commission
- Derbyshire Home Care Association
- Derbyshire Care Providers Association
- Groups and organisations which support older people in residential care home settings and their families
- Care Home visits by the working group
- Care Home staff
- Care Home residents and their families

The review will be completed by January 2018.

A working group will be appointed by this Committee to undertake the review and submit progress reports and a final report to the full Committee at the conclusion of the review.

4. Officer's Recommendations

The Committee is requested to;

- (1) Agree the scope of the review of Care Homes;
- (2) Appoint Members of the Committee to the review working group and;
- (3) Agree a date for the first working group meeting.

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