

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET BOARD - 21 JANUARY, 2016

SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: J.Rogers (Chairperson) and P.D.Richards

Officers in Attendance:

Mrs.A.Thomas, N.Jarman and Mrs.T.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor J.Rogers be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING CABINET BOARD HELD ON 17 DECEMBER, 2015**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **ANNUAL REPORT - CARERS' INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION STRATEGY 2013 - 2016**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

4. **CHANGES TO THE WAY IN WHICH ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES WILL BE DELIVERED IN LINE WITH THE NEW SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING ACT (WALES) 2014**

Members noted the verbal amendments given by Officers at the Scrutiny Committee, which are shown below as highlighted in bold and italics:

Sustainability

In the current financial climate the council needs to identify **the most** cost effective ways to support its vulnerable adults and carers, while still providing services that meet the increasing levels of complex conditions and needs. In offering choice to individuals, **the** allocation of public funding must take into account not only individual eligible need but also the overall demand for finite resources. Ultimately, the Council will have to consider how needs identified in the Social Care Assessment can be met in **a way which is both** cost effective **and ensures a fair allocation of scarce resources among those requiring support.**

Every case will be decided on an individual basis, however in the interests of responsible financial management the Local Authority has to look at the levels of social care provision in the community, and therefore the following will apply:

- When a care and support package is being designed, the council will ensure the cost effectiveness of the community package will meet the assessed needs. This will take into account the personal outcomes of the service users and the range of provision available in NPT.
- Direct Payments will be actively promoted to enable individuals to maximise their choice and independence.
- Only Neath Port Talbot funding will be taken into consideration when determining the cost of a community care package. NHS and Independent Living Fund monies will be excluded from these cost calculations.

When the cost of a support package exceeds what can be provided through social care in the community, the council will work with service users and carers to explore a range of options to ensure that individual's preferred package of support can be provided. This **may** include service users supplementing the Council's allocated resources via alternative means such as; private resources/personal assets, benefits, Continuing Health Care, community resources, and/or third sector. However, the Care Manager must be satisfied that the final support plan meets eligible need and that any risk is managed in line with Neath Port Talbot's Positive Risk Taking Framework.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

5. **MEDICATION POLICY**

Decision:

That the updated Medication Policy and Medication Handbook, as detailed within the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure that providers of domiciliary care services are assisted in carrying out the administration of medication for service users, where the service user is unable to do so.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

6. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

Decision:

That the Forward Work Programme be noted.

CHAIRPERSON