

Herts. County Council Adult Care Services Report for Health in Dacorum Meeting of 20th March 2019

On February 19th 2019, the County Council (HCC) passed its Integrated Plan for 2019/20-22/23, which included HCC's Budget but was wider than that. It brought together HCC's service plans and the available funding for them. The Cabinet Panels covering HCC's service areas went through the parts of it that were relevant to them and the Adult Care and Health Panel looked at it on 6th February 2019.

2018/19 was the final year that HCC was allowed to set an extra Adult Care Precept.

The Government's Autumn Budget had given notification of some additional one-off funding, the Social Care Grant of £7.1 million and the Winter Pressures Grant of \$4.1 million. The Government's Green Paper on Health and Social Care is still awaited.

HCC has challenging savings targets.

HCC's New Joint Commissioning Strategy for Learning Disabilities – the Big Plan will become effective in April 2019. It has the three outcome areas of healthy lives, living locally and connected lives in the community. Responses to the consultation were given by people with learning disabilities as well as family carers, providers of services and professionals. In the responses there was a repeated request to obtain information about services.

There is an action plan for the Strategy indicating key activity that will be worked on in the ensuing year.

As well as HCC, the Strategy was also being presented to Hertfordshire's Clinical Commissioning Groups for sign-off, an example of Health and Social Care working together.

HCC has entered into another contract with Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation Trust to provide a range of health and social care services for people with mental ill health an learning disabilities. The previous contract was a 3-year contract. The new contract is a 5-year contract with the option to extend for another 2 years.

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