

## **Report of Hertfordshire County Council Adult Care Services for Health in Dacorum Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the Adult Care and Health Panel considered the annual report 2017/18 of Hertfordshire's Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB). The report detailed safeguarding activities and trends across the partnership and the achievements of the individual partner organisations. There was a lot of emphasis in the report on self-neglect and hoarding. It was explained that social workers are trained to distinguish between a safeguarding issue and a legitimate lifestyle choice. The report made the link between adult safeguarding and domestic abuse.

In July 2018, the County Council (HCC) had a peer review of the County's health and social care system for older people. The findings were reported to the Panel meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Strengths identified included a history of and recognition of need for partnership working, with many examples and recognition of the need to address difficult issues. Areas for consideration included the need to find a common purpose knowing what joint outcomes we want, understanding how projects and services fit together to help avoid duplication, the need to become more evidence-based in commissioning and aligning the workforce strategy to fit the service models we want.

An Action Plan has been developed to address the issues highlighted. Both CCGs are considering the action plan and may add more information for the CCGs.

At its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018, the Panel received a presentation from the Hertfordshire Adult and Family Learning Service (HAFLS), which sits within Adult Care Services. It is complementary to the education offered by colleges and offers both accredited and unaccredited learning. Its offer includes the teaching of life skills and learners range in age from 16 to over 100 years old. Concern was expressed that HAFLS did not have as much provision in Dacorum as some other districts but an assurance was given that adequate provision was made through other providers such as Dacorum Communities for Learning (DCFL).

HCC has given its approval for the continuation of the continued delegation to North Herts. District Council of the provision of community alarms, telecare and assistive technology.

HCC has set up the Local Authority Trading Company Herts. At Home Limited to step in and provide care where a care provider fails.

Items on the agenda for the Panel meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 include the Adult Care Service Information and Advice Strategy, the Connected Lives update, spending plans for Adult Care Services winter care funding, the Local Account for Adult Social Care 2017/18 and a charging consultation update.

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