

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AND PARTNERSHIP

25TH SEPTEMBER 2013

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CARE

ADULT SOCIAL CARE – LOCAL ACCOUNT 2012/13

SUMMARY

This report seeks feedback on the current draft version of the 2012~13 Local Account for Adult Social Care.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board & Partnership consider the current draft version of the Local Account and offer any comments on the overall format and content of the document.

DETAIL

1. The aim of the Local Account is to support greater transparency and accountability by reporting to residents, in an accessible format, on how the Council has addressed priorities and improved outcomes for those in need of social care.
2. The production of a Local Account by Councils, although not a mandatory requirement, has been encouraged as part of the approach to sector led improvement in Adult Social Care. The large majority of Councils produced their first Local Account for the 2011/12 period and many are doing so again for 2012/13. There is a commitment also through the North East Regional ADASS (Association of Directors of Adult Social Services) to support the production of Local Accounts.
3. The 2012/13 Local Account is being developed using a similar format to the 2011/12 document. This format was based on the outcomes of local consultation during 2012, the sharing of practice within the region, and a peer review process.
4. The attached draft document is still a work in progress. Completing certain elements of the document is subject to final confirmation of some of the 2012~13 data about activity and performance which is currently provisional.
5. Information about the Local Account has been included in Stockton News and this will continue to be used as a vehicle for communicating with local people about the development of the Local Account.
6. Members of the Health & Wellbeing Board and Partnership are asked to comment on the content of the draft document and to indicate any changes in content that need to be considered prior to the document being submitted to the Council's Cabinet for approval on 31st October.

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